

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
May 7, 2015
Boise, Idaho

President Paul Rippel called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Law Center. 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 joined the meeting in progress.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Per Idaho Code Section 67-2345, the Commission, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commission, moved into Executive Session at 1:35 p.m. Executive Session adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of April 10, 2015, Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

Idaho Judicial Council – The Commissioners were provided with the applicants for the position on the Idaho Judicial Council. The term of current member Steven Tuft expires on June 30, 2015. The Commissioners discussed the position requirements and the applicants; Craig Christensen, Kelly Kumm, Reed Larsen and Scott McKay. After considerable discussion, it was, moved, seconded and passed to appoint Reed Larsen to the Idaho Judicial Council for a 6 year term beginning July 1, 2015.

2015 Awards – The Commissioners discussed the selection of the Pro Bono Award recipients. IVLP provided a list of recommended recipients. It was moved, seconded and passed to select the following individuals to received 2015 Pro Bono Awards:

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| 1 st – David K. Robinson (Coeur d’Alene) | 4 th – Joe R. Larson (Boise) |
| 1 st – Howard A. Funke (Coeur d’Alene) | 5 th – Kirstin K. Dutcher (Ketchum) |
| 2 nd – Deborah L. McCormick (Moscow) | 6 th – Kenneth E. Lyon* (Pocatello) |
| 3 rd – Reese E. Verner** (Nampa) | 6 th – Shane Reichert (Pocatello) |
| 3 rd – Barbra Ferre (Nampa) | 6 th – Stratton Laggis (Pocatello) |
| 4 th – Scott L. Rose (Boise) | 7 th – Bryce C. Lloyd (Blackfoot) |
| 4 th – Theodore S. Tollefson (Boise) | 7 th – Charles E. Cather III (Idaho Falls) |
| 4 th – Kersti Harter Kennedy (Boise) | 7 th – Benjamin C. Ritchie (Idaho Falls) |

The Executive Director noted that Judge Trott was concerned that he might not be able to attend the award presentation. The Commissioners confirmed their commitment to presenting the award to Judge Trott and expressed their hope that he would be able to attend to receive the first Distinguished Jurist Award.

BOC Election Report – The Executive Director reported that Kent Higgins was elected Commissioner to represent the 6th and 7th Districts.

2015 Potential Resolutions – The Commissioners discussed potential resolutions for the 2015 Roadshow. Some of the issues discussed were: amend comments to IRPC regarding taping phone conversations, UPOL rules and committee changes, indigent defense, pro bono and succession planning. The Commissioners also agreed to offer a CLE about dealing with bullying in the legal profession to each of the districts. The Commissioners and Bar Counsel would present the program.

Idaho Code Commission – The Commissioners were provided with information prepared by UI College of Law students related to whether, and which parts, of the Idaho Code are copyrightable. The work was done as groundwork for proposed legislation to have the Idaho Code in the public domain.

Disciplinary/Admission Information –The Commissioners were provided with the following: Craft disciplinary order granting the joint motion to remand, February Bar Exam statistics and information on potential criteria for consideration when reviewing requests for a waiver of IBCR 202(a)(3).

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the April financial reports. As of April 30, 85.9% of revenue was collected and 30.63% of expenses incurred.

2014 Audited Financial Reports – Eide Bailly representative Kevin Smith reviewed the 2014 audited financials. He reported no issues with the financials or audit – it was a clean audit report.

MEMBER SERVICES

Annual Meeting Update – The Commissioners reviewed the Annual Meeting schedule for award presentations. The Commissioners agreed that the Distinguished Jurist Award should be presented at the Wednesday night dinner.

Member Benefits – As part of his member benefits and services update Deputy Director Sheikh recommended two additional benefits be offered to the ISB membership. It was, moved, seconded and passed to approved the addition of the following member benefits; National Purchasing Partners for discounted Verizon Wireless cell phone program and University Financial Group for disability income insurance offered through Ohio National Financial Services.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan – The Commissioners discussed strategic planning; what needs to be done, what can we do, how, who, when? The Commissioners agreed to obtain strategic planning consulting services for the September retreat.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director