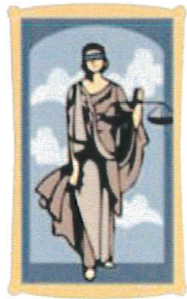


SBAND Board of Governors



State Bar Association
of North Dakota

UND School of Law
Grand Forks

April 20, 2018

Minutes

Members Present: Darcie Einarson, President; Zachary Pelham; Aubrey Fiebelkorn Zuger; Charles DeMakis; Dan Traynor; Dean Kathryn Rand; Christina Wenko; Peter Welte; Hon. Michael Hurly; Carrie Francis; Doug Bahr; Jeff Nehring; Andrew Askew; Tonya Duffy

Members Not Present: Jennifer Albaugh

Staff Members Present: Tony J. Weiler; Jeanne Schlittenhard

Guest(s): Richard LeMay

President Einarson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes February 20, 2018 [Attachments #1]

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes as written. [D. Bahr / C. DeMakis]
Motion carried.

Financial statements and vouchers –January and February 2018 [Attachments #2]

Executive Director Weiler discussed the financial statements. The financial statements were reviewed with Secretary-Treasurer Zuger prior to the board meeting.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to receive the financial reports of January and February 2018. [D. Traynor / C. Francis] Motion carried.

Search Committee UND School of Law Dean - [Attachment #3]

Executive Director Weiler reported on the meeting with Provost DiLorenza and provided the Board a copy of the letter he sent to Provost DiLorenza indicating SBAND would like one of its members to be on the Search Committee for UND's new law school Dean. The committee member would be chosen by the SBAND President. Bradley Meyers will be the interim dean, beginning July 1, 2018.

Action: No action taken.

Lawyer Referral & Information Services

President Einarson wants to form a task force to review the SBAND Lawyer Referral & Information Services program.

Action: No action taken.

Funding Proposal from Legal Services of North Dakota [Attachment #4]

Executive Director of Legal Services of North Dakota (LSND), Richard LeMay, thanked the Board of Governors for the opportunity to present a request to consider a mandatory \$100 increase to license fees, to be used for the operation of LSND. A copy of the Funding Proposal was distributed to all board members.

Discussion / Recommendation: The Board of Governors held extensive discussion regarding the dues increase request, the Foundation's pro bono fund donations to LSND, a potential increase in court filing fees, and ideas regarding possible funding campaign(s). It was recommended to place this item on a future Board of Governor's Agenda.

Action #1: It was duly moved and seconded to propose an increase in license fees to \$400 with the \$20 increase to go to Legal Services of North Dakota. [D. Traynor / C. Francis] Motion failed.

Action #2: It was duly moved and seconded to propose to the State Board of Law Examiners an option for attorneys to donate to LSND on the license fee renewal forms. [C. Francis / C. DeMakis] Motion carried.

Board Appointments / Recommendations [Attachment #4]

North Dakota Bar Foundation Board of Directors

Eight attorneys were considered for the four openings (2 patron members and 2 sustaining members) on the Foundation's Board of Directors: Lori Conroy; Kevin Chapman; Charles DeMakis; Rick Johnson; Meredith Larson; Ashley Lies; Leslie Oliver; and Ross Sundeen.

Action#1: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Charles DeMakis and Leslie Oliver as Patron members of the Board of Directors. [D. Traynor / P. Welte]. Motion carried.

Action#2: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Meredith Larson and Ross Sundeen as sustaining members of the Board of Directors. [D. Traynor / Z. Pelham]. Motion carried.

Pattern Jury Instruction Commission

Two attorneys were considered for the openings on the Pattern Jury Instruction Commission: Both are current members and are interested in reappointment.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to reappoint Kevin Chapman and Dennis Johnson to the Pattern Jury Instruction Committee. [D. Traynor / C. DeMakis] Motion carried.

Legal Services of North Dakota Board of Directors

Five attorneys were considered for the openings on the Legal Services of North Dakota Board of Directors.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Jim Wang and reappointment Laurel Forsberg, Wade Enget, Gary Ramsey, and Mary Kae Keslch to the Legal Services Board of Directors. [C. DeMakis / C. Francis] Motion carried.

Annual Meeting

Distinguished Service Award

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to award the 2018 Distinguished Service Award to Hon. M. Richard Geiger. [Z. Pelham / A. Zuger] Motion carried.

Legislative Service Award

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to award the 2018 Legislative Service Award to Senator David Hogue. [D. Traynor / C. Francis] Motion carried.

Gerald W. VandeWalle Medal

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to award the first Gerald W. VandeWalle Medal to Justice Dale Sandstrom. [P. Welte / A. Zuger] Motion carried.

Liberty Bell Award

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to award the 2018 Liberty Bell Award to Sheriff Bob Rost of Grand Forks. [P. Welte / D. Traynor]

Community Service Awards

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to award the 2018 Community Service Awards to Hon. Sonna Anderson (Bismarck); Alex Reichert (Grand Forks); and Lori Conroy (Fargo-Moorhead) [C. DeMakis / Z. Pelham] It was noted that the Board of Governors can add additional recipients as indicated.

Judicial Survey

The Board of Governors continues to recognize that the survey is an important avenue for attorneys to express their opinions. With the contested election for the seat on the North Dakota Supreme Court, SBAND will continue to conduct the judicial survey.

Action: No action taken.

Law School Report

Dean Rand updated the Board of Governors on activities at the Law School, including the recent bar passage results and the Dean Search.

ABA Delegate Report

D. Traynor reported on the ABA Days in Washington, D.C. earlier this week. The three day conference focused on funding for Legal Services Corporation. Mr. Traynor encouraged the Board of Governors to attend the Jackrabbit Bar Conference and to encourage others to attend as well. The ABA Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago in August.

Executive Director Report

- Staff planning for the 2018 Annual meeting and Jackrabbit Bar Conference continues
- Executive Director Weiler updated the Board on the Fleck and Brennan lawsuits
- SBAND has hired a part-time administrative assistant, Sue Helbling

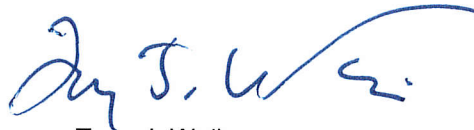
Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Schlittenhard
Associate Director



Tony J. Weiler
Executive Director