**Student Bar Association**

**Board of Governors April 2020 Meeting**

1. Role Call
   1. Missing:
      1. Wendy Carlson
      2. Christiaan van Lierop
2. Approval of Agenda
   1. Someone moved, someone seconded
      1. Unanimous approval
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. Jeff moved, Jordan seconds
      1. Unanimous approval
4. President’s Statement
   1. Thank you
5. Treasurer’s Final Report
   1. Sent to everyone, no major questions
6. Old Business
   1. Senior Boat Cruise - $5,000 – Tamara Ristow
      1. Dean L. said it was okay to reserve funds, but should have a contingency plan
      2. Madison moves to allocate $5k to boat cruise, Jeff seconds
         1. Approve 13
         2. Object 0
         3. Abstained 3
      3. Jeff move $4k to scholarships and $1k to history center, Tamara seconds
         1. Approve 11
         2. Object
         3. Abstained 7
7. New Business
   1. $1,677.70 – Purchase of Containers for Recycling, Trash, and Organics/Composting – Andy Tayor
      1. This amount would provide 24 blue recycling containers and 24 container lids ($1,114) and three sets of containers for trash, recycling, and organics/composting -- two of which would be in Hachey Commons and one of which would be in the kitchen next to the Board room ($563.70). The school has agreed to pick up the tab for composting bags, organics bins, and the monthly service fee to haul organics waste away. They estimate that we can divert 18% of our weekly waste -- or 7.56 yards per week or our 42 yards of weekly waste -- toward the organic service. Over the long run this can save the school money because organics waste is not taxable.
      2. Andy motions and Bill seconds
         1. Approve 17
         2. Object 0
         3. Abstained 1
   2. Bylaw Amendments – Andy Taylor
      1. Motion to Suspend Bylaws—7a
         1. Student clubs/orgs to use video conferencing
         2. Students from all enrollment types to be on Ways and Means Committee
      2. Andy motions to suspend bylaws;
   3. MN Bar Exam – Simone Washington and Hannah Young
      1. Cancel July bar exam
      2. Refund paid exam fees
      3. Installing diploma privilege
      4. Online Exam to be Licensed Only in MN
      5. Notes:
         1. Request to sign petition to state bar examiners
   4. Allocation of non-allocated Funds (see page 5 for proposed options)
      1. Funds after allocation: $64,461.05
      2. Where:
         1. Madison motions, Jeff seconds to talk about it
            1. Unanimous approval
         2. Donate all remaining funds to the COVID-19 emergency fund; Madison motions and Jeff seconds
            1. Approve 13
            2. Object 4
            3. Abstained 1
   5. Elections
      1. Election Report – Jesse Green
         1. Approval of Election Results
      2. Motion to approve elections results Jeff motions, Hannah seconds
         1. Approve 14
         2. Object 3
         3. Abstained 1
      3. Jeff moves to dissolve the 2019-2020 board of governors; Hannah seconds
         1. Unanimous approval
   6. Swearing in of 2020-2021 SBA Board of Governors

“I swear to dutifully uphold the Constitution and Bylaws and serve the best interests of my fellow students and this school to the best of my ability throughout my term in office.”

1. Amber swears in new board
   1. Brian Boggs
   2. Andy Taylor
   3. Wendy Carlson

Charles Tirey

1. Adjournment
   1. Amber move to adjourn, Brandi seconds
      1. Unanimous approval

For those of you sticking around next year For those of you gone for good



**2019-2020 SBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS ROSTER**

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| **POSITION** | **NAME** |
| PRESIDENT | Maleah Otterson |
| VICE PRESIDENT | Madison Vandenberg |
| TREASURER | Jeffrey Smith |
| SECRETARY | Hannah Bocken |
| AT-LARGE | DeAjiha Perry |
| ABA | Myles Artis |
| 4L | Maria Campell |
| 3L FT REP | Tamara Ristow |
| 3L FT REP | Simone Washington |
| 3L EVENING |  |
| 3L WEEKEND |  |
| 3L EJD |  |
| 2L FT REP | Wendy Carlson |
| 2L FT REP | Christiaan van Lierop |
| 2L EVENING | Kathryn Holahan |
| 2L WEEKEND | Steven Haupert |
| 2L EJD | Megan Miller |
| 1L SECTION 1 | Andrew Taylor |
| 1L SECTION 2 | Ellen Currier |
| 1L SECTION 3 | Hannah McCallum |
| 1L SECTION 4 | William Seiler |
| 1L EJD |  |
| HYBRID COHORT 1 |  |
| HYBRID COHORT 2 |  |
| HYBRID COHORT 3 | Jesse Green |
| HYBRID COHORT 4 | Jordan Scofield |
| HYBRID COHORT 5 | Brandy Mai |
| HYBRID COHORT 6 | Jacob Heck |
| JUDICIAL COUNCIL | Carly Johnson |
| JUDICIAL COUNCIL | Aaron White |
| JUDICIAL COUNCIL | Whitney Alston |

Highlighted = not sworn in

**2020-2021 SBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS ROSTER**

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| **PRESIDENT** | Amber Goodwin |
| **VICE PRESIDENT** | Kristy Hanson |
| **TREASURER** | Micah Alsobrook |
| **SECRETARY** | Hannah Bocken |
| **AT-LARGE** | Dare Sims |
| **ABA** | Brandy Mai |
| **4L DAY** |  |
| **EJD COHORT 1** |  |
| **4L WEEKEND** | Charles Tirey |
| **3L DAY** | Wendy Carlson |
| **3L DAY** |  |
| **3L EVENING** |  |
| **3L WEEKEND** | Steven Haupert |
| **EJD COHORT 2** | Austyn Boothe |
| **2L DAY** | Ellen Currier |
| **2L DAY** | William Seiler |
| **2L EVENING** | Andy Taylor |
| **EJD COHORT 3** | Mark Doll |
| **HYBRID COHORT 4** |  |
| **HYBRID COHORT 5** | Brian Boggs |
| **HYBRID COHORT 6** | Jacob Heck |
| **1L SECTION 1 (EVENING)** | Elected in the Fall 2020 |
| **1L SECTION 2** | Elected in the Fall 2020 |
| **1L SECTION 3** | Elected in the Fall 2020 |
| **1L SECTION 4** | Elected in the Fall 2020 |
| **BLENDED LEARNING SECTION 1** | Elected in the Fall 2020 |
| **BLENDED LEARNING SECTION 2** | Elected in the Fall 2020 |
| **JUDICIAL COUNSEL** | Megan Miller |
| **JUDICIAL COUNSEL** | Maleah Otterson |
| **JUDICIAL COUNSEL** | Daniel Sheikhan |

Petition Letter to the Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners

Dear Minnesota Board of Law Examiners,  
  
We the undersigned are writing to you today to urge you to reconsider diploma privilege as a solution for the July 2020 Bar Exam amidst Covid-19. As graduating students or recently graduated students who will be strongly impacted by the plans for the July bar, we strongly urge you to reconsider your current position and provide alternative options for admission. Specifically, we are asking you to cancel the July exam, refund paid exam fees, and install diploma-privileged licensure for the July 2020 Bar Exam.  
  
The COVID-19 pandemic is a once-in-a-lifetime catastrophe. This pandemic has already resulted in the deaths of too many and severe economic upheaval. It shows no signs of slowing, and experts are telling us we have yet to see the worst of it. We will lose countless lives, and many of us will lose loved ones. Some of us may not even make it to the bar. The emotional toll of this pandemic is, simply put, immeasurable.  
  
Beyond the human cost, law students graduating in the class of 2020 are faced with what is turning out to be the greatest economic shutdown in modern history. Already we have seen mass layoffs. There could not be a worse time to be entering the job market for any profession, let alone the highly-competitive legal profession. The uncertainty over the bar exam only compounds our uncertainty about our future employment prospects. The average law school graduation debt is $100,000 per student. Delayed bar exams leave us in an unfair and precarious position when it comes to meeting our basic, every day needs. Until we pass the bar exam, we cannot work as licensed attorneys. Graduates are expected to begin paying their loans six months after leaving school -a delay in testing would effectively leave no time for graduates to build up even a small cushion for living expenses. Additionally, many students have already been hired for jobs beginning in August and September, and moving the bar exam relies on employers being flexible and allowing students to postpone or alter their jobs so they may study. Statistics show people who work while studying for the bar are less likely to pass, which could in turn cause an even greater delay in licensing and their ability to work. It is shortsighted to go forward with a rolling exam date.  
  
The only acceptable response the MN BLE could make to the COVID-19 crisis is to encourage and support state bar associations to adopt diploma-privileged licensure. This includes licensure for out-of-state graduates of ABA-accredited law schools, so long as they meet the requirements for a state’s character and fitness determinations and the MPRE. The current response of MN BLE ignores the current reality of this global pandemic, and indeed the added stress to all prospective bar exam takers who are part of groups vulnerable to COVID-19 or concerned about infecting vulnerable loved ones. Many will not be able to take an exam with hundreds or thousands of other students for this reason alone. MN BLE should support our fair proposed changes. Anything less is putting our careers, which we have paid for dearly and worked for tirelessly, on hold and at risk. This is simply the right and just thing to do.

**Allocation of Leftover Funds**

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| **AMOUNT** | **REQUEST** |
| All remaining funds | Remodel other half of Hatchy Commons |
| $10,000 | improvements to SBA office so that it can be used as a room that student clubs/orgs can "check out" for their professional meetings: professional table and chair set, microphones in ceiling, cameras around the room, new flooring, fresh wall paint, new cabinets for clubs/org supplies, etc. |
| $20,000 - $25,000 | Allow clubs/orgs to purchase swag, marketing material, rebrand with a new logo, get new table coverings, ect. to help them restart and get better student involvement next year. We have roughly 50 clubs/orgs (some disbanded) that would allow each club/org $400 for these requests. (if we wanted $500 per club/org that would be $25,000) |
| $27,744.66 | Refund students for only the 61 days that club/org events were cancelled = 1146 x 24.21 = 27,744.66 |
| $57,300.00 | Refund students only for Spring 2020 Semester = $50 per student.  $50 x 1146 = $57,300 |
| All Remaining Funds | Refund students all of our remaining funds |
| All Remaining Funds | Student scholarships (this is what happens to non-used funds every year) |

There were 126 days this semester. Between January 11, 2020 (the first day of classes for Weekend Students) to the final day of classed May 16, 2020 (the final day of all finals) there are 126 days

$50 is the amount of student fees we receive each semester from each student.

$50/126 = $0.397 cents a day in student fees per student

School announced no student club/org events starting 3/16/2020. Between 3/16/2020 and 5/16/2020 there are 61 days

61 days x 39.7 = $24.21 per student

We have a total of 1146 students this semester.