



State Bar Association
of North Dakota

SBAND Board of Governors

SBAND Office / ZOOM Conference Call

April 22, 2022
3:00 PM

Minutes

Members Present: Judge Doug Bahr, President; Carrie Francis; Jennifer Albaugh; Rob Manly; Judge Daniel Traynor; Dean Michael McGinniss; Debra Hoffarth; Ted Sandberg; Jordan Selinger Tonya Duffy; Joshua Frey; Paul Myerchin; Brady Pelton; Taylor Olson; Katie Schmidt
Staff Members Present: Tony Weiler; Jeanne Schlittenhard

President Bahr called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Meeting Minutes February 5, 2022

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes of February 5, 2022. [D. Traynor / J. Albaugh] Motion unanimously carried.

Financial Statements January and February 2022

Secretary-Treasurer Manly and Executive Director Weiler met prior to the meeting to review the financial information for January and February 2022. No areas of concern were identified.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to receive the financials. [M. McGinniss / J. Frey] Motion unanimously carried.

Update – Investment Policy

Executive Director Weiler updated the Board on recent investigations regarding investment options for SBAND. He reported on a meeting with the 1st International Bank; investment management with this group would be at a fee of 1.25%.

Recommendation / Conclusion: The Board concluded composition of the Investment Policy Committee should include the Secretary-Treasurer and SBAND President elected in odd years as well as three members of the bar with 10+ years of experience. Conservative portfolio. Look at asset allocations. Send RFPs for \$500,000.

Action: No action taken.

Board Appointments /Reappointments / Recommendations to the Court

Pattern Jury Instruction Commission

The Board considered two individuals for two openings on the committee: James Hoy and Steven Leibel.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to reappoint James Hoy and Steven Leibel to an additional term on the Pattern Jury Instruction Commission. [P. Myerchin / B. Pelton]. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Awards 2022

Distinguished Service Award

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to award the 2022 Distinguished Service Award to Michael McGinniss. [D. Traynor / J. Selinger] Motion carried. [M. McGinniss abstained]

Legislative Service Award

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to award the 2022 Legislative Service Award to Senator Brad Bekkedahl. [T. Olson / D. Traynor] Motion unanimously carried.

Gerald W. VandeWalle Medal

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to award the 2022 Gerald W. VandeWalle Medal to Judge Ralph R. Erickson. [D. Traynor / J. Selinger] Motion unanimously carried.

Liberty Bell Award

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to posthumously award the 2022 Liberty Bell Award to Wayne K. Stenehjem. [T. Duffy / M. McGinniss] Motion unanimously carried.

Community Service Awards

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to award the 2022 Community Service Award to: Aaron Roseland; Travis Peterson, Taylor Olson. [D. Hoffarth /M. McGinniss] Motion carried. [T. Olson abstained] Board members to inform Executive Director Weiler if additional recipients are determined.

Dean Search Update

Board member Taylor Olson reported that the Search Committee met in Grand Forks and all four names of the finalizes were forwarded to the Provost. Ms. Olson stated the announcement should be in very near future. The Board recognized the value to the Law School and to SBAND to have Michael McGinniss continue as a staff member of the Law School.

Law School Report

Dean McGinniss stated his thanks to the Board's support and for his opportunity over the past few years to serve as the Dean of the Law School. He reported on the outcome of the February bar exam. Alexandra Sickler, J.D., named UND School of Law Archie Unterseher Endowed Professor. Work continues with the endowments, including the Wayne K. Stenehjem scholarship endowment.

ABA Update

Judge Traynor stated the ABA Meeting will be in Chicago in August 2022. Agenda should soon be published.

SBAND President's Report

President Bahr thanked Board members for support during his presidency. He and Tony Weiler are visiting and addressing local bar association meetings to update attendees on SBAND activities.

Executive Director Report

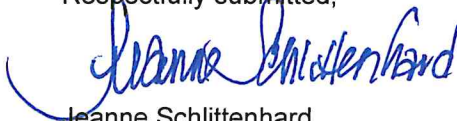
Executive Director Weiler updated the Board of Governors on the following:

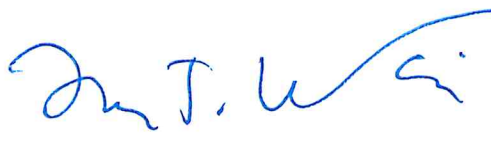
- New Bar Admissions Ceremony – Tuesday April 26
- Annual Meeting in June
- Silent Auction Thursday June 16th – encouraged Board members to participate in gathering items for the auction
- Health Insurance issue is still on-going
- Western States Bar Meeting
- Jackrabbit Bar Meeting in June
- Launching of the ND Free Legal Answers website
- Rural Attorney Recruitment Program
- CLE Commission rules regarding US Congressional members mandatory CLE reporting

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeanne Schlittenhard
Associate Director


Tony J. Weiler
Executive Director