

MINUTES OF GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
ISB CHILD PROTECTION SECTION
November 16, 2018
Ada County Courthouse

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Minton. Those present in person included Lisa Nordstrom, Joshua Wickard, Deena Layne, and Vice-Chairwoman Carlson. Those present by phone included Lisa O’Brien and Jennifer Bergin.
2. **UPDATES**
 - a. **CLE Updates:** Discussed that Judge Ellis’ monthly CLEs may not be an official offering of the Section, but that his intent was that they be included. The meeting in January will have an ethics CLE regarding the ethical conflicts representing children as an attorney versus in a guardian ad litem role. The May CLE will be a two hour CLE on the Indian Child Welfare Act that will be offered near the U of I and be available through video and/or audio conferencing, to avoid paying for travel.
 - b. **CARTF Grant:** the proposal was emailed on November 9, 2018. CARTF will meet the end of November to consider it and we should hear soon thereafter.
 - c. **Roadshow:** Judge Oths was very helpful through this process. We picked up seven new members during the events and look forward to seeing what the numbers will be after the 2019 licensing packets are distributed. In the Region 2 Roadshow, the CASA program explained that they do not need volunteer GAL attorneys for child protection cases, but could use volunteer attorneys for family law custodial orders, guardianship orders, etc... that arise from child protection cases. The council discussed how we might partner with the Family Law Section to address this need.
 - d. **Membership:** We have already met the requirements to maintain a bar section (50 members by December, 2020); now we need to sustain (and hopefully grow).
3. **Role of Governing Council:** Discussed how often the council would meet and on what issues the council would vote and when the council would seek the full membership’s vote. Chairwoman Minton will reach out to Bar for further guidance on any requirements not specifically covered by the by-laws. The council agreed to conduct business in the half hour prior to the general section meetings with the goal of using the section meetings for CLEs.
4. **Advocate Issue Selection:** Discussed which month/year to sponsor and whether to co-sponsor with another section and/or to inquire of statewide CASA organizations of their interest in submitting an article. Chairwoman Minton will connect with the Bar to commit the section to the May, 2020 or June/July, 2020 Advocate issue or another issue soon thereafter. There is an expectation of four or five articles.
5. **Service Project Ideas:** Chairwoman Minton explained that she had received two members’ responses and provided several ideas. One idea of great interest was a new Idaho non-profit called “Jessica’s Trunk,” which is similar to a nationwide program that provides backpacks and bags for foster children rather than them having to use trash bags. Vice-chairwoman Carlson suggested inviting a representative from the non-profit to

the January council meeting for more information. Council members agreed it is important to ensure that what we do helps Idaho's children and is disbursed proportionately throughout the state. Lisa Nordstrom said that CASA programs would also be happy recipients of a service project. Deena Layne said that a Guardian ad Litem subcommittee is meeting in December and would make a proposal.

6. **Subcommittee Selections** were made by motion of Joshua Wickard and seconded by Jennifer Bergin:
 - a. **CLE Coordinator:** Jennifer Bergin
 - b. **Service Project Coordinator:** Deena Layne
 - c. **Advocate Issue Coordinator:** Lisa O'Brien
 - d. **Member Survey Coordinator:** Lisa Nordstrom—(may lead to Listserv Coordinator)
 - e. **Outreach Coordinator:** Decision made that an outreach subcommittee is unnecessary right now, as Chair and Vice-Chair will continue to tackle this along with the assistance of all members of the council.
7. **Adjourn:** The Child Protection Governing Council meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.