

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
October 9, 2015
Boise, Idaho

President Tim Gresback called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:40 a.m. at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Trudy Fouser, Kent Higgins, Dennis Voorhees and Michelle Points, 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 September 11, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

Resolution Process – At 9:00 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by the following District Bar Association Representatives: First District - Mike Howard; Second District – Anne Kelleher; Third District – Yecora Daniels; Fourth District – Kristin Bjorkman Dunn; Fifth District – Nancy Austin; Sixth District – Rich Diehl; Seventh District – Jonathan Harris. The Commissioners and DBA representatives reviewed the resolution meetings schedule and the proposed resolutions. The meeting with the DBA representatives concluded at 9:20 a.m.

University of Idaho College of Law Visit – The Executive Director reported that a schedule for the visit was not yet available. The Commissioners discussed the issues and the timeframe for the visit.

ABA Young Lawyer Delegate – The Commissioners were provided with a notice from the ABA announcing the addition of a Young Lawyer delegate to the ABA House of Delegates for Idaho. The Commissioners discussed the process for selecting and appointing the YLS delegate. It was determined that the position would be advertised and applications collected. The Commissioners would then ask the YLS section to review the applicants and make recommendations to the Commissioners for their consideration. The final appointment would be made by the Board of Commissioners.

ALPS Report – ALPS Vice President Chris Newbold provided a report on ALPS claims in Idaho.

July Bar Exam Results – The Commissioners were provided with the letter to the Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court reporting the results of the July bar exam, along with the exam statistics.

Schedule of Meetings and Events – The Commissioners were provided with an updated meetings and events schedule for the coming year.

FINANCIALS

September Financial Reports - The Commissioners were provided with the September financial reports. At the end of September 94.7% of revenue was collected and 77.6% of expenses incurred.

Investment Policy, First Draft – The Commissioners were provided with the first draft of a proposed Idaho State Bar Investment Policy. The Executive Director stated that the policy was developed to provide more guidance in the parameters for investments. Currently, the allowable investments are established by statute. The policy is intended to define how to invest, how to select money managers and the amounts that can be invested in each investment category. The Executive Director reported that policy was not ready for a vote, but will be revised and submitted to the Commissioners for a vote at a future meeting.

MEMBER SERVICES

Annual Meeting – Deputy Director Mahmood Sheikh provided a report on the long term plan set out for the Annual Meeting in 2010 and the progress towards the objectives set out in the plan. The Commissioners discussed the objectives and commended the Deputy Director for the improvements to the Annual Meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

At 10:15 Chris Newbold started the strategic planning session.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director