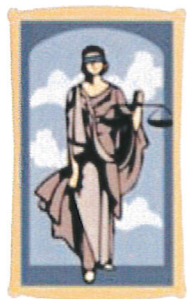


SBAND Board of Governors

UND School of Law
Grand Forks

January 14, 2017

Minutes



State Bar Association
of North Dakota

Members Present: Charles DeMakis, President; Aubrey Fiebelkorn Zuger; Dan Traynor; Dean Kathryn Rand; Zach Pelham; Kimberly Radermacher; Christina Wenko; Peter Welte; Andrew Askew; Connie Cleveland; Carrie Francis; Jeff Nehring

Members Not Present: Darcie Einarson; Joseph Wetch

Staff Members Present: Tony J. Weiler; Jeanne Schlittenhard

President DeMakis called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Andrew Askew was welcomed to the Board of Governors as the Young Lawyers representative.

Meeting Minutes November 19, 2016 and December 20, 2016 [Attachments #1]

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes as written. [D. Traynor / K. Radermacher] Motion carried.

Financial statements and vouchers – October and November 2016 [Attachments #2]

Executive Director Weiler reviewed 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 October and November 2016. [D. Traynor / P. Welte] Motion carried.

Strategic Plan - [Attachment #3]

Executive Director Weiler reviewed progress on the goals identified for 2016-2018. SBAND continues to proceed on the work on the SBAND Website. Website design and data migration are in progress. Section and Committee effectiveness is being addressed with the addition of contract services with SBAND member Jennifer Hauge. Ms. Hauge has been a staff attorney for the Pattern Jury Instruction Commission and will be the staff attorney with the Supreme Court until June 2017. She will be on contract with SBAND to continue to work with the Pattern Jury Instruction Commission as well as the SBAND sections and committees.

Action: No action required.

Board Appointments / Recommendations

Joint Committee on Attorney Standards

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to reappoint attorney Nick Thornton and non-attorney members Jeremy Bendewald and Jason Steffenhagen. [K. Radermacher / C. Cleveland]. Motion carried.

Judicial Conference

Three attorney members were considered to replace Michael Daley: Pat Weir, Sr. (Bismarck); Larry Richards (Grand Forks); and Michael Raum (Fargo).

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Larry Richards to the Judicial Conference. [P. Welte / J. Nehring]

Pattern Jury Instruction Commission - [Attachment #4]

Executive Director Weiler received a letter requesting approval for the North Dakota Supreme Court to publish the Pattern Jury Instructions via its website. . The Board of Governors supports the request with access to the Pattern Jury Instructions through a link to Casemaker on the Court's website.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve access to the Pattern Jury Instructions on the North Dakota Supreme Court by adding a link to Casemaker. [P. Welte / C. Cleveland] Motion carried.

North Dakota CLE Commission / Carry Over Hours

The North Dakota CLE Commission met recently to discuss carry over hours at the request of the Board. Executive Director Weiler distributed information on carry over hours from other states that he provided to the Commission. The Commission will meet before the April meeting to make a recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Action: No action taken.

ABA Delegate Report

D. Traynor reported the mid-year meeting will be in Miami. There are several resolutions on the agenda. SBAND Members interested in serving on an ABA Committee should be encouraged to contact Mr. Traynor.

Law School Report

Dean Rand thanked the members of the Board of Governors for traveling to Grand Forks for the January 2017.

In addition, she reported on the following:

- Envision 2030 is the Chancellor's initiative which will look at what higher education should be in North Dakota by 2030. The group(s) will look at the North Dakota University System including student success, liberal arts, and health sciences. One group will specifically review the UND School of Law. Dean Rand shared excitement in the chance to have conversations about the role of the law school and continuing to graduate attorneys that have good practices, including rural practice.
- Law school's efforts in the initiative include Energy Law. The North Dakota Law Review is conducting an Energy Symposium in Bismarck in mid-March. The Law School will be developing an on-line course with oil and gas as the topic.
- Rural Practice continues to be a priority with the Rural Justice Program. SBAND has help with funding in light of the budget cuts. The goal is to expand legal work in rural communities.
- North Dakota Promise scholarships: Dean Rand reported students with ties to North Dakota are attracted to the law school through this program. This program is funded through generous gifts from the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation.
- Budget Cuts: Dean Rand reported she attended a one day workshop for ABA Law School Deans. The deans were asked how many had to cut the size of entering classes and how many had declining applications. UND was one of the few schools that has not had to cut the size of entering class. Dean Rand updated on the staff terminations because of the budget cuts.
- Tuition: While University wide tuition will increase, Dean Rand and the UND School of Law are committed to hold on to the level of high quality educational program with affordable tuition.

Executive Director Report

- 2017 Annual meeting planning is underway. NFL referee and trial attorney Ed Hochuli has been booked for the opening session on Thursday morning. Great social events for Wednesday and Thursday evenings are being planned.
- 2017 Awards – these will all be discussed at the April 22, 2017 meeting. We have asked for nominees.
- The Lawyer Directory opt-out resulted in about 80 responses. The Directory will be printed and mailed to members in April 2017. The Board discussed the cost and efficacy of the Lawyer Directory. Board members suggested SBAND money spent on this project to be used in another way to benefit members. Most if not all of the information contained in the Lawyers and Judges Directory can be found on the internet.
Action: It was duly moved that SBAND members be notified the 2017 edition of the Lawyers and Judges Directory be the last and that the money spent on this project be used to benefit members in a project more future oriented. [C. Cleveland / P. Welte]. Motion carried.
- Executive Director Weiler updated the Board on staff activities.
- The Bank of America settlement has been received by the North Dakota Bar Foundation in the amount of about \$1,017,000. A committee has been established to discuss grant requests. Dean Rand has been involved in the discussion. Recommendations will be presented to the North Dakota Bar Foundation in the near future

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Schlittenhard
Associate Director



Tony J. Weiler
Executive Director