

**IDAHO STATE BAR APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION**

**SPECIAL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 12, 2024, 12:00 p.m. Mountain Time**

**Location:** Zoom Video Conference

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. ACTION ITEM - Approve Minutes**
- 3. ACTION ITEM - Approve 2024 Budget**
  - a. See Attachments**
- 4. ACTION ITEM - Donation Request - McNichols Competition**
- 5. ACTION ITEM - 2024 CLE with the Appellate Court Judges/Justices**
  - a. Confirming Availability of Judges/Justices**
  - b. October 10, 2024, @ U of I Law School in Boise**
  - c. Forming a Subcommittee**
  - d. Initial thoughts on Topics**
- 6. Member Meeting CLEs for 2024**
  - a. Discuss ideas circulated at December social**
    - i. Frivolous Appeals (both state and federal)**
    - ii. Dealing with pro se litigants**
    - iii. Most common things OAH sees in comparison to old ways**
    - iv. Interlocutory Appeals**
    - v. Appellate Rules Amendments**
    - vi. Original Writs**
  - b. CLEs Needed**
    - i. Annual Meeting April 11, 2024**
    - ii. June 13, 2024**
    - iii. September 12, 2024**
    - iv. December 12, 2024**
- 7. Annual Meeting - Elections**
  - a. Start discussion of April officer elections, confirm status of each governing council member's current term, and discuss how we would like to alert section membership of the opportunity to vote**
    - i. Chairperson - [] (currently held by John Cutler)**
    - ii. Vice Chairperson - [] (currently held by Brian Church)**
    - iii. Secretary/Treasurer – [] (currently held by Jaycee Nall)**
    - iv. Past Chair – [] (currently held by Stephen Adams)**
    - v. At-Large Council Members**

1. [] (currently held by Sarah Clemens (Appellate Court Rep))
2. [] (currently held by Bryan Nickels)
3. [] (currently held by Christopher Pooser)

**8. Soliciting Articles - February 2025 Advocate**

- a. Discuss Ideas for Securing Authors (taking volunteers)

**9. Other Business**

**10. Adjourn Council Meeting**

The budget worksheet has the actual 2023 numbers through November 30, 2023. The Bar did not provide December numbers, but provided some projections for December and total projections for all of 2023. I think, generally, the November 30 numbers should be pretty close to accurate. We will have some additional expenses for purchasing lunch at the December holiday social. I am not aware of any additional expenses or revenues that were made in December.

Here are the general numbers and insights into 2023:

- Generally, we operated well under budget.
  - For non-CLE revenue, we profited approximately \$300 more than budgeted.
  - For non-CLE expenses, we were about \$800 below what we budgeted.
  - For CLE revenues, we profited approximately \$900 more than what we budgeted.
  - For CLE expenses, we spent about \$800 below what we budgeted.
  - Thus, our net income was about \$1,291 more than what we budgeted.

Thoughts on 2024 budget:

- The current budget has us operating at a bit of a loss. I think that this is fine. Over the last 3 years, we have continuously operated at a decent profit. We're approaching the cap on our reserve, and I think we can have some wiggle room in the budget that accounts for spending some of that down. I have a feeling that we won't approach this loss, but it gives us some room to plan quality events for our membership without having to vote to modify the budget throughout the year. I see opportunities in which our revenue could be higher than projected and our expenses significantly lower.
- The budget has more categories than in previous years. What used to be "donations" is split between "Donations," "Sponsorships," and "Awards, gifts, & scholarships." In total, I budgeted a total of \$1,500 to those sections, splitting it evenly between the options. This \$1,500 amount is a bit of an increase from previous years. We have already spent \$500 of this on IWL's Gala.
- There was also a new category for special event expense – I budgeted \$700. This would account for the amount spent at the happy hour held in February, but it would also give us some additional money there if we wanted to host another happy hour or something.
- I think CLE revenue might be on the low side if we're doing a CLE with the judges. I think registrations could be increased so it is possible that both the expenses and revenues associated with that event will be more than budgeted.