



SBAND Board of Governors

Board Room – 1st Floor
1661 Capitol Way
Bismarck ND

September 15, 2023
3:30 PM
Minutes

Members Present: President Taylor Olson, Ted Sandberg, Zachary Pelham, Dean Brian Pappas, Ashley Lies, Katie Schmidt, Hernando Perez, Diane Schull, Debra Hoffarth, Jordan Selinger, Erica Hovey, Joshua Frey, Paul Myerchin
Staff Members Present: Tony Weiler; Jennifer Hauge

President Olson called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Investment Review

Jeff Baumgartner, First International Bank and Trust provided an overview of the current status of SBAND investments.

Action: None required

Meeting Minutes June 14, 2023

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes of June 14, 2023. [T. Sandberg/J. Frey] Motion unanimously carried.

Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Manly and Executive Director Weiler visited prior to the meeting to review the financial information from April-July 2023.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the financial report as provided. [P. Myerchin/E. Hovey] Motion unanimously carried.

Annual Meeting Review

Survey results from the 2023 Annual Meeting were presented and reviewed. Discussion was held on ways to increase attendance. Suggestion was made to survey membership.

Action: None required

LAP Character and Fitness Questions

The Board reviewed a letter the Lawyer Assistance Program plans to send the Board of Law Examiners expressing concerns about certain character and fitness questions bar applicants are asked they may require them to disclose medical treatment history.

Action: None required

Donation to UND School of Law (2 to 1 match)

Proposed donation of \$50,000 from SBAND to UND School of Law to help raise \$500,000 as mandated by Legislature.

Action: Will address at next meeting

Support of UND School of Law to go through UND Foundation

UND Foundation would like to have SBAND annual donation to School of Law run through the Foundation. No fees would be assessed.

Action: Will address at next meeting

Executive Director Evaluation Process

R. Manly will work on the process of evaluating the Executive Director.

Action: None required

Law School Report

Dean Pappas provided an update on the Bar Exam pass rate and new faculty members. He hopes to travel around the state again, maybe visiting with high schools.

ABA Update

Z. Pelham attended the 2023 ABA Annual Meeting in Denver in August. Content was good and he continues to encourage attorneys to be involved with the ABA.

SBAND President's Report

President Taylor also reported good content from the ABA Annual Meeting in Denver. She echoed Z. Pelham's encouragement to be involved.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Weiler reported that Jeanne retired at the end of June. He has become more active in SBAND finances, and the transition is going well. LAP contract is also going well. He is part of the Court's taskforce to study alternative pathways to admission. Fall will be spent at judge investitures, bar swearing in ceremony on September 29, UND Homecoming October 6, and visits with local bar associations.

Other Business

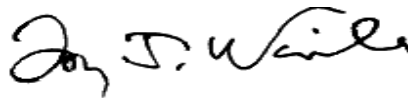
None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Hauge
Staff Attorney



Tony J. Weiler
Executive Director