

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
April 8, 2022
Lewiston, Idaho

President Kurt Holzer called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:45 a.m. at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel in Lewiston, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Anne-Marie Fulfer, Gary Cooper, Laird Stone, Kristin Dunn and Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Associate Director Maureen Braley, Program and Legal Education Director Teresa Baker, and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consistent with the authority granted in Idaho Code §3-408, and under the supervisory power of the Idaho Supreme Court and acting as an agency thereof for purposes of Idaho Code §74-202(4)(a), it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Board move into a confidential session to discuss matters involving admissions and professional discipline as provided under Idaho Bar Commission Rules 223 and 521. It was also moved, seconded and passed, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d) and (f), to: (1) review personal records of attorneys for licensing purposes; (2) consider information obtained as part of an inquiry into an individual's fitness to practice law; and (3) discuss with legal counsel pending and/or potential litigation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

Judicial Council Update – Joined by Judge Jeff Brudie. How many in each category of practice-hard to find lawyers in each category – limited categories. How many applied, discussion of issues for the bar, the court and applicants. How many would have been eligible under proposed statute – number of applicants. Michelle not reappointed, advertise position, follow process. May applications, June interviews. June 10. It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt Judicial Selection process.

2021 Resolution Update – asked for extension - Court will consider at April meeting.

Professional awards – The Commissioners discussed the 2022 award recipients.

Ford Elsaesser, Bill Mauk, Trudy Fouser.

Seventh District – DeAnn Casperson

Sixth District – Fred Zundel

Fifth District – Lisa Rodriguez

Fourth District – Brian Kane, Melanie Rubocki, Sandra Clapp

Third District – Bob Tilley

Second District – Joe Wright

First District – Fonda Jovick (add Ann Taylor to list)

Distinguished Jurist – Chris Bieter, Candy Dale

Distinguished Young Lawyer – Jessalyn Hopkin, Kolby Reddish
Service - list
Pro Bono – list plus two

1:30 p.m.- Meeting with Native American Law Students – The Commissioners were joined by two UI College of Law students to discuss

Meeting with Idaho Supreme Court – include bar structure, swearing in process, response to criticism, judicial council resolution, next gen bar exam, rural initiatives, regulatory reform, disciplinary reports.

BOC Election Update – review of candidates and election timeline

Bar Governance Structure Review – should we discuss and review the structure of the bar governance. Start the discussion – gather information on other states, for review by commissioners

Contested Judicial Election Survey – Explanation of process, surveys and timeline provided to commissioners.

Bar Leadership Institute/Western States Bar Conference Reports – elevator speech, core message and key points about the organization. Member benefits. Core focus groups, young, women, older lawyers. Community service. What does the bar do for me? Ice breakers. DEI

Website – Disciplinary Notices Posting Policy – no change

Response to Criticism of Judges – provided the resolution to response to criticism of judges.

Licensing Update – The Commissioners was provided with the statistics for the

2022 Meeting Schedule – The Commissioners were provided with the 2022 meetings and events schedule. ALPS info to Laird.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the February and March financial reports. At the end of March, 77.1% was collected and 22.5% of expenses incurred.

MEMBER SERVICES

2022 Annual Meeting – The Commissioners were provided with the preliminary agenda for the Annual Meeting. Need a service project.

Bylaw Amendments – The Commissioners considered bylaw amendment proposals for two sections: Dispute Resolution Section, and Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the Dispute Resolution Section Section’s bylaw changes. It was moved, seconded, and passed to deny the proposed amendment.

Diversity Section Letter – Discussion of proposed letter to section in response to its letter to the Commission.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

Letters and news clippings for the past month were provided in PDF format to the Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director