

**IDAHO STATE BAR
DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION
APRIL 17, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Members in attendance: Fafa Alidjani (by telephone), Grant Burgoyne, Natalie Greaves (Vice Chairperson), Christopher Hopper, John Lerma, John McGown, Ron Shepherd (Chairperson), Leslie Smith, Shelly Stirrat (Secretary/Treasurer)

I. Welcome by Chairperson Ron R. Shepherd

II. Introduction of New Board & Council Members

- A. Ronald R. Shepherd is the newly elected Chairperson.
 - 1. Thank you to Leslie K. Smith for her past two years of service.
 - 2. Ron would like feedback on the expectations for the section's chairperson. What would members like to see him doing?
 - 3. Ron intends to effectively delegate so will need membership assistance to operate the section.
- B. Natalie Greaves will serve as Vice Chairperson.
- C. Shelly Stirrat will serve as Secretary/Treasurer.
- D. Mike Howard will serve as Idaho Bar Liason.

II. Discussion: Purpose / role of ADR Section - why does the section exist?

- A. Leslie Smith suggests enlisting speakers so members in attendance at our meetings can earn CLE credits and we can discuss dispute resolution issues.
- B. Leslie Smith suggests that the section may sponsor authors to write articles for the Advocate about dispute resolution alternatives. The last article submitted by a member was in 2017.
- C. Leslie Smith suggests that the section may sponsor speakers at the Idaho State Bar annual meeting to educate lawyers about mediation
- D. Leslie Smith suggests that the section may sponsor a member to volunteer as a "judge" at the annual mediation conference at the University of Idaho and Concordia.
- E. Grant Burgoyne suggests a role for the section is to educate lawyers on how to be better advocates to their clients during a mediation.

III. General Discussion re: Current Operations

- A. Vice Chairperson Natalie Greaves suggests that the Board meet annually, and at the beginning of each year, to strategize for the upcoming year.
- B. Vice Chairperson Natalie Greaves suggests a membership list with each person's area of practice be distributed.
- C. Leslie Smith suggests that a facebook page for the section may be helpful, for members to post about news and updates regarding mediation in Idaho. It is also free.
- D. There was a discussion among the members about the benefits of a list-serve, but it may be too expensive and there is a concern regarding confidentiality.

IV. Vision / Goals for the Section Going Forward

- A. Leslie Smith states a goal should be to have a speaker at every meeting to education and provide CLE credit.
- B. John McGown suggests that that a national video (such as an ABA video) be played at one of the section's meetings to allow for CLE and attract new attendees.
- C. Leslie Smith suggests that the section gather speakers to present a half-day CLE open to all Idaho Bar members, perhaps in conjunction with another section, to attract new attendees.
- D. Leslie Smith mentions that for the past two years the section has not hosted a social event and it may be worthwhile to host an evening event to attract new members.
- E. Grant Burgoyne comments that membership in the section previously included nonlawyers, but that is not the case anymore and we should explore attracting nonlawyer members back into the section. It may be worthwhile to coordinate a meeting with the Idaho Mediation Association since that group has a lot of nonlawyer members.
- F. Fafa Alidjani mentions that students can be members of the section and perhaps the Idaho Bar can charge students a lesser fee to become members to entice them to join.
- G. Grant Burgoyne suggests we ask the Idaho Bar Counsel to present a lecture to the group about mediation ethics.

IV. Adjourn

The next meeting will be held August 21st at noon.
Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Stirrat
Secretary