

LITIGATION SECTION BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of Business Meeting on June 17, 2016

1. Time and Place of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Litigation Section of the Idaho State Bar occurred on June 17, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the Idaho State Bar, 525 W. Jefferson Street in Boise. Attendance also occurred via teleconference and online portal access for Section members who were not able to attend in person in Boise.

2. Call to Order; Attendance

A quorum being present, Section Chairperson Clay Gill called the meeting to order. Members in attendance at the meeting are identified on the lists provided to the Idaho State Bar and include those who participated remotely and who gave notice of remote participation to Dayna Ferrero.

3. Section Business

- a. **Approval of Minutes.** The May 2016's business meeting minutes passed by unanimous vote following a motion and second.
- b. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer's report by Treasurer Miner. The Section's finances remain in good order.
- c. **Recap of Past Year.** Chairperson Gill reported that the Section presented nine CLE's at its Section meetings, giving members the opportunity to earn 4.5 hours of CLE credit over the past year. Chairperson's Gill's goals for 2015-16 were to: (1) increase participation by members outside of Ada County; (2) increase female participation in the Section; and (3) focusing CLE presentations on the fundamentals of litigation and ways to improve the practice of litigation for the benefit of our clients and our profession. The Section accomplished those goals by (1) establishing off-site locations in Coeur d'Alene, Spokane, and Pocatello, in addition to Idaho Falls, although the Coeur d'Alene location fell through due to lack of participation; (2) significantly increasing female participation both through member attendance at the monthly meetings and as officers and governing council members; and (3) holding nine CLEs on the following topics: (1) the power of brevity by Clay Gill; (2) amendments to the FRCP by Kira Pfisterer; (3) motions to compel by Tyler Anderson; (4) litigating with plan by Gary Cooper; (5) Third District Judge Juneal Kerrick on maximizing the effectiveness in the preparation of your case; (6) mentorship by Rich Hall; (7) arbitration by Brian Wonderlich; (8) the attorney-client privilege by Ben Ritchie; and (9) how the IRCP are amended and upcoming amendments to the IRCP by Cathy Derden.
- d. **Officers and Governing Council Members for 2016-17.** At the conclusion of the meeting, the following individuals were identified as the proposed slate of

officers to be nominated at the Section's annual meeting to be held in July: Chairperson – Clinton Miner; Vice Chairperson – Kira Pfisterer; Secretary – TBD; Treasurer – Andrea Rosholt; and Clay Gill – Past Chairperson. Additionally, the following individuals were identified as the proposed nominated slate of Governing Council Members for 2016-2019: Tom Dvorak, Andrea Rosholt, and Randy Schmitz. Discussion was held regarding several possible candidates for the position of Secretary and the open governing council seat for the 2015-2018 class.

- e. **What's Coming in 2016-17.** The Section will sponsor the Trial Skills Academy to be held in the late winter of 2017. Additionally, the Section is the Sponsor of the January 2017 edition of the Advocate. Members who have volunteered to author an article include: Gerry Husch, Leslie Hays/Brian Nickels, D. Andrew Rawlings, Will Fletcher, Randy Schmitz, and Brian DeFriez. An extended discussion was held regarding reviving a Section sponsored CLE. The Section has not held a separate extended CLE since October of 2012. A Section sponsored CLE may be a good way to improve the Sections dwindling cash balance. Members also discussed the need to coordinate with Trial Skills Academy Chair Erika Birch to ensure that the Section's financial contribution does not exceed \$5,000.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.