

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Health Law Section of the  
Idaho State Bar  
February 1, 2024**

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Health Law Section of the Idaho State Bar was called to order by Section Chair Elizabeth Sonnichsen at 12:04 p.m. at the office of the Idaho State Bar and via video teleconference on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

**General Business:**

Ms. Sonnichsen addressed the following matters of Section business:

- Minutes: a motion was made, and seconded, to approve minutes from the Section's previous meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023. With no objections, the motion to approve previous meeting minutes was affirmed.
- Financial Report and 2024 Budget Outlook: Secretary/Treasurer Brent Wilson reported on Section's finances based on the Idaho State Bar's most recent Health Law Section Financial Statement as of July 31, 2023. The Section is still awaiting 2024 budget packets from the ISB.
- 2024 Elections: The Section's 2024 elections were held via email after the December 2023 Section meeting. The following individuals were nominated and elected to serve on the Section's Governing Council in the following positions for Calendar Year 2024:
  - Vice Chair: Lauren Smyser, Smith Malek, Boise
  - Secretary Treasurer: Brent Wilson, University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City
  - At Large Council Members:
    - Darci Crane, U.S. Attorney's Office, Boise
    - Bryan Nickels, Office of Administrative Hearings, State of Idaho, Boise
    - Anita Hurlburt, Quane McColl, Boise
    - Joel Hazel, Kootenai Health, Coeur d'Alene
    - Nick Healey, Husch Blackwell, Denver

Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Section's Bylaws, 2023 Vice Chair Elizabeth, Sonnichsen, Pennant Services, Eagle, Idaho, automatically succeeds to the position of Chair. Pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the Section's Bylaws, Chair Mallam J. Prior automatically succeeds Lisa Carlson as immediate past Chair of the Section.

These individuals will serve in their positions as the Governing Council of the Health Law Section for calendar year 2024.

## **2024 Planning:**

- Annual Bar-Wide CLE:
  - Date will be October 3, 2024, in lieu of regular Section Meeting:
  - Venue will be the University of Idaho School of Law Boise Campus
  - CLE will start at 9 a.m. and go to 3 p.m.
  - Anticipated format will include two morning presentations, lunch, an afternoon panel discussion, and an end of day ethics presentation.
  - Current budget may allow the Section to bring speakers to Boise. Next steps are to identify qualified speakers, presenters, and panelists.
  - CLE cost will be determined later with a goal to keep costs low as the Section budget allows.
  
- Regular Section Meeting CLE Presentations:
  - April 4, 2024: Anita Hurlburt will present on the history and current status of professional malpractice statute of limitations.
  - June 6, 2024: Lauren Smyser and Chelsea Kidney will present on the impact of the Idaho administrative rulemaking process on health care.
  - August 1, 2024: open
  - October 3, 2024: Bar-wide CLE.
  - December 5, 2024: open

Anyone wishing to present at the Section's August or December meetings should contact Ms. Sonnichsen

- Summer Meetings: The Section has traditionally not met during July, with meetings in June and August; Ms. Sonnichsen proposes that the Section hold a mix and mingle social meeting in July, both in Boise/Ada County and in Northern Idaho with a location to be determined.
  
- Other:
  - Kevin West proposed that the Section make its roster available to all Section members, which will allow health care practitioners to identify one another and will allow for references and to identify potential collaborators on health law matters.
  - Ms. Sonnichsen proposed that the Section implement a listserv, similar to other ISB practice sections, for similar purposes. Ms. Sonnichsen will discuss implementation of a Health Law Section listserv with ISB officials.

## **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Ms. Sonnichsen adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Brent Wilson  
Secretary/Treasurer