



State Bar Association
of North Dakota

SBAND Board of Governors

NDACo. Board Room
1661 Capitol Way
Bismarck, North Dakota

November 16, 2018
3:00 PM

Minutes

Members Present: Zack Pelham, President; Darcie Einarson; Aubrey Fiebelkorn-Zuger; Pat Ward; Dan Traynor; Dean Brad Myers; Peter Welte; Jennifer Albaugh; Tonya Duffy; Carrie Francis; Christina Wenko; Judge Mike Hurly; Judge Doug Bahr

Members Absent: Andrew Askew; Taylor Olson

Staff Members Present: Tony Weiler; Jeanne Schlittenhard

President Pelham called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM

Meeting Minutes September 14, 2018 [Attachment #1]

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes (with minor editorial corrections) of the September 14, 2018 meeting [D. Bahr / C. Francis] Motion carried.

Financial Statements and August and September 2018 [Attachments #2]

Executive Director Weiler and Secretary-Treasurer Ward reviewed the financial statements prior to the meeting. There were no concerns with the financials.

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to receive the financials. [P. Welte / J. Albaugh] Motion carried.

2019 Budget [Attachment #3]

The SBAND Executive Committee has approved the 2019 SBAND Budget as presented to the Board of Governors. Executive Director Weiler reviewed the Revenue and Expense Budgets and addressed any questions or concerns from the Board.

Action #1: It was duly moved and seconded to continue to distribute 100% of the Client Protection monies to the Client Protection Fund. The split of funds to Client Protection / Lawyer Assistance Program will continue to be reviewed annually. Motion carried by consensus of the Board

At this point in the meeting Executive Director Weiler and Ms. Schlittenhard were not present. The Board of Governors revised the proposed salaries for 2019.

Action #2: It was duly moved and seconded to approve the proposed SBAND 2019 Budget and salaries as revised. Motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Legislative Policy Review [Attachment #4]

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to reaffirm the Legislative Policy [November 16, 2018]. [T. Duffy / C. Francis] Motion carried.

Request from Legal Services of North Dakota

Legal Services of North Dakota (LSND) continues to explore proposed legislation for opportunities for additional funding for their operations. At this point, no definitive legislative language has been submitted to SBAND.

Action: It was the consensus of the Board of Governors to authorize Executive Director Weiler to work with LSND as needed and relay to LSND that the Board of Governors understands the financial needs of LSND.

Disaster Preparedness

President Pelham stated he would like for SBAND to have Disaster Plans drafted for 1) SBAND as an Association and 2) Law Firms in North Dakota. This will be an agenda item for February 2019.

Action: No action required.

Board Appointments / Recommendations

Disciplinary Board – Northwest Judicial District

Three attorneys are considered for recommendation to the court: Kevin J. Chapman (Williston); Jeff Nehring (Williston); and Jordan Everett (Williston).

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to recommend Kevin Chapman, Jeff Nehring, and Jordan Everett for the Court's consideration for appointment to the Disciplinary Board. [D. Traynor / A. Zuger] Motion carried.

Disciplinary Board – Northeast Judicial District

Action: It was duly moved and seconded to recommend Cameron Sillers for the Court's consideration for reappointment to the Disciplinary Board. [D. Bahr / D. Traynor] Motion carried.

North Dakota CLE Commission

There are two openings on the North Dakota CLE Commission. Nine applications or nominations were received.

Action #1: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Judge James Gion (Dickinson) to the North Dakota CLE Commission. [M. Hurly / D. Traynor] Motion carried.

There are two openings on the North Dakota CLE Commission. Ten applications or nominations were received.

Action #2: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Quentin Wenzel (Langdon) to the North Dakota CLE Commission. [M. Hurly / D. Traynor] Motion carried.

Joint Committee on Attorney Standards

Two attorneys were considered for appointment to the JCAS: Chris Cerney, Fargo, and Paul Myerchin, Bismarck. One non-attorney individual was considered for appointment: SuAnn Olson Fargo.

Action #1: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Paul Myerchin to the Joint Committee on Attorney Standards. [D. Bahr / T. Duffy]. Motion carried.

Action #2: It was duly moved and seconded to appoint SuAnn Olson, Eide Bailly, LLP, Fargo, to the Joint Committee on Attorney Standards. [D. Bahr / T. Duffy]. Motion carried.

Law School Update from Dean Brad Myers

Dean Brad Myers updated the Board on Law School activities including student activities, faculty, and the Dean search.

ABA Report from Dan Traynor

Mr. Traynor reported the ABA Midyear meeting will be in Las Vegas in January 2019. No specified issues are in the forefront at this time; law education will most likely be a subject of discussions. Mr. Traynor will issue a more detailed report in the upcoming *Gavel*.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Weiler reported Social Media work is going forward. Look for news on Facebook, twitter, etc.
- SBAND is developing an App for the SBAND Annual Meeting
- Fleck Lawsuit is still pending.
- Staff evaluations will be conducted subsequent to the salary adjustments for 2019
- February 23, 2019, the Board will meet in Grand Forks followed by a hockey game

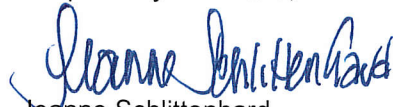
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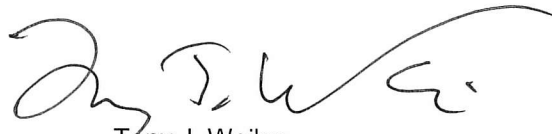
President Pelham updated the Board on his involvement in the Dean Search. In addition, he and Executive Director Weiler will be traveling to local bar association meetings. Meetings are scheduled with Ward County Bar Association, Lake Region Bar Association, Greater Grand Forks County Bar Association, the Upper Missouri Bar Association and the Big Muddy Bar Association.

President-Elect Zuger reported on the Women's Fall Retreat recently held in Havana, North Dakota. It was a very successful gathering with great networking opportunities. The Women Lawyers Section extends thanks to SBAND for the sponsorship of this event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanne Schlittenhard
Associate Director


Tony J. Weiler
Executive Director