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ISB ANIMAL LAW SECTION MEETING
December 11, 2018 12:00 Noon

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order**
- II. In Attendance** – Ashley Marelius; Pamela Williams; Eileen Johnson, Scribe; Jane McElligott, Caralee Lambert; Heidi Burgoyne; Katy Devries; Autumn Johnson
- III. 30 Minute CLE Presentation by Jane McElligott – “Opening the Barn Door: Court Decisions Striking Down Ag Gag Laws.”** This presentation explores the history of “ag gag” legislation, the current status of such laws, and recent court decisions striking down the Idaho and Utah Ag Gag laws as violations of the First Amendment right to free speech. The chilling effect of Ag Gag laws will be uncovered as we examine case key cases that reveal the underlying purpose of such laws, which is to conceal the truth and keep hidden from the public the horrors of the meat and dairy industries.
- IV. ACTION ITEM: Review Previous Minutes – Quorum Not Present.** Will postpone to February section meeting.
- V. Membership Update** – Ashley says we are at about the same level as last meeting. We are close to seventy members and we will gather additional members with the next licensing period. Ashley sends emails to ask members to continue their membership for another year, and for those who have “dropped off,” Ashley asks if their lapse in membership was accidental. Ashley was able to get several attorneys to rejoin the section as they had not realized their memberships have lapsed.
- VI. ACTION ITEM: Planning CLE – Dominion** - Adam needs assistance to find a location for this, and potential catering, etc. We want it to be after hours, with appetizers, with a presentation and CLE credits available for members. We were shooting for January, but February may be more realistic. Discussion on location and suggestions include the Egyptian, the Flicks, and Fish

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and Game headquarters for venues. Eileen will contact the Flicks to ask about availability, price, etc. Ashley noted that Adam's right to show the film may limit our ability to charge admission as the producers prefer that the film be free to view. Discussion of possible donation to animal law section may allow a work-around. Ashley will ask Adam and Mahmood re charging for the event. We may need to hold the screening in March as our next section meeting is in February. Eileen and Ashley will look into sending an email to all members to recruit for assistance and to inform them of the CLE coming soon. Request for volunteers to assist with CLE to email Ashley if available to assist with small tasks.

VII. WA/ID CLE Update– Eileen explained that the CLE we are planning for May will likely need to be postponed due to number of tasks necessary to accomplish without overburdening Washington section members. Autumn inquired about the level of interest in Northern Idaho for a CLE like this which is an important consideration. Discussed rationale for multiple speakers to inform attorneys how animal law touches on every area of law, and to introduce animal law as a focus for attorneys that may be interested. Eileen will inform at next meeting regarding status of CLE planning and potential new date range, needs to speak with Sara Maleki first. Request for assistance from those in attendance, if anyone is interested in helping. Please email Ashley.

VIII. General Discussion – Request for ID delegate for next year's Animal Law Summit; Opportunities for community assistance projects, etc.

IX. Adjourn Meeting