

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
July 22, 2015
Sun Valley, Idaho

President Paul Rippel called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Sun Valley Inn. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Tim Gresback, Michelle Points, Dennis Voorhees, and Trudy Fouser, Commissioner Elect Kent Higgins, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh 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 § 74-202(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. It was also moved, seconded and passed, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting as amended.

Committee Appointments 2015-16 – The Commissioners were provided with recommendations for committee appointments for the 2015-16 year. The Executive Director reviewed the process for generating the recommendations. After discussion and review of the recommendations, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve the 2015-16 Committee appointments as recommended; the 2015-16 committee lists are attached as part of the minutes.

2015-17 Magistrate Commission Appointments – The Commissioners were provided with the nominations from the District Bar Associations for the lawyer members of the Magistrate Commissions in each district. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the nominations of the District Bar Associations to the Magistrate Commission:

<u>1st District:</u>	Brent C. Featherston	<u>4th Dist. (cont.)</u>	John C. Defranco
	Erika A. Grubbs	<u>5th District:</u>	Robyn M. Brody
<u>2nd District:</u>	Karin Seubert		Lisa B. Rodriguez
	Jennifer A. Ewers	<u>6th District:</u>	James A. Spinner
<u>3rd District:</u>	Matthew J. Roker		Carol Tippi Jarman
	Virginia Bond	<u>7th District:</u>	Kent W. Gauchay
<u>4th District:</u>	Debora A. Kristensen		Sean R. Moulton

Certified Shorthand Reporters Board – The Commissioners were provided with a letter regarding the Board of Commissioners appointment to the Certified Shorthand Reporters Board. The Executive Director reported that the current member appointed by the Commissioners, Michael Peacock, was willing to be reappointed. It was moved, seconded and passed to reappoint Michael Peacock to the Idaho Shorthand Reporters Board.

Resolution Meeting Schedule – The Commissioners were provided with the 2015 Resolution schedule of deadlines, events and meetings.

Strategic Planning Update – The Executive Director reported that Chris Newbold, ALPS Executive Vice President, will join the Commissioners and staff at the October meeting to assist with strategic planning.

Meeting with Idaho Law Foundation – The Executive Director noted that there is a meeting between the Commissioners and Idaho Law Foundation Board of Directors scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 23.

2015-16 BOC Meeting Schedule – The Commissioners were provided with the schedule of meetings and events for the coming year. The Commissioners noted a few changes.

Disciplinary/Admission information – The Commissioners were provided with a disciplinary report for Stephen Olson.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the May and June financial reports. At the end of June 89.4% of revenue was collected and 48.9% of expenses incurred.

MEMBER SERVICES

Annual Meeting Update – The Deputy Executive Director reviewed the Annual Meeting schedule of events and activities. The Commissioners were provided with the list of Annual Meeting scholarship recipients.

Member Services Update – The Deputy Executive Director provided a report on the following member services: Mentor Program, 2014-15 IALL evaluations, member benefits, LAP, Casemaker and practice sections.

Senior Lawyer Transition Task Force – The Commissioners were provided with the minutes of the Senior Lawyer Transition Task Force meetings. Bar Counsel and the Deputy Executive Director reviewed the possible recommendations of the Task Force.

LRS Software Purchase – The Commissioners were provided with a memo from Communications Director Dan Black and the LRS Committee recommending the purchase of software to improve the LRS service. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve the purchase of the LRS software recommended by the LRS Committee.

Meeting with Idaho Supreme Court – At lunch, Justices Burdick, Horton and Trout, and Judge Barry Wood joined the meeting. The group discussed the following: the 2015 Bar Resolution process, Senior Lawyer's Transition Task Force Report, admissions, court legislative and budget priorities, National Mock Trial Competition, Access to Justice Idaho and future meeting schedules.

Meeting with Idaho Judicial Council – At 1:30, Chief Justice Burdick, Judicial Council Executive Director James Carlson, and Judicial Council members Judge Tom Ryan, Judge Tom Borresen, Reed Larsen and Joel Hazel (by phone) joined the meeting. Mr. Carlson noted he is retiring at the end of July. He and the Council members reported on Judicial Council activities, ethics opinions, judicial recruitment and judicial complaints.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director