



State Bar Association
of North Dakota

SBAND Board of Governors

SBAND

April 18, 2009

8:30 AM

Members Present: Dave Maring, President; David Petersen; Michael Williams; James Hill; Sandi Tabor; Nancy Morris; Fallon Kelly; Robert Keogh; Dean Kathryn Rand

Members Absent: Jane Dynes; Dennis Johnson; Kristi Pettit; Swain Benson

Staff Members Present: William A. Neumann; Jeanne Schlittenhard

President Maring called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2009 [Attachment #1]

Action #1: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to amend the Reserve Fund Policy (editorial corrections). [D. Petersen / S. Tabor]

Action #2: The minutes were received and approved with the corrections to the Reserve Fund Policy. [M. Williams / S. Tabor]

Financial Statements and Vouchers –February 2009 [Attachment # 2]

Executive Director Neumann reviewed the February 2009 Financial Reports.

Action: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to receive the financials. [S. Tabor / R. Keogh]

2009 Amended Revenue and Expense Budgets [Attachment 3]

Executive Director Neumann reported the amended budget is submitted to reflect to the dues refund to be issued to the members in 2009.

Action: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to approve the amended budget. [M. Williams / S. Tabor]

Absentee Ballot Procedures -Constitutional Amendments [Attachment #7]

W. Neumann reported SBAND has a Board approved policy on absentee ballots for elections; a policy on absentee ballots for constitutional amendments is submitted to the Board for approval.

Recommendation / Conclusion: By consensus the Board agreed to review both procedures at the June 9, 2009, Board meeting to review for consistency.

Action: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to adopt the absentee ballot policy as submitted for the constitutional amendment that will be presented to the membership at the General Assembly on June 12, 2009. [M. Williams / F. Kelly]

Annual Meeting Update

President Maring updated the Board on the planning progress of the Annual Meeting; he commended Mitch Armstrong's leadership in the planning committee which includes nine young lawyers.

2009 Awards [Attachment 4]

Community Service Awards

Board members were asked to submit names of the Community Service Award to SBAND Staff.

Liberty Bell Award

The Board did not come to a consensus on a candidate; the Liberty Bell Award will not be awarded in 2009.

Ratification of State Bar Presidents' Letter in Support of Legal Services Corporation Funding

Action: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to authorize President Maring to sign in support of Legal Services Corporation Funding. [S. Tabor / F. Kelly]

Board appointment / reappointment NDBF Board of Directors [Attachment #5]

Jack McDonald's term on the NDBF Board of Directors expires in June 2009; he is eligible for reappointment.

Action: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to reappoint Jack McDonald to serve on the North Dakota Bar Foundation's Board of Directors. [S. Tabor / M. Williams]

SBAND Fee Arbitration Program [Attachment #6]

Director Neumann reported the current Fee Arbitration Program requires review.

Recommendation / Conclusion: It was recommended the staff review and develop a revised policy/plan on the SBAND Fee Arbitration Program to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Governors.

Action: No action taken.

"Stuff from Bill"

Spring Admissions Ceremony is May 11, 2009, at 4:00 PM at the Supreme Court. Board members are encouraged to attend if possible.

Director Neumann updated the Board members on the cooperative effort with the Minnesota State Bar Association to assist in the flood disaster. Each state has established separate intake lines to receive calls from those affected by the flood.

Western States Bar Association

Sandi Tabor has volunteered to represent North Dakota to serve in the leadership [President] of the Western States Bar Association.

Jack Rabbit Bar Association Meeting

The 2009 Jack Rabbit Bar Association meeting is in New Mexico; in 2010 North Dakota is hosting the Jack Rabbit Bar Meeting in Fargo.

Action: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to authorize up to two SBAND staff to attend the 2009 Jack Rabbit Bar Association Meeting. [S. Tabor / M. Williams]

Other Business

President Maring reported on the Task Forces(s):

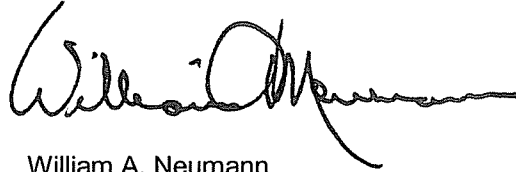
Jane Dynes, Chair of the Young Lawyer Involvement Task Force has scheduled an initial meeting.
Sandi Tabor, Chair of the Pro Bono Task Force has scheduled the initial meeting on Monday, April 20, 2009.

There being no further business, President Maring adjourned the meeting at 11:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Schlittenhard
Associate Director



William A. Neumann
Executive Director