# GENERAL SESSION MINUTES Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner November 10, 2021 Boise, Idaho

President Anne-Marie Fulfer called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:40 a.m. The meeting was held in the classroom of the Law Center. In addition to President Fulfer, the following were in attendance: Commissioners Kurt Holzer, Kristin Bjorkman Dunn, Laird Stone, and Gary Cooper, Associate Director Maureen Braley, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, 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 8, 2021, Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

**2021 Resolution Process** – The Commissioners discussed the importance of holding the resolution meetings in person next year. They also discussed scheduling visits with lawyers in smaller communities in 2022.

**Idaho Judicial Council** – The Commissioners reviewed the applications for the district judge position on the Idaho Judicial Council. The Commissioners agreed to interview the four district judges that applied for the position. They also requested that Judge Baskin submit a resume to accompany her application. The interviews will take place at the December 10, 2021 meeting by Zoom. Commissioner Dunn offered to develop a list of questions for the candidates.

**Idaho Judicial Council Members** – In response to a question submitted by Judicial Council member Bruce Owens, the Commissioners discussed whether the lawyer members of the Judicial Council should be an active and in-state member of the Idaho State Bar. No action was taken at the meeting. The Commissioners deferred a comprehensive discussion of the issue to a future meeting.

**Seventh District Magistrate Commission** – Due to a conflict, the Commissioners were provided with recommendations from the 7<sup>th</sup> District Bar officers to fill temporary vacancies on the 7<sup>th</sup> District Magistrate Commission. It was moved, seconded, and passed to appoint the following two

members to fill temporary vacancies on the 7<sup>th</sup> District Magistrate Commission: Challis McNally and John Cutler.

Attorney Swearing-In Process Changes – The Commissioners were provided with information from the Idaho Supreme Court regarding the implementation of a remote swearing in option under limited circumstances.

**2021-22 Meeting Schedule** – The Commissioners were provided with the BOC meeting schedule through July 2022. The Executive Director noted the addition of a visit to the Boise campus of the UI College of Law in February.

### ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

**Financial Reports** – The Commissioners were provided with the October financial reports. At the end of October, 98.1% of the budgeted revenue was collected and 80.9% of expenses incurred.

#### **MEMBER SERVICES**

**Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers Appointment** – The Commissioners were provided with a recommendation to appoint Brenda Bauges to replace Amber Ellis on the IALL Committee. It was moved, seconded, and passed to appoint Brenda Bauges to the IALL Committee.

**November/December Advocate** – The Executive Director noted that the November/December issue of the Advocate is sponsored by the Diversity Section. There are some articles that may generate comments.

# **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS**

The Commissioners were provided with Supreme Court orders, letters, and news clippings for the past month.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich Executive Director