

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
November 17, 2015
Idaho Falls, Idaho

President Tim Gresback called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 1:55 p.m. at the Marriott in Idaho Falls, 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 October 9, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

The Commissioners were provided with the notes from the Strategic Planning session held on October 9, 2015.

University of Idaho College of Law Visit – The Commissioners discussed what information to include in the report to UI College of Law on this year's law school visit; the student PEP program lead by Commissioner Points was a success and hope to do it again, include more time to visit with faculty and dean, and perhaps alternate visits between Boise and Moscow campuses.

YLS ABA House of Delegate Member – The Commissioners considered the four applicants for the newly created Idaho YLS member of the ABA House of Delegates: Brian Church, Texie Evans, Jen Jensen and Sarah Simmons. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to appoint Jen Jensen as the Idaho YLS delegate to the ABA House of Delegates.

Strategic Planning Follow-up – The Commissioners agreed to ask Whitney Fouser to meet with them to discuss ideas for generating programs, activities or events to increase the public appreciation of lawyers.

Darrington Lecture – The Executive Director noted that the 2016 Darrington lecture will feature Rebecca Love Kourlis and will be held either the 8th or 9th of February.

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

October Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the October 31 financial reports. At the end of October 96.1% of revenue was collected and 85.4% of expenses incurred. The Executive Director reported that end of year results may be slightly lower than predicted due to reduced interest income. Commissioner Voorhees requested more information on why the investment income was less than budgeted.

2016 Budget – The Executive Director reported that the first draft of the 2016 budget will be provided to the Commissioners at their December meeting.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

Letters, informational reports and news clippings for the past month were provided to the Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director