

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
COMMERCIAL LAW AND BANKRUPTCY SECTION OF THE IDAHO STATE BAR**

**July 19, 2017**

**Board Members Present:** Paul Ross  
Alex Caval  
Tecla Druffel  
Bob Faucher  
Savi Grewal (Chair)  
Patrick Geile

**Other Attendees:** Mahmood Sheikh, Deputy Executive Director, Idaho State Bar

An agenda had been delivered prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda is attached.

1. Ms. Grewal called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.
  - a. Roll was taken. A quorum was present.
  - b. Ms. Grewal asked Mr. Faucher to serve as secretary for the meeting.
2. Minutes from the Board's last meeting, held on June 21, were approved after a motion was duly made and seconded.
3. Report on the 2018 Seminar.

Ms. Caval gave a progress report on next year's seminar, which is scheduled for February 15-17, 2017 in Boise.

The seminar will be held at Boise Centre on the Grove. The hotel will be the Grove Hotel in Boise. A contract with that hotel will be finalized shortly.

An extended discussion of potential seminar topics followed.

Much of the discussion concerned chapter 13. The timing of the seminar as compared to the expected timing of the new national plan (December 1); the new Bankruptcy Rules (December 1); the new local chapter 13 rules (December 1) and the new local plan were considered.

The board recommended to Ms. Caval that she include a discussion of chapter 13 at the seminar, perhaps in a break-out session of 1.5 hours with a panel of speakers. The panel could address the roll-out of the new local plan and lessons learned in the first few months of the new plan.

Ms. Caval expressed an interest in devoting time at the seminar to questions of post-petition credit for individual chapter 7 and 13 debtors. She said that this is an issue that

comes up regularly in her practice. The board agreed that was a subject that would be appropriate for the seminar.

Ms. Caval expressed an interest in featuring a local banker to speak about the asset protection function of IRA's. The board agreed that that topic too sounded interesting.

Mr. Geile said that he would be interested in learning more about the history of bankruptcy law. The other board members agreed that would be interesting. Ms. Caval expressed a willingness to try to locate a speaker who possessed knowledge on this subject.

4. Form Book.

Discussion of the form book was passed.

5. Proposed Cessation of 341 Meetings in Moscow.

Ms. Druffel informed the Board that there is discussion afoot that section 341 meetings might no longer be held in Moscow. She believes that this would be an unfortunate development for debtors in Latah County, Idaho County, and the surrounding areas. She solicited ideas as to how to assert influence to try to retain the creditors' meetings in Moscow.

Ms. Druffel understood that one motivating factor for the proposed change is security. Ms. Druffel said that the panel trustees Mr. Elsaesser and Mr. Zimmerman were supportive of keeping the 341 meetings in Moscow.

The board engaged in an extended discussion of the various past and present locations for meetings of creditors in Idaho. The practices in the adjoining District of Montana were addressed. The board made recommendations to Ms. Druffel of persons with whom she might want to speak regarding this subject.

Ms. Druffel expressed appreciation to the board members for their support and interest in the issue. She pledged to continue her efforts to bring to bear the views of persons who were opposed to ending meetings in Moscow.

6. Newsletter. Mr. Faucher said he would try to get another newsletter out by September 1. Mr. Ross reminded Mr. Faucher that he had previously sent to him some materials for the next newsletter.

7. Unappropriated Funds. Ms. Grewal asked Ms. Caval to explore obtaining unappropriated funds at the federal court for the purposes of the seminar. Ms. Grewal said that Jackie Hildebrand is the relevant individual. Mr. Sheikh said that relevant information can be found on the court's website. He agreed to send the relevant application to Ms. Caval. Ms. Grewal agreed to send to Ms. Caval the letter Ms. Grewal had sent in 2016 to make a claim to the same funds. Ms. Caval expressed a concern that the relevant deadline had come and gone, but she pledged to explore the possibility of obtaining the funding.

8. Adjournment.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

**Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

**I. Minutes:**

Approve minutes

**II. Items for Discussion:**

A. 2018 Seminar:

Alex Caval

B. Form Book:

Alex Caval

C. Moscow Courthouse:

Tecla Druffel

D. Newsletter:

Robert Faucher

**III. Other Business**

A. Federal Unappropriated Funds:

B. Review of Section Funds

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