

Proposals for Consideration
at December 21, 2017, meeting of the
Idaho State Bar Intellectual Property Law Section

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws regarding Section Officers' Term of Office:

**ARTICLE VII MEETINGS
AND ELECTIONS**

Section 3 - TERM OF OFFICE:

Officers and council members, except ex officio members, shall be elected by the Section ~~at~~ prior to the annual meeting for ~~terms of one year a term commencing the day after the annual meeting and concluding the day of the next annual meeting.~~ Elections shall be by secret, email ballot. The ballot shall be circulated to voting members of the Section at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting. The results of the election shall be announced at the annual meeting. The following exception to the herein stated one year term shall be, as follows:

- ~~(a) For those officers duly elected at the Section's 2005 annual meeting and wishing to continue their service, the term for those officers shall continue until July 31, 2007.~~
- ~~(b) For those officers duly elected at the Section's 2005 annual meeting and wishing to end their service at the end of the standard one year term, the Section shall issue a call for nominations to fill the posts being thus vacated and the new officers duly elected for said posts shall serve a less than one year term, ending July 31, 2007.~~

Proposed Procedure/Schedule for Elections:

- 1) Call for Officer position nominations in the announcement for the June meeting, again at the June meeting, and again at any event sponsored by the IP Law Section at the ISB Annual Meeting (usually in July).
- 2) Nominations should be made by email to the current Section chair. The chair is welcome to solicit nominations directly.
- 3) 2-4 weeks before the August meeting (e.g., on or before 1st Thursday in August), send out the ballot by email to the voting members of the Section.
- 4) At the August meeting—which we would designate as the “Annual Meeting”—announce the winners of the election. The August meeting is the last day of service for the outgoing officers. (Outgoing secretary should still see to preparation of the minutes from that Annual Meeting.)
- 5) Effective first day of service of the in-coming officers is the day after the Annual Meeting (i.e., likely the 3rd Friday in August). This will mean that the new officers are elected in time for the September new officer training offered by the bar.