

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COMMERCIAL LAW AND BANKRUPTCY SECTION OF THE IDAHO STATE BAR**

January 16, 2019

Board Members Present: **Alex Caval**
 Tecla Druffel
 Bob Faucher
 Patrick Geile
 Paul Ross
 Brian Tucker

Other Attendees: **Mahmood Sheikh**

An agenda had been delivered prior to the meeting. The agenda is attached.

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Caval called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

- a. Roll was taken. A quorum was present.
- b. Ms. Caval asked Bob Faucher to serve as secretary for the meeting.

2. Status of the Seminar

Mr. Ross led a discussion of the 2019 Burley seminar.

Mr. Ross requested that board members call or e-mail section members personally in the next few weeks to encourage them to attend. Mr. Ross had distributed, prior to the meeting, a list of the section members. He volunteered to edit the list to delete the names of speakers and registrants. He will send out the edited list to the board members in the near future and designate names for each board member to contact.

Mr. Ross expressed concern because the employees of the U.S. Trustee's Office (Cahoon; Crawford; Newman; and Shuster) will not be able to attend if the government shutdown continues. The board members discussed potential alternatives should that come to pass, including eliminating break-out sessions.

Mr. Sheikh confirmed that he was in the process of obtaining appropriate plaques to honor the persons who will be receiving awards. The names of the winners of the professionalism awards from each part of the state were confirmed.

Mr. Ross expressed confidence that affairs remained in order for the seminar.

3. Seminar By Committee.

The parties picked up their discussion from the last meeting regarding whether responsibility for the seminar should be taken up by a committee, rather than a single board member.

The board members generally expressed support for the idea that more than one person be involved, in recognition of the daunting nature of the task. Some board members expressed concern that the idea of a formal committee might result in things dropping through the cracks.

No resolution was adopted. However, the board expressed support for the idea that the seminar chairperson should be able to expect some material level of assistance from the board member who had held that role most recently, and that person who would hold the role in the next succeeding year. Mr. Faucher volunteered to draft a proposed amendment to the Committee by-laws that would capture this concept.

Ms. Caval expressed the view that it would be helpful for the section to have a binder of the historical numbers for the seminar for the past several years available in a binder. Mr. Sheikh stated that the Bar maintains a spreadsheet for the section that tracks this information for three rolling years.

4. Advocate.

We do have the November/December 2019 Advocate on our plate. The deadline information is on the attached agenda. Ms. Caval suggested that board member Patrick Geile, who will be the newsletter board member at that time, will likely be the person responsible for putting together the Advocate issue.

5. Adjournment.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.