

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners
November 18, 2014
Idaho Falls, Idaho

President Paul Rippel called the business meeting of the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners to order at 2:00 p.m. at the law office of Hopkins Roden in Idaho Falls, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Tim Gresback, Trudy Fouser, Michelle Points, Dennis Voorhees, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary. Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh participated via teleconference.

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 2:50, 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 4:10 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Board of Commissioners retreat meeting minutes of September 5, 2014 (as amended) and the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of October 2, 2014 (as amended).

Resolution Meetings – The Commissioners briefly discussed the resolution meetings to date.

Law School Visit Report – The Commissioners discussed issues, comments, and observations to be included in the report of the visit to UI College of Law. Bar Counsel noted that Associate Dean Dodge requested the names of bar exam takers and their scores. The Commissioners discussed mentoring programs and assistance, including a faculty member on the aging lawyer task force, receiving the materials from law school prior to the meeting, meeting with students at end of class (rather than student meetings), and section resources available to students. The Commissioners noted that they appreciated the student leader's breakfast, the information provided and the overall visit.

Student Email – The Commissioners discussed an email they received from a UI student regarding her status at the law school and determined no action or response was required.

Disciplinary/Admission Information – The Commissioners were provided with the following: Brian Boyle – Disciplinary Order, and Mark Ellison – Order Granting Stipulation to Resign in Lieu of Discipline.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the September and October financial reports. At the end of October 2014, 99.07% of revenue was collected and 84.09% of expenses incurred.

Lease Agreement – Bar Counsel and Commissioner Fouser reported that they are near an agreement with the Idaho Law Foundation. There is one issue yet to be resolved, which should be settled in the next few weeks.

MEMBER SERVICES

The Commissioners were reminded of the meeting with young lawyers on Thursday, November 20th, to be held at the Law Center at 2:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners discussed the following issues: District Bar Associations financials; commenting on ABA questions and issues; and BOC meeting agendas.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director