

**MINUTES**  
**ISB IDAHO LEGAL HISTORY SECTION MEETING**  
**MARCH 8, 2022 - 12:00 pm**  
**VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING**

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**I. Call to Order**

Chris Graham, Chair of the Idaho Legal History Section, called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm.

**II. Introductions**

Members introduced themselves. Those present included:

Chris Graham	Greg LeDonne	Judy Austin
Carissa Carns	Stephen Kenyon	Jennifer Mahoney
Chief Judge Jessica Lorello	Doug Werth	Lindsey Welfley
Anne-Marie Fulfer	Meg Waddel	Michael Short
Augustus Tate	Naomi Doraisamy	Howard Belodoff
Casey Parsons	Leon Rothstein	Ronald Wilper
Ernie Hoidal	Veronica Garcia	

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Jennifer Mahoney moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting. Stephen Kenyon seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

Ms. Mahoney moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting. Anne-Marie Fulfer seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

**IV. Action Items**

A. Idaho Women Lawyers (IWL) Gala Participation

Mr. Graham will set up a meeting of those interested in helping to provide this information for the IWL Gala on April 28.

B. Annual Meeting CLE Presentation

Mr. Graham noted that the Section has reserved a spot to present a CLE at the annual meeting and Teresa Baker has indicated that the Section needs to move forward with setting the

particulars of the presentation. Mr. Graham indicated that he is open to suggestions on the topic. He will follow up with Judge Debora Grasham about her potential availability and then circle back regarding other options.

### C. Oral History Project

Mr. Graham noted this is an ongoing project dating back to the Idaho History Society and that the Section would like to move forward on this project. The Board is looking for volunteers to take oral histories and transcribe the recordings to paper. Mr. Kenyon noted that they are working on conducting oral histories with the federal judges. He noted that a history has been done for Judge Stephen Trott up to the point that he went on the bench. He would be interested in someone, particularly a former law clerk, who could set up or conduct an interview for the rest of Judge Trott's life. Chief Judge Lorello knows someone who could transcribe and asked about the existence of a list of the oral histories that have been conducted and that we would like to conduct. Mr. Graham indicated that there is a list of the interviews and the transcriptions as well as a list of the interviews that still need to be transcribed. He would be interested in volunteers who could help to compile a list of practitioners, judges, and others whom the Section could approach to participate. Chief Judge Lorello volunteered to take the lead on this endeavor. Lindsey Welfley noted that she and two attorneys from the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (IALL) have started a legacy geared toward oral histories and volunteered to join Chief Judge Lorello's efforts. Doug Werth also volunteered to help.

### D. "Tents to Towers"

Mr. Graham indicated that this book is another project with earmarked funds that the Section would like to move forward. Ernie Hoidal has been the driving force behind this project and the project seeks to track Idaho legal history from its beginnings to the present. Mr. Graham called for volunteers who could step forward and get this project completed. He noted that a lot of work has been done on this project already, amounting almost to a rough draft. Mr. Graham noted that they want to publish these materials in a format accessible to the public, in either hardcopy or electronic format. Ms. Welfley recounted that the idea had been to create a coffee table-type book in her previous discussions with Mr. Hoidal and Judy Austin and her understanding was that the most recent idea was to transition to an electronic form. Mr. Hoidal stated that an author had drafted chapters and that he, Ms. Welfley, and Ms. Austin had been adding footnotes and images to put together a printed volume. Ms. Welfley indicated that the next step is to finalize either print or electronic format for the manuscript. Mr. Kenyon noted that the federal courts have a grant fund drawn from new attorney admissions that could potentially support the project. Mr. Hoidal noted that they had previously received support from the federal courts for the project.

### E. Advocate Issue – November/December 2022

Mr. Graham discussed that the Section is sponsoring the November/December 2022 issue of the Advocate and that he believes the deadlines are coming up in September. He raised the idea of having the Bar put out a call to the Section membership to submit articles. He noted that past issues have celebrated anniversaries of past events. He solicited suggestions for themes and volunteers who might wish to contribute an article. Mr. Werth suggested that the Section include

a teaser for the Tents to Towers book. Mr. Hoidal noted that it is the one hundredth and fiftieth anniversary of the Mining Law of 1872. Leon Rothstein observed that small claims court was established in Idaho in 1923 and offered to provide an article on that topic. Mr. Graham suggested putting a feeler out to the membership with the deadlines and listing possible topics and those present supported this idea.

#### F. Byron Johnson Award

Mr. Graham raised the possibility of holding a recognition ceremony for the Byron Johnson Award at the annual meeting again this year. He also noted that he would reach out to the membership for nominations of worthy individuals.

#### **IV. New Business**

Mr. Hoidal indicated that they are having an event on the Idaho Constitution project on April 1 in Ketchum at the Community Library. Similar events will be held in Coeur d'Alene for June 1 and October 1 in Meridian, with the previously scheduled Pocatello event being rescheduled for later this year.

#### **V. Adjourn**

Ms. Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Fulfer seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm.