

Idaho Women Lawyers, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2008

- I. Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. Those present included: Deb Nelson, Lisa Mesler, Nicole Hancock, Jane Hochberg, Kelsey Nunez, Laura Burri, Erin Wynne, Mary Huneycutt, Deb Ferguson, Glenda Talbutt, Peg Dougherty, and Jennifer Dempsey.
- II. Election of Officers
 - a. The Board discussed the role of officers and committee members.
 - b. Lisa Mesler and Valerie Charles expressed interest in the Vice President position. The Board voted for Lisa Mesler to be Vice President.
 - c. Deborah Ferguson moved that the following persons be elected as officers of IWL: Peg Dougherty – President, Lisa Mesler – Vice President, Laura Burri – Treasurer, Jane Hochberg – Secretary. Glenda Talbutt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer’s Report. Laura Burri reported that IWL has 6 new members from Eastern Idaho.
- IV. Website Update.
 - a. Erin Wynne updated the Board about its new website: www.idahowomenlawyers.com
 - b. IWL would like to make the website more beneficial to its members. The Board encourages members to submit articles, job announcements, activity announcements, photos and other information to Erin Wynne and she’ll post the information. erin@angstman.com
 - c. IWL updates will soon originate from the website rather than being sent by Glenda Talbutt. Glenda will send an email to the members alerting them of the website and that future IWL updates will come from an idahowomenlawyers.com email address.
 - d. Members are encouraged to link to IWL’s website from their firms’ websites and other appropriate websites. The more links the website has, the easier it will be to find the website using a search engine.
- V. New Organizational Structure.
 - a. The Board discussed its new organizational structure – a committee format with one Board member as the contact person. Members are encouraged to join committees, or contact Board members for more information.
 - b. Membership Committee. Contact person is Deb Nelson. den@givenspursley.com. Goals of committee:
 - i. Recruit new members statewide
 - ii. Manage member database and referral directory
 - iii. Outreach to UI Law School
 - iv. Form new chapter in N. Idaho
 - c. Judiciary Committee. Contact person is Laura Burri. lburri@ringertclark.com. Goals of committee:
 - i. Gather data about judicial selection
 - ii. Create “watch list” for current and future positions

- iii. Hold mock interviews for candidates
 - iv. Recruit new candidates for current and future positions
 - d. Monthly Luncheon Committee. Contact person is Deb Ferguson. Deborah.ferguson@usdoj.gov. Goals of committee:
 - i. Solicit and plan topics
 - ii. Coordinate with speakers
 - iii. Schedule venue, date, food
 - e. 2008 ISB Annual Meeting Presentation Committee. Contact persons are Mary Huneycutt and Wendy Olson. mshuneycutt@cableone.net, wendy.olson@usdoj.gov. Goals of committee:
 - i. Develop topics
 - ii. Recruit speakers
 - iii. Coordinate logistics with ISB
 - iv. Consider repeating presentation at other venues
 - f. Community Leadership Committee. Contact person is Valerie Charles. valerie.charles1@gmail.com Goals of committee:
 - i. 2008 Dinner with Women Legislators
 - ii. 2009 Legislative Reception
 - iii. Contact and Organize events/luncheons with women leaders in business, government
 - g. Communications Committee. Contact person is Erin Wynne. erin@angstman.com. Goals of committee:
 - i. Update website with news, events, minutes
 - ii. Announcements for each monthly luncheon, event
 - iii. Press releases for big events, awards.
 - h. The Board is looking for a volunteer to organize a North Idaho Chapter of IWL.
- VI. Monthly Luncheon. The Committee seeks new ideas for topics. Proposed topic for June is tips for taking the bar exam – presentations and Q and A with bar exam graders. The Committee encourages members to volunteer to present on this topic, or a future topic.
- VII. Bar Commissioner Race. Board Member Deb Ferguson is running for Bar Commissioner. She will be making a presentation at the Fourth District Bar Spring Case Review CLE.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 1:10.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jane Hochberg
 Secretary