



State Bar Association  
of North Dakota

## SBAND Board of Governors

Minutes  
June 9, 2009  
6:30 pm

Governor's Room  
Best Western Ramkota Hotel  
Bismarck

**Members Present:** Dave Maring, President; David Petersen; Jane Dynes; Michael Williams; James Hill; Sandi Tabor; Nancy Morris; Fallon Kelly; Robert Keogh; Kristi Pettit; Swain Benson

**Members Absent:** Dennis Johnson; Dean Kathryn Rand

**Staff Members Present:** William A. Neumann; Jeanne Schlittenhard

President Maring called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. He acknowledged this is David Petersen's last meeting. President Maring thanked Mr. Petersen for his many years of service on the Board of Governors.

### **Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2009 [Attachment #1]**

**Action:** It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to receive the minutes of the April 18, 2009, Board of Governors meeting. [J. Hill / S. Tabor]

### **Financial Statements and Vouchers –March and April 2009 [Attachment # 2]**

Executive Director Neumann reviewed the March and April 2009 Financial Reports.

**Action:** It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to receive the financials. [M. Williams / J. Hill]

### **Report: Young Lawyer and Law Student Liaison Committee**

M. Williams, Committee Chair reported on the success of the Mentor Program at the UND School of Law. Sixty-five students were involved and all have been assigned mentors. Mr. Williams commended the Trial Lawyers Association and the State Bar Association of North Dakota on volunteering and participating to be mentors.

**Actions:** No action taken.

### **Review Absentee Ballot Procedures [Attachments #3]**

**Action:** It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to authorize a working group of the President, Immediate Past President and President Elect to work with Director Neumann and present proposed drafts to the Board of Governors at the September 19, 2009, meeting. [J. Hill / J. Dynes]

**CLE Commission Appointment / Reappointment [Attachment #4]**

There are two openings on the North Dakota CLE Commission, Constance Cleveland has completed her second term and Mark Douglas is eligible for reappointment. Three applicants have submitted their names for consideration.

**Action #1:** It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to reappoint Mark Douglas to the CLE Commission. [M. Williams / R. Keogh]

**Action #2:** It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to appoint Douglas A. Goulding to the CLE Commission. [M. Williams / S. Tabor]

**CLE Commission Chair Appointment**

**Action:** It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to appoint Lisa McEvers as chair of the CLE Commission. [K. Pettit / S. Tabor]

**Court Services Administration Committee - Appointment / Reappointments [Attachment #4]**

There is an opening on the Court Services Administrative Committee as a result of the completion of the first term of James S. Hill.

**Action:** It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to appoint James S. Hill to the Court Services Administration Committee for a second term. [S. Tabor / J. Dynes]

**Administrative Council Report -task force to identify future need of court reporters [Attachment #6]**

J. Hill reported the Administrative Council has voted to form a task force to identify the future need for stenographic court reports in the North Dakota judicial system and pursue a plan to increase the number of candidates to meet this need. Chief Justice VandeWalle will appoint members to this task force.

**Recommendation / Conclusion:** It was recommended that Dann Greenwood [Dickinson] and Paul Sanderson [Bismarck] be contacted to inquire if they would be willing to serve on this task force and if Mr. Greenwood and/or Mr. Sanderson agree, their names be submitted to Chief Justice VandeWalle.

**Action:** It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to authorize the SBAND President to submit names to Chief Justice VandeWalle. [J. Hill / S. Tabor]

**Rule 1.15**

W. Neumann updated the Board on the New Ethics Rule on Trust Accounts.

**Recommendation / Conclusion:** It was recommended information be distributed to the membership via electronic mail notifications and to present an IVN seminar on the new Ethics Rule on Trust Accounts. The seminar and the information should be provided to the membership upon request at no cost.

**Action:** It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to present an SBAND Free Ethics IVN regarding the New Ethics Rule on Trust Accounts before August 1, 2009. [S. Tabor / J. Hill]

**Report of Jack Rabbit Bar Association meeting**

J. Dynes reported on the 2009 Jack Rabbit Bar Association Meeting in New Mexico. The Jack Rabbit Bar Association will be held in Fargo in June 2010.

**Action:** No action taken.

