



SBAND Board of Governors
Board Room – 1st Floor
1661 Capitol Way
Bismarck ND

September 13, 2024
3:00 PM

Minutes

Members Present: President Ted Sandberg, Taylor Olson, Debra Hoffarth, Zack Pelham, Dean Brian Pappas, Ashley Lies, Katie Schmidt, Hernando Perez, Diane Schull, Ashleigh Ensrud, Amanda Engelstad, Erica Hovey, Ashley Samuelson, Paul Myerchin

Staff Members Present: Tony Weiler, Jennifer Hauge

Guest Present: Jen Lee, Executive Director, Legal Services of North Dakota

President Sandberg called the meeting to order at 3:07.

Meeting Minutes June 12, 2024, June 14, 2024, and July 15, 2024

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes from June 12, 2024, June 14, 2024, and July 15, 2024 [T. Olson / D. Hoffarth] Motion carried.

LSND Update

Jen Lee, Executive Director of Legal Services of North Dakota, provided an update on activities at LSND

Action: None required

Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Manly and Executive Director Weiler visited prior to the meeting to review the current financial information.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to receive the financial reports [T. Olson / A. Lies] Motion carried.

Update on SBAND Investment Policy

Executive Director Weiler presented the current SBAND investment policy for review. The Investment Committee will meet annually to review the policy and suggest any changes to the Board.

Action: None required

Annual Meeting Survey Results

The Board reviewed the survey results from the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Action: None required

Section discussion

Discussion was held re: the purpose and goals of the SBAND sections. Further discussion will be held during the Board's strategic planning, to be scheduled for late winter 2025.

Action: None required

Contract Execution Policy

The Board needs to adopt a policy to designate who is authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of SBAND.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to authorize the Executive Director or their designee to execute contracts on behalf of the State Bar Association of North Dakota [D. Hoffarth / P. Myerchin] Motion carried.

Economic Survey Results

The Board reviewed the results of the 2024 Economics of Practice Survey.

Action: None required

Rule Review From Court

The Board reviewed proposed changes to Admission to Practice Rules 2, 3, and 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.16 and 5.5, and Continuing Legal Education Rule 4.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to support all changes as proposed [T. Olson / Z. Pelham] Motion carried.

Committee Appointment – A lay member is needed to fill a term ending January 1, 2026. Board members are asked to think of candidates for consideration at the November meeting.

Action: None required

Executive Director Evaluation Process – R. Manly will send the evaluations and results will be discussed at the November meeting.

Action: None required

Law School Report - Dean Brian Pappas provided an update on the School of Law.

Action: None required

ABA Update – Z. Pelham provided an ABA update. He attended the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago in August and will attend the next meeting in Arizona in February 2025.

Action: None required

SBAND President's Report – President Sandberg provided his president's report. He plans to meet with Dean Pappas to discuss ideas to increase the number of attorneys in ND.

Action: As required

Executive Director Report – T. Weiler provided an update on SBAND.

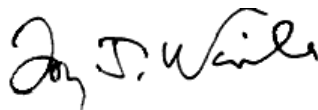
Action: None required

There being no other business, it was duly moved and seconded to adjourn at 5:02 [D. Hoffarth / P. Myerchin] Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Hauge
Staff Attorney



Tony J. Weiler
Executive Director