

**Idaho State Bar Diversity Section Minutes**  
**March 27, 2015**  
**By telephone conference call**

**In attendance**

Jason Gray, Section chair  
Linda Pall  
Dean Cathy Silak  
Jennifer King  
Edith Pacillo

**Begin Meeting**-Call to Order. Section Chair Jason Gray called the meeting to order.

**Welcome and introduction**-Jason had everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

**Presentation from Ace (Edith Pacillo)**-The Government and Public Sector Lawyer Section recently created Attorneys for Civic Education (ACE) as a public service project. ACE raises funds, awareness, and volunteerism for civic education programs in Idaho. Brian Benjamin and Edith Pacillo are co-chairs of ACE. Currently, ACE is working on two fundraising events.

The first is to benefit the National Mock Trial Competition, coming to Boise in May 2016. Specifically, the goal is to raise \$8,000 to pay for meals for the student competitors who are traveling from all over the country at their own expense. They would like to come to make a formal request from our section to donate \$1,000 toward this effort.

The second is an on-going campaign called An Hour for Civics, which asks attorneys to donate the equivalent of a billable hour to help restore funding that was recently cut. The funds will benefit the YMCA Youth in Government, We The People, and the Idaho Mock Trial (different from the National competition mentioned above). They are currently spreading the word about this campaign and encouraging Bar members to visit their website and make a donation to An Hour for Civics. Please visit: <http://www.attorneysforciviceducation.org/an-hour-for-civics.html>. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This matter was tabled for later discussion by the Diversity Section, but funds are limited at this time.

**Treasurer's Report**-The January financials show that the general Section has \$2,627 in funds and the LTL! program has \$8,347 in funds that will be spent down through the LTL! scholarship program. We are still working on figuring out why the \$700 donation that Linda Pall made last year has not been properly allocated.

**Love the Law!**-There is an LTL! event on March 30th at the Native American Law Conference that will be held in Moscow. Linda Pall will be in attendance with the students. There will also be an event on April 9th for college students that LTL! is working on. The scholarship program is progressing and applications are being accepted. LTL! will keep the Diversity Section up to date prior to awarding the scholarships.

**ISB Annual Meeting and CLE/Justice for All Award**-Plans regarding the ISB Annual Meeting in Sun Valley were discussed in detail. Linda Pall has confirmed that Judge Tallman, Judge Dale and Wendy Olson will be speaking at our CLE. Plans for the breakfast are progressing and Linda is finding a location for that. The Justice for All Award recipient will be invited to the breakfast and their lodging will be paid for. A motion to approve proceeding with the plans for the breakfast was approved by unanimous vote. A subcommittee is necessary for selecting the Justice for All Award recipient. We need to contact Dina to get a list of prior nominees.

**225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ratification of the Bill of Rights in 2016**-Discussion was had about the previously approved plan for this major seminar effort for 2016 in Moscow and Boise, on September 15 and 16, 2016, to coincide with Constitution Day. Linda Pall stated that a meeting with the Advisory Committee for this event should take place in May 2015.

**Miscellaneous**-Efforts to increase membership were discussed and it was agreed that having more CLE at regular meetings would help, as well as a strong showing at the ISB Annual Meeting. Elections for the Diversity Section are coming up, but we need to check with Mahmood on when those need to take place.

**Adjourn**-The meeting was adjourned.