

MINUTES
ISB CHILD PROTECTION SECTION
Sept. 24, 2018
Idaho State Bar Offices

1. **Individuals present** – Chairperson Alana Minton, Vice Chairperson Galen Carlson, Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Ellis, Lisa Nordstrom, Nicole McKay, Margurit Cleverdon, Darcy Hoellwarth, Deena Layne, Mahmood Sheikh
2. **Information** – Ms. Minton shared that purpose of the meeting was review, amend and approved the CP Section’s By-Laws. To be approved, the By-Laws needed to be signed by ten (10) members of the section who have already paid their dues. Mr. Sheikh shared that the CP Section has twenty-nine (29) members so far.
3. **Review/Approval of By-Laws**

Ms. McKay, Ms. Carlson and Ms. Cleverdon offered suggested changes to Article I, Section 3. The group agreed on the following language: *“The mission of this Section is to promote quality representation by child protection law practitioners and encourage collaboration with the judiciary and other practitioners who work with children and families”*

Mr. Sheikh noted that under the existing language of Article II, Section 1, that non-lawyer affiliate members would be barred from serving as at-large members of the Council. The group agreed on the following language: *“Affiliate membership is available to any law student, law professor, judicial law clerk, or non-lawyer with an interest in the field of child protection law. Affiliate members shall have all the rights of membership except the power to vote or serve as an officer of Governing Council.”*

There was discussion regarding separating the positions of Secretary/Treasurer into two (2) officer positions. After Mr. Sheikh explained the limited duties of the Treasurer position, the group decided to keep the positions combined into one (1) officer.

Mr. Sheikh noted concerns about Article III, Section 2 that referenced representation from “all regions” of the state. The group agreed to change the reference to “varied regions.”

There was discussion about the number of “at-large members” of the council as specified in Article III, Section 2. The group agreed on the following language: *“There shall be a Governing Council which shall consist of the immediate past chairperson of the Section, the current officers of the Section, and not less than three nor more than five at large members to be elected by the Section as hereinafter provided.”*

It was decided that to avoid a tied vote on the Council, the Chairperson would be empowered to cast the deciding vote. Language was added to Article V, Section 1: *“In the event of a tie, the chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.”*

There was agreement that non-lawyer affiliate members on the Council should not have a vote.

It was agreed that Article IV, Section 4 allowed the council to vote in person by voice vote, or in the alternative vote by e-mail or written ballot. No changes were made to the proposed language.

The heading of Article VII, Section 1 was amended to “Meeting” to refer to both the Annual Meeting and monthly regular meetings.

There was discussion about the difference between “proper notice” and “reasonable notice” as stated in Article VII, Section 1. It was decided not to amend that language.

Ms. McKay motion a motion to adopt the By-Laws as amended. Ms. Layne and Ms. Cleverdon seconded the motion. The By-Laws were approved by unanimous consent.

The Child Protection Section meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.