

## Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

September 23, 2019 | 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
Boise Centre | Boise, ID | Room 130

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### Call to Order

Chair Owens called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. *Weber made a motion to approve the February 2019 meeting minutes. Baxter seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### Presentations

Idaho State Tax Commission: ITC Director Alan Dornfest presented on Rule changes.

Idaho Realtors Association: Max Pond presented on new legislation they are considering that would do away with the April 15th deadline for home-owners exemption applications. Their goal is to make the exemption available within 30 days of filing for all homebuyers. Pond shared that the Realtors have data for 26 counties to show how many homes were purchased that were affected by the current system. They are continuing to collect more data and are willing to share with the IAC.

#### Resolutions:

Owens shared guidelines for approving resolutions.

- IG-01 Local Option Tax for Jails (Actionable Item)

Dale said they want to narrow the definition in hopes of getting it passed by the legislature.

*Harvey moved to move IG-01 forward. Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- IG-02 Ballot Recount (Actionable Item)

*Burnett moved to move IG-02 forward to the floor. May seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

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- IG-03 LID Exemption (Actionable Item)

*Williams moved to support. Hall seconded. Motion Carried.*

- IG-04 Homeowner's Exemption (Actionable Item)

McQuade talked about importance of indexing the home-owners exemption. Alan Dornfest talked about how commercial properties have not grown in value nearly as quickly as personal properties have. if index wasn't removed in 2016, the exemption rate would be \$135,000. Dale pointed out the importance of the tax shift and mentioned the importance of noting the ripple effect.

*Anderson moved to approve Homeowner's Exemption. Harvey seconded. Motion carried.*

- IG-06 Administrative Procedures Act (Actionable Item)

Grigg talked about the unintended consequences that could occur to counties and cities if APA is changed without separating the county and city process from the state process.

*Bird moved to pass the motion. Zenner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- IG-07 Women's Suffrage (Actionable Item)

McGrane spoke of the importance of recognizing the Idaho Women 100 and encouraged support for a resolution from the Counties in support of the efforts to recognize Women's Suffrage.

*Weber moved to approve. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- IG-08 Write-in Deadline (Actionable Item)

Westburg spoke in support of the resolution.

*Mace moved to support. Kenyon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- IG-09 Brokered CDs (Actionable Item)

*Kenyon moved to support the resolution. Fry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

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- IG-10 Uncontested City Elections (Actionable Item)

*Zenner moved to support. Poulsen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- IG-11 Public Records Requests (Actionable Item)

McGrane asked if the language regarding what should be allowed to be redacted was specific. Owens said that the Coroners had discussed and they are supportive. Westburg pointed out that redacting for Clerks would be very difficult. Grigg said that the original intent was if there was personal identifying information that could be used to steal someone's identity that it would be protected. If it passed out of the committee, then it would require a lot of discussion as to what information should actually be allowed to be redacted.

*Harvey moved to table the motion. McGrane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- IG-12 Whistle-blower Liability (Actionable Item)

Grigg spoke about how the Tort Claims Act set caps in the State at \$500,000. The Whistle-Blower Act was passed after the Tort Claims Act. It was assumed that the Tort Claims Act would apply to the Whistle-Blower Act. However, the Supreme Court ruled rather recently that the Tort Claims Act does not apply to the Whistle-Blower Act because it came after the Tort Claims Act. We don't want to change the Whistle-Blower Act other than to add a \$500,000 Cap on liability to limit exposure to the taxpayers.

*Zenner moved to approve. Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- IG-13 Marriage Licenses (Actionable Item)

Farnworth presented the motion explaining that "the department" mentioned in statute has not been defined. This has led to a split among clerks regarding whether or not they need to require proof of residency in the U.S. The Clerks want to take it to the legislature to get direction so they can be consistent with the requirements across the state.

*Larson moved that IG-13 be approved. Atwood seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- IG-14 Title Fees (Actionable Item)

Baldwin spoke about wanting to have the \$14 Title Fee issued at the DMV redistributed from \$3 to Assessors and \$11 to ITD to an even split. The fees would not increase for the general public.

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*Harvey moved to approve IG-14. Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- IG-15 Property Tax Relief (Actionable Item)

Baldwin spoke about increasing all brackets on the circuit breaker. There has not been any increases since 2006. A number of vulnerable tax payers may be in a position where they can't afford their taxes. Fiscal impact estimates that there would be 6 million dollars on the circuit breaker side and another 1.8 million if veterans are included.

McQuade said that he sees this as a companion piece to the indexing proposal. The infrastructure is already in place for both which would make implementation easy.

*Harvey moved to support. Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

The IGA Committee adjourned at 4:06 pm.

**Members Present:**

Dottie Owens, Chair	Jon Weber	Brad Wills
Steve Smith, Vice Chair	Jessica Lewis	Don Hall
Henriann Westburg	Debbie Moxley-Potter	Jim Williams
Barb Fry	Sabrina Young	Wayne Schenk
Dan Anderson	Donna Atwood	Bill Baxter
Kendra Kenyan	Carrie Bird	Bob McQuade
Tom Dale	Camille Larsen	Phil McGrane
Mark Harvey	Cindy Garner	Penny Manning
Denise Gill	Colleen Poole	Doug Zenner
Abbie Mace	Glenda Poston	John Hansen
Betty Dressen	Tricia Poulsen	Doug Wallis
Brenda Farnworth	Justin Baldwin	Kathy Ackerman
Becky Peterson	Jenny Rosin	John Smith

**Visitors Present:**

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Seth Grigg	Ernie Moser	Bobbi-Jo Meuleman
Sara Westbrook	Mary Annen	Dan Olmstead
Lucky Bourn	Melissa Price-Bair	Mike Ybargun
Kathleen Atkinson	Janice West	Bryan Wewers
Kristine Lund	Rachel Burkett	Carrie May
Jessica Roach	Max Pond	Allicyn Latimer
Kathy Ireland	Miguel Legarreta	Jacquel Bruno