

## COMMERCIAL LAW & BANKRUPTCY SECTION MEETING

27 February 2019

### MINUTES

#### Members present:

- Jeff Andrews
- Brian Tucker
- Tecla Druffel
- Alex Caval
- Paul Ross

Non-board members present: Teresa Baker & Mahmood Sheikh of the Idaho State Bar

1. Welcome -- Paul Ross
2. Minutes – Minutes from January 2019. Tecla moved to approve; Brian seconded. Motion passed.
3. Finances – It's early in the year so financials from seminar are still tentative. ISB is still waiting to receive and pay invoice from the Best Western in Burley for seminar costs. Mahmood reported that speakers are still turning in reimbursement requests. Paul reported that projections look like a surplus is possible.
4. Current Board and responsibilities – Paul reviewed the current slate of officers and the responsibilities of each position.
  - a. Past Chairperson—Alex Caval
  - b. Chairperson—Paul Ross
  - c. Vice Chairperson/CLE Chairperson—Bob Faucher
  - d. Secretary/Treasurer—Tecla Druffel
  - e. Newsletter Chair—Patrick Geile
  - f. At Large – Brian Tucker
  - g. At Large—Jeff Andrews
5. 2019 Seminar – Board decided to table this topic to March 2019 so that Bob Faucher could be present.
  - a. Survey
  - b. Speakers

- c. Location
  - d. Topics
- 6. Future Seminar Committee formation and membership – Board decided to table this topic to March 2019 meeting so Bob Faucher could be present.
- 7. 2020 Seminar – Board decided to table to next month so Bob Faucher could be present.
  - a. Location
  - b. Non-appropriations grant request
  - c. Topics
  - d. Speakers
  - e. Professionalism awards
- 8. Advocate – Board decided to table topic until March meeting so Patrick Geile could be present.
  - a. Writers
  - b. Topics
- 9. Newsletters and Tips – Board discussed whether “Tips” are still necessary in light of frequent use of the CLBS listserv. Paul suggested that the Board put energies into producing a newsletter instead. Judge Hirsch has removed himself from the listserv to assuage concerns of some members about a judge being on the listserv. Paul also said there is some concern of our members about having trustees as members on the listserv. One idea would be segregate debtors attorneys from trustees and creditors attorneys. Mahmood provided Board some insight about how members get added to the listserv, the history of the listserv and how Patrick Geile became the moderator. This discussion will continue at next month’s meeting.
- 10. Formbook – Alex Caval will give an update next month.
- 11. Potential surplus funds – Paul tabled this topic for next month.
- 12. Other business—Alex and Paul have been approached by a non-profit group in Philadelphia about representing veterans pro bono. Paul is investigating the details before sharing it with the listserv.
- 13. Motion to adjourn—Alex moved; Brian seconded. Adjourned at 4:39 p.m. MST.