

LITIGATION SECTION BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of Business Meeting on July 14, 2016

1. Time and Place of Meeting

The annual meeting of the Litigation Section of the Idaho State Bar occurred on July 14, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. at the Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. Attendance also occurred via teleconference 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. The following members appeared in person: Clay Gill, Scott Randolph, Pam Howland, Kendal McDevitt, Tom Dvorak, Kira Pfisterer, Brenda Bauges, Ralph Jordan, Walt Sinclair, Bob Bilow, Mike Ramsden, Randy Schmitz, Andrea Rosholt, and Clinton Minor. Section member Ben Ritchie appeared by phone.

3. Section Business

- a. **Approval of Minutes.** June 2016's business meeting minutes passed by unanimous vote following a motion and second. The minutes were then approved by unanimous vote.
- b. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer's report by Chairperson Gill. The Section's finances remain in order, however continued attention needs to be paid to the cash balance. The Trial Skills Academy is an important expenditure for the Section. However, it is expensive. Chairperson Gill reported that the Section should target \$5,000 as a total sponsorship level for the next Trial Skills Academy.
- c. **Increasing Participation Outside of Boise.** Chairperson Gill reported that efforts had resulted in some increased participation by members outside of Boise. This included CLE presentations from outside Boise and organized remote locations for attendees to gather. While there is still progress to be made, this was an important goal for the Section this year. It was noted that by Kira Pfisterer that this project is ongoing and that remote participation could increase over time if the Section continues with the effort to organize remote meeting locations.
- d. **Proposed Slate of Officers and Governing Council Members.** The Section considered the proposed slate of officers, as reflected in the June 2016 minutes. The only addition was the nomination of Pam Howland, to serve as Secretary. After motion and second, the following persons were approved as officers and governing council members for the Section.

Officers

- Clinton Miner – Chairperson
- Kira Pfisterer – Vice-Chairperson
- Pam Howland – Secretary
- Andrea Rosholt – Treasurer
- Clay Gill – Past Chairperson

Governing Council

2014-2017

- Alex McLaughlin
- Clinton Miner
- Ben Ritchie

2015-2018

- Erika Birch
- Pam Howland
- Kira Pfisterer

2016-2019

- Tom Dvorak
- Andrea Rosholt
- Randy Schmitz

- e. **Discussion Led by New Chair Clinton Minor.** Newly elected Chairperson Minor updated the Section regarding priorities for the coming year. Mr. Minor intends to focus on enhancing participation outside of the Boise area. Mr. Minor will work with officers and governing council members to directly appeal to attorneys outside the Boise area. Discussion was had regarding CLE opportunities, including CLEs from members outside the state. Section member Mike Ramsden volunteered to present in September 2016. Section member Brenda Bauges suggested that attorneys in Southern Idaho recently assisted with trial presentation software in one of her trials. These attorneys could be a good resource on that topic as well as facilitate the goal of increasing participation by members outside of Boise.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.