

**Minutes of the Governing Council of the
Business and Corporate Law Section of the
Idaho State Bar**

July 15, 2015

Call to Order; Attendance

The Governing Council meeting of the Business and Corporate Law Section (the “Section”) of the Idaho State Bar was called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. at the Offices of Holland & Hart in Boise, Idaho. Section Governing Council (“Council”) members in attendance were Claire Rosston, Sarah Reed, Ben Layman, Brian Buckham, Matt Christensen, Louis Spiker, Paul Boyd, Wendy Couture, David Jensen, Gabe Hamilton and Brian Hansen. Michelle Gustavson, Linda Pall and Kari Compos participated by phone.

Financials

As the first order of business, Ben Layman presented the current financial state of the Section. There was a discussion on how to handle the excess funds beyond the maximum the Section is allowed to carry. Also, the Council discussed the proper way for outside groups to request donations.

Remote Attendance

With respect to the use of video/internet vs. telephone conferencing for the Section’s monthly meetings, Claire Rosston discussed gotomeeting, which was used for the annual CLE and previous monthly CLE’s. The Council discussed the benefits of what gotomeeting has to offer and the audio being superior to phone. The Council talked through moving totally to web-based monthly meetings right away or phasing out call in by phone slowly.

Professional Development Series

Wendy Couture and Michelle Gustavson discussed reaching out to junior members with regard to professional development through a program called the “Professional Development Series,” which was held in 2013–2014 with four meetings and was described as a success. A dialogue was had whether to continue the program. Continuation of the program was presented to the Council with the need to create a committee that includes Wendy Couture and Michelle Gustavson and past participants of the program. Also discussed was the budget for the series. All in attendance agreed to continuation of the series.

Advocate Sponsorship

The Council considered sponsoring the Advocate and agreed to put the decision up for a vote of the membership during the September monthly meeting. It was discussed that a committee be created, but the Council settled on Matt Christensen taking the lead and getting others to write the necessary amount of articles required if the Section’s membership approve applying to sponsor the Advocate and is selected for an issue.

Monthly CLE and Annual Meeting Topics

The Council reviewed Section membership numbers, attendance of the members at each CLE and discussed the 2014 membership survey. Discussion occurred about what potential topics should be focused on in future meetings based on the survey.

Committee Assignments

Claire Rosston took volunteers from the Council members for committees. Those committees are:

1. Annual CLE Committee:

- Chair: Sarah Reed
- Kari Compos
- Ben Layman
- Brian Buckham
- David Jensen

- Michelle Gustavson
- Claire Rosston

2. Advocate:

- Chair: Matt Christensen

3. Monthly CLE Committee Members:

- Chair: Gabe Hamilton
- Brian Hansen
- Ben Layman
- Claire Rosston

4. Three Part CLE Series:

- Chair: Louis Spiker
- Paul Boyd
- Wendy Couture
- Claire Rosston

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Benjamin O. Layman
Secretary/Treasurer