

Idaho State Bar  
Environment and Natural Resources Section

Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2019

1. Action Item: December 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes. The members in attendance voted to approve the draft December 4, 2019 meeting minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report. Kristina Fugate reported on the section financials through February 2020. A proposed budget was circulated. Kristina reported that the updated CLE revenue numbers showed more revenue than anticipated from the CLE and therefore the Section could consider additional expenses for the proposed circulated budget. Some possibilities the group discussed were becoming an Idaho Environmental Forum sponsor, hiring interns for additional projects, holding a student writing/photo contest, donating to the Idaho State Bar, and having a spring gathering/get together. To enable to these possible additional expenditures, the members in attendance voted to approve the proposed budget with several additional increases as follows: (1) add \$500 to Governing Board category (Amended budget for category = \$2,500); (2) add \$500 to Donations category (Amended budget for category = \$1,000); (3) add \$1500 to Awards, Gifts, and Scholarships category (Amended total budget for category = \$2,500).
3. Summary of January 2020 Section CLE Session. Murray Feldman reported on the successes of the annual CLE and thanked Rick Grisel for all his efforts.
4. General update on section activities and events for the remainder of current "season"; upcoming governing council nominations, consideration, and election; and activities committed to in 2020-21 season. Murray Feldman announced that regular meetings would take place in March, April, and May. He also announced that anyone interest in serving on the section counsel should let him know. The elections are planned to take place in April with the results reported in May.
5. Announcements. Murray Feldman announced that there was a SCOTUS argument on February 24, 2020 in the *United States Forest Service v. Cowpasture River Preservation Association* case and the audio would be available Friday, February 28.
6. CLE. Ben Otto, Energy Associated with the Idaho Conservation League, presented a half hour CLE, titled "*Rooftop Solar Power, Balancing Utility and Customer Interests.*"