



## **SBAND Board of Governors**

Board Room – 1st Floor  
1661 Capitol Way  
Bismarck ND

November 10, 2023  
3:00 PM  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** President Taylor Olson, Ted Sandberg, Rob Manly, Zachary Pelham, Dean Brian Pappas, Katie Schmidt, Hernando Perez, Diane Schull, Jordan Selinger, Erica Hovey, Joshua Frey,

**Staff Members Present:** Tony Weiler; Jennifer Hauge

President Olson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

### **Meeting Minutes September 15, 2023**

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes of September 15, 2023. [R. Manly/H. Perez] Motion unanimously carried.

### **Financial Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Manly and Executive Director Weiler visited prior to the meeting to review the financial information from August and September 2023.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the financial report as provided. [R. Manly/D. Schull] Motion unanimously carried.

### **2024 Budget**

The SBAND Executive Committee reviewed the 2024 SBAND Budget and presented the budget to the Board of Governors. Executive Director Weiler reviewed the Revenue and Expense Budgets and addressed any questions or concerns from the Board. Ms. Hauge left the meeting during a portion of this discussion. Executive Director Weiler left the meeting while the Board discussed the proposed salaries. The Board of Governors approved the proposed salaries for 2024.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the proposed SBAND 2024 Budget as presented [T. Sandberg/J. Selinger]. Motion carried by consensus of the Board.

It was further duly moved and seconded to approve the proposed 2024 salaries as discussed and approved by the Board. [T. Sandberg/D. Schull] Motion carried by consensus of the Board.

### **Board Recommendations / Appointments / Reappointment**

#### **Disciplinary Board – South Central Judicial District**

Elizabeth Elsberry is eligible for reappointment.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to recommend Elizabeth Elsberry be reappointed to the Disciplinary Board [T. Sandberg/H. Perez] Motion carried.

#### **Disciplinary Board – East Central District**

Dan Dunn is not eligible for reappointment.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to forward the following three names to the Court: Ross Nilson, Katie Nechiporenko, and Angie E. Lord [T. Sandberg/Z. Pelham] Motion carried

### **Disciplinary Board – Northeast Central Judicial District**

Sarah Barron is not eligible for reappointment. SBAND sent a request for volunteers/nominations and no names were received. T. Weiler will work on soliciting volunteers and submit those names to the Court for consideration.

Action: None required

### **SBAND Investment Committee Update**

The Investment Committee met in early October and suggested reinvesting some CD's at higher rates, which has been done. The committee will meet again in early 2024.

Action: None required

### **Donation to UND School of Law (2 to 1 match)**

Proposed donation of \$50,000 from SBAND to UND School of Law to help raise \$500,000 as mandated by Legislature.

Action: Will address at next meeting

### **Donation to UND School of Law/School of Law support to run through UND Foundation**

UND Foundation would like to have SBAND annual donation to School of Law run through the Foundation. No fees would be assessed.

SBAND currently donates \$22,000 annually to the law school, and the practice has been to allocate those resources to the law review. The Dean would like to use excess funds available to pursue ways to keep students in North Dakota after graduation.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to allow the Dean to use Law Review funds for retention/recruitment of attorneys to practice in North Dakota. [T. Sandberg/D. Schull] Motion carried.

### **Client Protection Fund Discussion**

Fund can be used when an attorney passes away and there are no funds available in trust for clients. CPF claims are limited to \$25,000 per claimant or \$75,000 per lawyer. Christine Reiersen has been appointed as trustee for Tom Slorby. She reviewed client claims and has identified amounts owed based on services provided.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to pay the claims in the amount of \$29,277.69 as presented. [T. Sandberg/R. Manly] Motion carried.

### **Law School Report**

Dean Pappas provided an update on the School of Law. The VandeWalle courtroom celebrated a successful reopening. The Dean hopes to make more visits around ND as he continues to work on recruiting.

### **ABA Update**

Z. Pelham will be attending the ABA meeting in Louisville in early February. He continues to encourage attorneys to be involved with the ABA.

### **SBAND President's Report**

President Taylor reported on the swearing in ceremony, investitures, and judicial nominating committee meetings she has been attending. She also plans to attend the meeting in Louisville

She suggested bringing in someone from ALPS to present on strategic planning. She also suggested forming a Wellness Committee.

#### **Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Weiler reported that the transition following Jeanne's retirement is going well, and the LAP contract has been successful. Living in an Adult World was published again this year. The Bar Foundation will be meeting to award grants and IOLTA funds. Judicial Nominating has been busy. The Court is launching online license renewal this year.

#### **Other Business**

The Board will meet Saturday, January 13 in Grant Forks. The Board will be attending the UND hockey game that evening and each member is welcome to bring a guest.

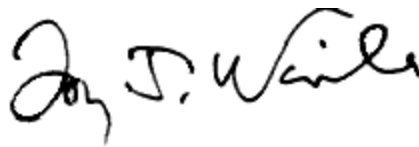
T. Sandberg will attend the Western States meeting in 2024 and T. Olson will attend in 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Hauge  
Staff Attorney

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony J. Weiler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Tony J. Weiler  
Executive Director