



SBAND Board of Governors

SBAND Office / Telephone Conference Call
Bismarck, ND

July 9, 2020
8:00 AM

Minutes

Members Present: Carrie Francis, President; Aubrey Fiebelkorn-Zuger; Judge Doug Bahr; Judge Dan Traynor; Dean Michael McGinniss; Jennifer Albaugh; Ted Sandberg; Taylor Olson; Jordan Selinger; Joshua Frey; Brady Pelton

Members Absent: Tonya Duffy; Deb Hoffarth

Staff Members Present: Tony Weiler; Jeanne Schlittenhard

SBAND President Carrie Francis called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.

Board of Governors District Representative South Central Judicial District

As a result of Judge Doug Bahr's election as President-Elect, SBAND advertised an opening and received applications for appointment by President Francis. President Francis appointed Paul Myerchin of Bismarck.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to concur with President Francis' appointment of Paul Myerchin as Board of Governors SC District Representative. [D. Traynor / T. Sandberg] Motion carried.

Designation of Secretary-Treasurer

Three applicants were considered for the open Secretary-Treasurer position due to the resignation of Pat Ward: Rob Manly (Fargo); Jessica Merchant (Minot); Rachel Bruner (Bismarck).

Recommendation / Conclusion: The Board discussed the applications and agreed that all three candidates were well qualified.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to designate Rob Manly as the Secretary-Treasurer. [T. Sandberg / J. Albaugh] Motion carried.

Client Protection Fund – CPF Committee Recommendation

The Client Protection Fund Committee received a claim from Ross Thomas in the amount of \$17,000 against attorneys John Bruhn (deceased) and Marla Bruhn. Board members were provided information including the Claim Form and Court Ledger of Actions. The CPF Committee is recommending the full amount of the claim be paid.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to pay the full claim amount submitted. [M. McGinnis / T. Olson] Motion carried.

SBAND Website – Wefald proposal on book Moments

Judge Wefald donated copies of his book, Moments, to the North Dakota Bar Foundation. Books sold for \$10 and all proceeds went to the Foundation. Judge Wefald is now proposing the book Moments and a subsequent book Moments Later, be available for purchase, with proceeds to the Foundation, on the SBAND website.

Action #1: It was duly moved and seconded to allow the books to be hosted on SBAND Website. [T. Sandberg / J. Selinger]. Motion failed. It was recommended SBAND create a policy to require an outside link for book purchases/donations to separate website link. This policy will be reviewed at the September 18, 2020 Board of Governors meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Schlittenhard
Associate Director

Tony J. Weiler
Executive Director