



State Bar Association
of North Dakota

SBAND Board of Governors

Minutes
June 10, 2008
6:30 pm

Board Room – AALTOS Garden Café
Canad Inn – Grand Forks

Members Present: Dave Petersen, President; Lawrence King; Dave Maring; James Hill; Kristi Pettit; Jane Dynes; Fallon Kelly; Robert Keogh; Sandi Tabor; Dean Paul LeBel; Mike Williams; Swain Benson

Members Absent: Dennis Johnson

Staff Members Present: William A. Neumann; Jeanne Schlittenhard

President Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2008 [Attachment #1]

Action#1: The minutes were received and approved with minor corrections. [K. Pettit /S Tabor]

Financial Statements and Vouchers –February, March, and April 2008 [Attachment # 2]
W. Neumann reviewed the Financial Reports.

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

Planning / Updates

Law Related Education

Nothing specific to report, program is operating successfully.

Lawyer Assistance Program

The program is operating successfully. W. Neumann reported SBAND has received a utilization report on Member Assistance Program.

Trust Account Task Force

Chair J. Dynes will be presenting a report at the General Assembly.

Mentorship Program with Law Students

The program has been very successful this first year.

SBAND Website Improvement Project

Nothing specific to report since the last meeting; staff is in the process of reviewing software programs that can be integrated with our website.

Custody and Visitation Task Force

Chair, Sherry Mills Moore will present a report to the Board (further on the agenda) as well as to the General Assembly.

Starion Financial update

W. Neumann distributed a copy of the additional insurance coverage requested of Starion Financial for the SBAND accounts. In response to a question from D. Maring, F. Kelly checked the internet and reported Kansas Banker's Surety Company has an A++ rating.

Public Relations Campaign

D. Maring stated at the September, 2008, Board of Governors meeting, he will submit a proposal regarding a possible contractual agreement with a public relations group to promote the importance of a fair and impartial judiciary and the positive aspects of the legal profession and the impact on to our state.

Action: No action taken.

CLE Commission Appointment / Reappointments [Attachment #4]

Roger Minch has completed his second term and Lisa McEvers has completed her first term.

Action#1: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to reappoint Lisa McEvers to a second term on the CLE Commission. [J. Hill / S. Tabor]

Action#2: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to appoint Thomas Jackson to the CLE Commission. [R. Keogh / S. Tabor]

CLE Commission Chair Appointment

Action: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to reappoint Constance Cleveland as Chair of the CLE Commission. [J. Hill / S. Tabor]

Report of Jack Rabbit Bar Association meeting

J. Dynes reported on the 2008 Jack Rabbit Bar Association meeting. She reported she was elected to be the "chancellor" in 2010, and the 2010 Jack Rabbit Bar Association meeting will be held in North Dakota.

Report: Custody & Visitation Task Force [Attachment #5]

Chair Sherry Mills Moore reported on the work of the Custody & Visitation Task Force. She reviewed the task assigned to the committee and the work completed by committee members. The Task Force has recommended amendments to family law statutes that will replace negative terms like "custody" and "visitation" with parenting schedule, parenting time, residential responsibility and decision-making responsibility. Other proposed changes include a requirement for parenting plans, and the creation of parenting coordinators.

Action: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to approve the proposals from the Custody & Visitation Task Force and the State Bar Association of North Dakota endorses the report of Custody & Visitation Task Force. [J. Hill / J. Dynes]

Resolution: SBAND Civil Legal Assistance Committee [Attachment #6]

W. Neumann reported on the resolution as submitted by the Civil Legal Assistance Committee.

Recommendation / Conclusion: The Board discussed the resolution and concluded an interim task force be assigned to review SBAND's Civil Legal Assistance Program and to make recommendations regarding solutions to the low number of pro bono case placements. The Board members did note that the greatest need is in family law and that fewer attorneys are practicing family law.

Action: It was duly moved, seconded, and carried to authorize President-Elect Dave Maring to form a small Pro Bono Advisory Working Group, to make recommendations on how to move forward on improvements in this SBAND program. [R. Keogh / S. Tabor]

Annual Meeting Update [Attachment #7]

D. Petersen assigned Board members to speaker introductions. The agenda for the General Assembly was reviewed.

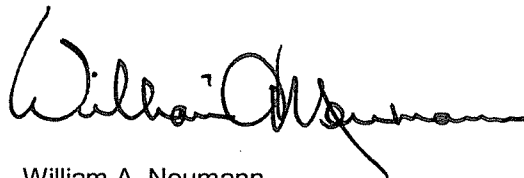
"Stuff" from Bill

There being no further business, President Petersen adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Schlittenhard
Associate Director



William A. Neumann
Executive Director