

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
October 2, 2014
Boise, Idaho

President Paul Rippel called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:45 a.m. at The Law Center in Boise. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Tim Gresback, Trudy Fouser, Michelle Points, and Dennis Voorhees, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consistent with the authority granted in Idaho Code § 3-408, and under the supervisory power of the Idaho Supreme Court and acting as an agency thereof for purposes of Idaho Code § 67-2341(4)(a), it was moved, seconded and passed that the Board move into a confidential session to discuss matters involving admissions and professional discipline as provided under Idaho Bar Commission Rules 223 and 521. At 11:40 a.m., it was further moved, seconded and passed, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, to go into an Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2345(1)(d) and (f), to: (1) review personal records of attorneys for licensing purposes; (2) consider information obtained as part of an inquiry into an individual's fitness to practice law; and (3) discuss with legal counsel pending and/or potential litigation. The Executive Session adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2014, Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

Resolution Meetings – At 9:00 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by the following District Bar Presidents: First District – Tyler Wirick; Second District – Ashley Rokyta; Third District – Yecora Daniels; Fourth District – Terri Muse; Fifth District – Brian Hilverda; and Seventh District – Steven Wright. The Commissioners and District Bar Presidents discussed the proposed resolutions, presentation of awards, and meeting schedules. The following three (3) resolutions were presented by the Board of Commissioners and will therefore be circulated to the membership:

- Resolution 14-01 proposes amendments to the house counsel rule to allow house counsel members to perform pro bono work under the supervision of Idaho Legal Aid Services or the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Resolution 14-02 proposes amendments to the Lawyer Referral Service Rules
- Resolution 14-03 encourages support for the 2016 National High School Mock Trial Competition in Boise

Commissioner Points agreed to present the House Counsel pro bono resolution; Commissioner Gresback, the LRS resolution; and Commissioner Fouser, the Mock Trial Resolution.

University of Idaho College of Law Visit - The Commissioners discussed several topics and issues for the Law School visit.

July 2014 Bar Exam Results and Statistics – The Commissioners discussed the Bar exam statistics and grading process

Medical Malpractice Prelitigation Panelists – The Commissioners were provided with a letter from Jean Uranga confirming which attorneys were currently serving as panelists and clarifying the process for maintaining the list of panelists.

Law and Justice Learning Center Tour – The Executive Director reported that a tour of the Center would be scheduled for January.

Disciplinary/Admission information – The Commissioners were provided with the following disciplinary orders: Mitchell Barker, John Bujak, and Richard Kriger.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the August financial reports. At the end of August 95.5% of revenue was collected and 68.1% of expenses incurred.

The Commissioners requested information regarding the chance of embezzlement or fraud. The Executive Director stated that all of the internal controls recommended by the auditors are in place and adhered to by the staff.

The Commissioners discussed the District Bar Association financials. They discussed whether additional financial records should be requested from the District Bar Associations.

Lease Agreement – Bar Counsel Andrews and Commissioner Fouser discussed the status of negotiating the lease agreement with Idaho Law Foundation. They reported that the Foundation representatives – Craig Meadows and Ridgley Denning – had presented a proposal to which a counter-proposal was presented. They are now waiting for a response from the Idaho Law Foundation representatives.

MEMBER SERVICES

Section Update – The Commissioners were provided with an update on Section activities for the past few months, along with a current section membership count.

Contested Judicial Election Attorney Survey Update – The Executive Director reported that the survey was distributed by email and mail (for those without email addresses) to attorneys. The deadline for responding to the survey is October 14 and the results released to the candidates on October 17 and the media on October 20.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

Letters and news clippings for the past month were provided in PDF format to the Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane K Minnich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director