

# MINUTES

## Child Protection Section

Friday, March 22, 2024 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Via Teleconference/Videoconference

- **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairperson Stacy Pittman.
- **Approve Minutes from February 2024.** Unanimously approved without a change to a date.
- **Financial Update** – Secretary/Treasurer Spalding reported no changes since the last update. Governing council has prepared a budget. Will be sent out soon for a vote in May (as we don't have an April budget). Currently we expect to spend between \$3100 and \$3200 on the April conference.
- **Old Business**
  - a. April 19, 2024 CLE
    - i. Registration is open. Webcast and in-person attendance are available. It will be recorded
    - ii. CLE is planned for the Boise campus of University of Idaho Law School. Topic is ICWA. Sheldon Spotted Elk and Janice Beller are scheduled speakers. Tribal roundtable is being set up.
    - iii. Life's Kitchen was arranged to cater.
  - b. Legislative update
    - i. There is a pending bill to extend state public defense services to certain child protection legal services.
    - ii. Congregate care and ombudsman bill are pending.
- **New Business**
  - a. Officer Elections
    - i. Nominations open now
    - ii. Elections are done electronically through a bar system.
    - iii. Election results will also be announced electronically.
  - b. New IJR rule
    - i. Goes into effect in July. Provides for discovery procedures in Child Protection cases.
- **CLE** – Jessalyn Hopkin and Katie Avichouser presented Family Treatment Courts. CLE.5 pending.
  - a. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.
    - i. No April meeting because of the April CLE. The next meeting is May 24, 2024 at noon.