

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
July 19, 2023
Boise, Idaho

President Laird Stone called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:30 a.m. at JUMP in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Gary Cooper, Jillian Caires, Mary York, Kristin Bjorkman, and incoming Commissioner Judge Bob Jackson, Bar Counsel Joe Pirtle, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Associate Director Maureen Braley, Communications Director Lindsey Welfley, 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 May 11-12 and June 21, 2023, Board of Commissioners' meetings.

Meeting with Idaho Supreme Court – The Commissioners reviewed the agenda with the Court. The Commissioners discussed the following: potential 2023 resolutions, 2023 legislative session, the next/gen bar exam taskforce, the Judicial Council, Tyler Technology File and Serve, new iCourt portal development, court review of automatic disqualification of judges, rules and alternatives, Pro Bono Commission upcoming activities, and the Darrington lecture.

Meeting with District Bar Associations – At 3:00, the Commissioners were joined by the following District Bar Association representatives: 2nd District President Brennan Wright, 3rd District President Jeffrey Phillips, 4th District President Jen Hearne and Secretary Yecora Daniels, 5th District President Anja Rodriguez, and 7th District President Alayne Bean. The meeting agenda items discussed were the 2023 resolution process, upcoming district Magistrate Commission appointments, court events in districts, civic education, the bar's strategic goals and a report from each district on current and upcoming programs and activities.

2023-24 Committee Appointments – The Commissioners reviewed the recommendations for 2023-24 committee appointments and reappointments. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve committee recommendations as presented. (list attached) As part of the committee approval process, the Commissioners agreed to put the Lawyer Referral Service Committee on hold for this year to allow a review of the program.

Resolution Process – The Commissioners were provided with the schedule for the 2023 resolution meetings in each district, the resolution process explanation, and a list of potential resolutions. The Commissioners requested breakfast be set up with a group of lawyers in a rural community.

Strategic Goals Update/Meeting with ILF Board of Directors – The Commissioners discussed the meeting scheduled with ILF Board of Directors on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Bar Exam/Admissions Update – On June 1, 2023, the Idaho Supreme Court issued an Order changing the bar exam passing score from 272 to 270. The change is effective for the July 2023 bar exam. The Order also provided that any candidate who earned a 270 or above on the February 2023 Idaho UBE was eligible for admission. Associate Director Maureen Braley reported 149 applicants are scheduled to sit for July bar examination.

2023 BOC Meeting Schedule – The Commissioners were provided with the BOC meeting and event schedule through July 2024. The Commissioners requested the following dates be added to the calendar; BLI, Admissions ceremonies, and the Western States Bar Conference.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with May financial reports. As of May 31, 2023, 85.3% of the revenue was collected and 41.1% of the expenses incurred.

Audit Report – The Executive Director reported the audit of the 2022 Idaho State Bar financials is not finalized. The report will be completed and presented at the September Board of Commissioners' meeting.

MEMBER SERVICES

2023 Annual Meeting – The Commissioners were provided with the most recent 2023 Annual Meeting schedule.

Instagram Account – The Commissioners were provided with a proposal from Communications Director Lindsey Welfley to create an ISB Instagram account. The proposal included examples of other state bar accounts and a mockup of what the bar's account might look like. It was moved, seconded, and passed, to approve the establishment of an Instagram account. The Commissioners were also provided with social media statistics, and the social media calendar. The Commissioners requested the social media policy be included in the materials for the next Board of Commissioners' meeting.

IALL Application – Program and Legal Education Director Teresa Baker noted that the application for the 2023-24 IALL class is available. She encouraged Commissioners to promote the program to potential participants.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director