



Idaho State Bar Diversity Practice Section Meeting
January 18, 2024 12:00 MDT/11:00 PST
Location: Zoom Video Conference

JANUARY 2024 MINUTES

Attendance: L. Samuels (Chair), A. Courtney (Secretary/Treasurer), C. Parsons, S. Ayers, R. Flood, K. Mihara, N. Hurd, W. Ranstrom, M. Callaway Kellner, L. Tremblay, K. Bratcher, K. Stretch,

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Leon Samuels, Chair, called the meeting to Order at 12:01 PM MT.
2. **Action Item: Approval of Past Meeting Minutes** (November 2023 (Appendix A to Agenda)). K. Mihara moved to approve the November 2023 minutes, S. Ayers second, motion carried without dissent.
3. **Action: Vote on Section Leadership Slate** – Leon Samuels, Chair
 - i. K. Mihara moved to approve the Slate nominated, S. Ayers second, motion carried without dissent.
 - ii. Following Slate was approved (Term January 2024-December 2024):
 1. Officers:
 - a. Chair: Leon Samules
 - b. Vice Chair: Rhiannon James
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer: Anna Courtney
 2. Council:
 - a. Officers (Above)
 - b. Immediate Past Chair: Kinzo Mihara
 - c. At Large Student Member: TBD
 - d. Administrative Member from U. Of Idaho: Dean of Community and Belonging, currently Brenda Bauges or Dean of Inclusion
 - e. Member at Large 1: Casey Parsons
 - f. Member at Large 2: Jennifer Dempsey
 - g. Member at Large 3: Wendy Olson

4. **Update: Financial Report**—A. Courtney, Secretary/Treasurer, provided a financial report. Budget will be discussed at March 2024 meeting.
5. **Action Item: Donation Request Idaho Women Lawyers Gala** – Leon Samules, Chair (Appendix B)
 - a. K. Mihara moved to sponsor one individual from the Section to attend the IWL Gala (cost of \$125.00), S. Ayers second. Motion carried without dissent.
 - b. Section discussed sending our student representative. A. Courtney to coordinate who should attend.
6. **Discussion: Nominations for Idaho Women Lawyers Gala** – Anna Courtney, Secretary/Treasurer .
 - a. A. Courtney provided an update that IWL is seeking nominations for the Gala and encouraged other section members to submit nominations.
7. **Discussion: Section Survey Questions & Next Steps re Implementation** – Leon Samuels, Chair
 - a. L. Samuels provided an update and recap on our survey. Next step is to send out the survey. L. Samuels and B. Bauges will coordinate to send out the survey in the next few weeks. Survey will first be sent out to the Diversity Section membership and then law students at the U. of Idaho.
8. **Discussion: ISB Diversity Initiatives** – Leon Samuels, Chair & Jennifer Dempsey, Council Member at Large
 - a. L. Samuels and J. Dempsey are meeting with Mary York, and other representatives in the ISB next week.
 - b. L. Samuels to circulate the decisions from other circuits to our broader membership for visibility and recapping the meeting with next steps for the initiatives.
9. **Update: Advocate Issue March/April 2024** – L. Samuels provided an update that we got all our articles in on time and we are entering the next phase.
10. **Reminders:**
 - a. Next Meeting is Thursday, March 21
11. **New Business:**
 - a. K. Mihara brought forward new business: There is a request for Love the Law project in North Idaho. Judges are seeking to host an event, seeking funds from the Diversity Section. Budget would be around \$300.00. Action item for next meeting will be to vote on funding for this.

- b. If anyone is interested in facilitating a love the law in Boise, please reach out to Leon.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 12:35 PM MT.