



SBAND Board of Governors

Radisson Hotel - Bismarck

June 17, 2015

10:15 AM

Minutes

Members Present: Jack McDonald, President; Nancy Morris; Joe Wetch; Aubrey Fiebelkorn Zuger; Dan Traynor; Dean Kathryn Rand; Charles DeMakis; Scott Jensen; Jeff Nehring; Darcie Einarson; Levi Andrist; Zachary Pelham; Lee Grossman; Beth Ebert

Guests Present: Kristen Foss, CPA and Patrick Brown, CPA - Brady Martz & Associates, P.C.

Staff Members Present: Tony Weiler; Jeanne Schlittenhard

President McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. He introduced Beth Ebert and recommended appointment to the Board of Governors as the Southwest Judicial District Representative to replace Tom Gehrz who submitted his resignation.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the recommendation of Beth Ebert to the Board of Governors as the Southwest Judicial District Representative. [L. Andrist / K. Rand] Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes April 25, 2015, May 20, 2015, May 26, 2015, and June 11, 2015 [Attachment #1]

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes. [Z. Pelham / D. Einarson] Motion carried.

Financial Statements and vouchers March and April 2015 [Attachments #2]

Executive Director Weiler reviewed the financial statements.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to receive the financials. [J. Nehring / C. Cleveland]

Annual Review of Reserve Fund Policy [Attachment #3]

Executive Director Weiler reviewed the Reserve Fund 2014 report provided to the Board of Governors. There was discussion regarding the consideration of using these funds to improve the practice of law. It was suggested this be a part of a future Board meeting as a strategic plan item.

It was the consensus of the Board of Governors to re-affirm the Reserve Fund Policy as written.

Action: No action taken.

Brady Martz 2014 Annual Report [Attachment #4]

Kristen Foss, CPA and Patrick Brown, CPA from Brady Martz & Associates presented the audit report to the Board of Governors, a copy was provided to all Board members. Ms. Foss reviewed sections of the report including the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, Statement of Functional Expenses, Statement of Cash Flows, and Note to Financial Statements. A copy of the 2014 Audited Financials is available to all members and will be distributed to members attending the 2015 General Assembly.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to receive the audit report as written and presented. Motion carried. [L. Grossman / J. Nehring]

North Dakota CLE Commission Appointment

Four lawyers were considered for appointment for three opening on the ND CLE Commission as a result of the resignation of Deborah Levchak and the terms ending for Jessica Merchant [Minot] and Robert Keogh [Dickinson]; Steven Lamb (Fargo) and Andrew Askew (Mandan).

Action#1: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Steve Lamb to the ND CLE Commission. [N. Morris / S. Jensen]. Motion carried. L. Andrist and Z. Pelham abstained from voting.

Action#2: It was duly moved and seconded to re-appoint Jessica Merchant [Minot] and Robert Keogh [Dickinson] to the ND CLE Commission. [D. Traynor / J. Nehring]. Motion carried.

North Dakota CLE Commission Chair Appointment

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to re-appoint Matt Kipp to serve as chair of the North Dakota CLE Commission. Motion carried. [S. Jensen / K. Rand] Motion carried.

General Assembly Materials [Attachment #6]

Board members were provided a copy of the General Assembly materials for review.

Action: No action taken.

Law School Update from Dean Kathryn Rand

Dean Kathryn Rand reported on the activities of the Law School including:

- The discontinuation of Central Legal Research
- Expansion of the Rural Justice Program
- ABA's new requirements to law schools and the on-going reaccreditation process.
- Dean Kathryn Rand reported on her recent appointment to the ABA's Bar Admissions Committee. This Committee is composed of state Supreme Court justices, legal academics, and bar examiners. The Committee helps to set ABA policies and standards related to licensing attorneys and serves as the principal interface between legal education and the National Conference of Bar Examiners.
- Building Project is on schedule

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Weiler updated the Board of the work activities at the Association Office. Mr. Weiler reported on Fleck v. McDonald, et al. The Keller policy continues to be revised. SBAND members have been given notice of the option of an \$0.80 refund based on calculations from the last year. He recognized and thanked Jack McDonald for his service this past year as President.

ABA Report

Daniel Traynor reported the ABA in-coming President, William Hubbard, is a member of the council of the American Law Institute and is interested in a visit to North Dakota. The ABA Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago in August.

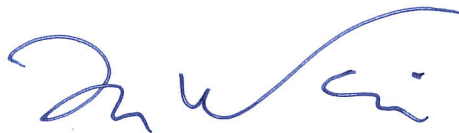
Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Schlittenhard
Associate Director



Tony J. Weiler
Executive Director