



SBAND Board of Governors

April 25, 2025
UND School of Law, Room 220E
3:00 PM

Minutes

Members Present: President Ted Sandberg, Debra Hoffarth, Zack Pelham, Dean Brian Pappas, Ashley Lies, Katie Schmidt, Hernando Perez, Diane Schull, Ashleigh Ensrud, Erica Hovey, Ashley Samuelson, Paul Myerchin

Staff Members Present: Tony Weiler, Jennifer Hauge

Meeting Minutes November 22, 2024, January 7, 2025, January 14, 2025, and January 21, 2025

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented [A. Lies / K. Schmidt] Motion carried.

Financial Update

Secretary/Treasurer Manly and Executive Director Weiler visited prior to the meeting to review financial information from year-end 2024, January 2025, and February 2025.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to receive the financial reports [D. Hoffarth / D. Schull] Motion carried.

Judicial Ethics Advisory Opinion

President Sandberg led a discussion about Judicial Ethics Advisory Opinion 2025-1.

Action: none required

Board Appointments / Reappointments / Recommendations to the Court

Pattern Jury Instruction Commission [2 openings]

It was duly moved and seconded to reappoint Steve Leibel [K. Schmidt / A. Lies] Motion carried

It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Drew Huska [A. Samuelson / E. Hovey] Motion carried

Annual Meeting and Awards 2025

It was duly moved and seconded to award Judge Daniel Traynor the Distinguished Service Award [Z. Pelham / D. Schull] Motion carried

It was duly moved and seconded to award Travis Finck the Gerald W. VandeWalle medal [A. Lies / A. Samuelson] Motion carried

It was duly moved and seconded to award Representative Karla Rose Hanson the Legislative Service Award [D. Hoffarth / A. Samuelson] Motion carried

It was duly moved and seconded to award Christopher Myers the Liberty Bell Award [A. Ensrud / E. Hovey] Motion carried

A. Ensrud and D. Hoffarth decided to award the Community Service Award for the NCJD to Jen Lee. Other board members are encouraged to select award recipients from their district and notify SBAND by Friday, May 2.

2025 Annual Meeting Agenda – Current schedule was provided for the Board's review. The shooting event will be held again this year, P. Myerchin will arrange and provide information.

This year is the first time in at least 13 years SBAND has had a contested election (2 candidates filed for the Secretary/Treasurer position). Discussion was held re: the best way to provide for both absentee and in-person ballots. It was unanimously decided: absentee voting will take place via Survey Monkey. SBAND will send a notice to members via email and provide a time frame for ballots to be requested. Ballots will be sent at the same time to all attorneys who request them. Ballots will be due on a set date prior to the meeting. At the meeting, attorneys will be asked to vote ONLY if they have not previously done so. Those ballots will be counted at the meeting, combined with the absentee results, and the winner announced. Both candidates will have the option of providing a ballot observer/counter.

Law School Report – Dean Brian Pappas provided an update on the UND School of Law

ABA Update – Zachary Pelham provided an ABA update

SBAND President's Report – Ted Sandberg provided an update on his activities as SBAND President.

Executive Director Report – Tony Weiler provided an update on the State Bar Association.

Strategic Planning Update – T. Weiler reported on progress of implementing SBAND Strategic Plan goals.

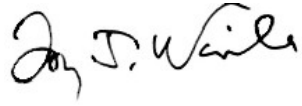
Other Business

There being no other business, it was duly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 [D. Hoffarth / A. Samuelson]

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Hauge
Staff Attorney

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony J. Weiler". The script is cursive and fluid.

Tony J. Weiler
Executive Director