

SBAND Board of Governors

UND School of Law
Grand Forks

February 10, 2018

Minutes



State Bar Association
of North Dakota

Members Present: Darcie Einarson, President; Charles DeMakis; Dan Traynor; Dean Kathryn Rand; Zachary Pelham; Christina Wenko; Peter Welte; Hon. Michael Hurly; Jennifer Albaugh; Carrie Francis; Doug Bahr

Members Not Present: Aubrey Fiebelkorn Zuger; Jeff Nehring; Andrew Askew; Tonya Duffy

Staff Members Present: Tony J. Weiler; Jeanne Schlittenhard

President Einarson called the meeting to order at 2:39 pm.

Meeting Minutes December 1, 2017 [Attachments #1]

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

Financial statements and vouchers –November 2017 [Attachments #2]

Executive Director Weiler reviewed the financial statements. The financial statements were reviewed with Secretary-Treasurer Zuger prior to the Board meeting. Brady Martz completed the annual audit of the SBAND financials the week of January 29, 2018.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to receive the financial report of November 2017. [P. Welte / C. Francis] Motion carried.

Client Protection Fund Committee - [Attachment #3]

The Client Protection Fund Committee met on February 7, 2018, to consider one claim filed against TaLisa Nemec and 32 claims filed against Jesse Matson. Ms. Nemec and Mr. Matson are both disbarred. Executive Director Weiler provided a report with the facts and reasons for the recommendation from the CPF Committee.

Action#1: It was duly moved and seconded to accept the recommendation from the Client Protection Fund Committee and pay the claims filed against Jesse Matson as presented in the report to the board of governors. [D. Traynor / M. Hurly] Motion carried.

Action#2: It was duly moved and seconded to accept the recommendation from the Client Protection Fund Committee and pay the claim in the amount of \$4,500 filed against TaLisa Nemec as presented in the report to the board of governors. [D. Traynor / D. Bahr] Motion carried.

Board Appointments / Recommendations [Attachment #4]

Parenting Investigator Board

Four attorneys were considered for the two openings on the Parenting Investigator Board: Sean B. Kasson; Greg Liebl; DeAnn Pladson; and Diane Schull.

Recommendation / Conclusion: It was concluded that attorneys Pladson and Schull have had extensive experience in this field and would be valuable members of the Parenting Investigator Board.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint DeAnn Pladson and Diane Schull to the Parenting Investigator Board. [D. Traynor / P. Welte]. Motion carried.

Lawyer Assistance Program

Three attorneys were considered for the opening on the Lawyer Assistance Program: Jason Butts; Carey Goetz; Seth Thompson.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Jason Butts to the Lawyer Assistance Program. [Z. Pelham / D. Bahr] Motion carried.

Judicial Candidate Survey [Attachment #5]

Executive Director Weiler reported the Judicial Candidate Survey sub-committee has reviewed the survey and submits a shortened version of the Judicial Candidate Survey. The Board discussed the issue of questions regarding moral character. Executive Director Weiler reiterated that Century Code 27-25-05 includes language on the Judicial Nominating Committee making inquiries regarding the moral character of the applicants / nominees.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the changes in the Judicial Candidate Survey as presented. [P. Welte / D. Traynor] Motion carried.

Federal Judicial Nominating Commission [Attachment #6]

Action #1: It was duly moved and seconded to remove the issue from the "table". [P. Welte / J. Albaugh] Discussion from the December 1, 2017 meeting continued. Executive Director Weiler contacted Justice Mary Muehlen Maring and she was asking the SBAND Board of Governors to support her position, and not necessarily for a formal SBAND Resolution. Weiler felt a letter of support would suffice.

Action #2: It was duly moved and seconded to send a letter of support of a Federal Judicial Nominating Commission to North Dakota's US Senators Heidi Heitkamp and John Hoeven. [D. Bahr / M. Hurly] Motion carried.

ABA Delegate Report

D. Traynor reported the mid-year meeting was held in Vancouver. Several resolutions were on the agenda. Also, ABA Days in Washington, D.C. are scheduled for April 10-12, 2018. Specifics regarding the resolutions from the Mid-Year meeting will be outlined in the Winter Gavel.

Law School Report

Dean Rand thanked the members of the Board of Governors for traveling to Grand Forks for the February 2018 meeting. In addition, she reported on the process for the Dean Search. The State Bar Association of North Dakota is committed to being active in this process.

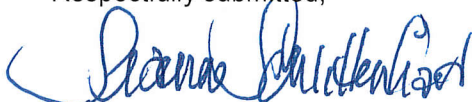
Executive Director Report

- 2018 Annual meeting planning is underway
- 2018 Awards – these will all be discussed at the April 20, 2018 meeting.
- Executive Director Weiler updated the Board on the Fleck and Brennan lawsuits
- Aubrey Zuger has indicated she will be submitting her petition for President-Elect and Daniel Traynor has completed and submitted his petition to run for re-election as ABA Delegate

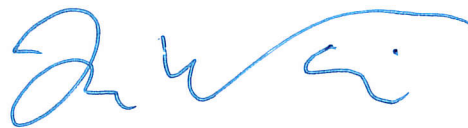
Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Schlittenhard
Associate Director



Tony J. Weiler
Executive Director