

IDAHO CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS BOARD
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 3/16/2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Byrl Cinnamon - Chair
Darren B Simpson
Susan G Gambie
Susan P Israel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael F Peacock

BUREAU STAFF: Dawn Hall, Deputy Bureau Chief
Julie Eavenson, Admin. Support Manager
Maurie Ellsworth, General Counsel
Dicsie Gullick, Management Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Couch, President, Idaho Court Reporter Assoc.
Dianne Cromwell, Court reporter
Christie Valcich, Court reporter
Kim Madsen, Court reporter

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM MDT by Byrl Cinnamon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judge Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2018. It was seconded by Ms. Gambie. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Hall gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$26,450.74 as of February 28, 2018.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Ellsworth informed the Board that Sens. Burgoyne and Den Hartog mentioned to some members of the Boards served by the Bureau that they were looking at potential legislation. The concept would be to allow a person or entity that is alleged to have violated the Board's laws and rules to recover attorney's fees if the person or entity was found to have not violated the Board's laws and rules. The bill, S1316, has been amended and has passed the Senate. It is before the House Judiciary and Rules Committee.

INTERIM COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Ellsworth stated that the Idaho Legislature has an Interim Committee that has been studying the use of hearing officers and is also looking at the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act. Draft legislation was presented at the Interim Committee's last meeting that would make substantial changes to the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act and the way contested cases are handled. The Bureau submitted a letter to the Committee seeking clarification concerning some of the proposed changes prior to the Committee's meeting on October 2, 2017. Mr. Ellsworth explained how the law could be changing and what it would mean to the Board. It has the potential to be very problematic and expensive to the Board.

House Bill 623 passed the House March 6, 2018 by a vote of 47-23 and was sent to the Senate. Designated members of Boards served by the Bureau were contacted and reviewed the Bill. A letter expressing concerns about House Bill 623 was prepared and signed by 28 of the designated Board members. It was addressed and delivered to Senator Patti Ann Lodge, Chair of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee March 12, 2018. Copies have been sent to all Board members by email.

Ms. Hall presented the Board with an Idaho Business Review article regarding a new Legislative Committee that has been created to look at occupational licensing. The Board will be kept informed as the Bureau receives more details.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the To Do List and no action was taken.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Gambée gave a report regarding her research about continuing education in other states. She is continuing her research and will report back to the Board. Ms. Hall explained the audit process to the Board and the time and expenses involved.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

The Board reviewed a rough draft of the Executive Order response and directed Ms. Eavenson and the Board specialist to work with Ms. Israel to prepare the final draft for review and final approval at the May 11, 2018 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for May 11, 2018 8:00AM MDT.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Couch addressed the Board about what she sees as a lack of enthusiasm for court reporting. She also talked about the need to have another way to get licensed besides testing within the last two years. This could include proving that an applicant has passed an approved exam in the past and has been working successfully in the last few years. She also said that continuing education is important. The salary set by the legislature is also a barrier to employment. She also asked whether or not it would be possible to make the test online.

Ms. Cromwell talked about the salary situation and how the court system does not advertise positions very well.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REMOTE REPORTING

Ms. Israel gave a report regarding the demonstration on remote court reporting that was given in Twin Falls in October. There were some issues brought up about who will do what. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 PM MDT. It was seconded by Ms. Gambee. Motion carried.

Byrl Cinnamon, Chair

Michael F Peacock

Darren B Simpson

Susan G Gambee

Susan P Israel

Tana Cory, Bureau Chief