



Board of Governors

SBAND

January 6, 2023
Minutes
4:00 PM

Members Present: Jennifer Albaugh, President; Hon. Doug Bahr; Taylor Olson; Rob Manly; Zachary Pelham; Ashley Lies; Katie Schmidt; Hernando Perez; Ted Sandberg; Debra Hoffarth; Jordan Selinger; Erica Hovey; Joshua Frey; Paul Myerchin

Members Absent: Dean Brian Pappas

Staff Members Present: Tony J. Weiler; Jennifer Hauge

President Albaugh called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Meeting Minutes November 18, 2022

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2022 meeting. [T. Sandberg/J. Selinger] Motion carried.

Financial Statements – October and November 2022

Executive Director Weiler reviewed the financial statements and met with Secretary-Treasurer Manly prior to the meeting. No areas of concern were identified.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to receive the financials. [T. Olson/D. Bahr] Motion carried.

Board Appointments / Recommendations

Administrative Council

One attorney applied for the opening, a list of three candidates is required by the Court.

➤ Ryan Hestbeck – Fargo

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to submit Ryan Hestbeck's name to the Court for appointment to the Administrative Council [D. Bahr/T. Sandberg] Motion carried.

Investment Policy Update

Investment Committee has met several times. RVP's were received from 3 banks; the Committee interviewed two of the banks and recommends working with First International Bank & Trust (TW negotiated fees down to 1%). Committee wants to strike a balance between growth and conservative investment. Waiting on final plan from FIBT, then Investment Committee will meet again to create investment policy statement for Board approval.

Action: No action required

North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents – 2022 Annual Report

Recruiting attorneys has been difficult statewide, and especially in the NW. Additional funds are being requested from the legislature in hopes of increasing the ability to attract and retain quality attorneys, both fulltime and contract (last rate increase was in 2012). Funds are being requested for 3 investigators for the Commission (ND is one of few state-run agencies to not have investigators). Z. Pelham requested the Board consider supporting the Commission's budget request. Hearing is Friday, January 13, Z. Pelham will be testifying as Chair of Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents and will also submit TJW's testimony on behalf of SBAND. Discussed Board members reaching out to constituents to encourage them to contact their legislators and request they support the budget as requested.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded that SBAND support the budget request of the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents [T. Sandberg/P. Myerchin] Motion carried.

Photographs of Judges in County Courthouses

Tom Dickson reached out to express concern that judge's names are not included on the photos of current and former judges in county courthouses. Discussion was held re: who is responsible for judges' pictures in the county courthouses. TW will reach out to the Court to determine how to proceed and J. Albaugh will continue communicating with T. Dickson.

Action: No action required

ABA Delegate Report

Zachary Pelham was recently appointed ABA Delegate and is looking forward to learning the role. He plans to attend mid-year meeting in New Orleans.

Law School Report

No report was presented

SBAND President's Report from Jennifer Albaugh

President Albaugh reported main item is legislative session, Board will meet weekly via Zoom on Tuesday's at 4:00 to consider the positions recommended by SBAND Legislative Committee.

Executive Director's Report

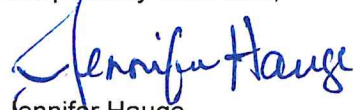
- Executive Director Weiler provided an update on staff activities, ND Free Legal Answers, section communities, and legislation
- 2023 Elections - TW will send info to members running
 - President elect
 - Secretary/treasurer
 - T. Sandberg (Northeast Central Judicial District), K. Schmidt (East Central Judicial District), P. Myerchin (South Central Judicial District), and H. Perez (Northwest Judicial District) positions are up this year
- 2023 Annual Meeting Update - Bismarck this year, planning in progress
- 2023 Awards (Past Awards included in Meeting Materials) members are encouraged to be thinking about possible award recipients

Other Business

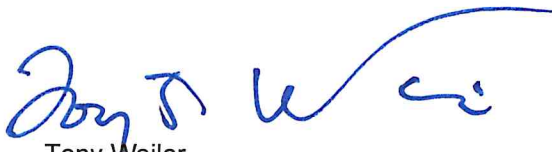
T. Olson provided an update on the Rural Justice Program - program has been filled as of early January (4 attorneys); may request 8 positions during the 2023 Legislative Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Hauge
Staff Attorney



Tony Weiler
Executive Director