

Minutes
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
Bar Association of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
July 16, 2003
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attending in person: Eric Magnuson
Jim Layton
Craig Eichstadt
Diane Kutzko

Attending by phone: Douglas Bahr
Margaret Callahan
Krista Kester
Terry Schackmann
Thomas Weaver

Absent: David Herr
Leigh Chiles
Thomas Keiklak
Dennis Owens
David Houghton
Thomas Sullivan

The meeting was convened at 3:30 p.m. by Eric Magnuson. The Officers and Directors then took up the following items:

Treasurer's report. Craig Eichstadt reported that our finances are in very good shape, with in excess of \$30,000 in the bank. The Treasurer will be placing the "charter member reserve" in an interest-bearing account. Craig is working with Terry Schackmann's firm in seeking taxes and status for the organization.

Membership Committee report. Krista Kester reported that we have 322 members, of which 94 are charter members. We discussed membership alternatives that would allow us more flexibility in attracting new members. These included firm memberships, or sponsorships which would get firms recognition at association programs, as well as a "package" number of members. We will post the updated membership list on the web, and indicate there who is a charter member and who is not. We also discussed making membership a feature of future educational programs. For example, signing up for the annual program (assuming we do one), would include a one-year membership in the association as part of the CLE costs. This would address issues relating to government attorney members. The Membership Committee was directed to explore and report back on these and other alternatives.

Publications Committee report. The Publications Committee submitted a written report. The second edition of the newsletter is out and published, and will be distributed.

Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee report. The board members discussed a number of possible bylaws changes, principally the need to provide for staggered terms for directors and the timing of elections and terms. The Committee agreed to accept further comments for two weeks, then to prepare a set of proposed changes.

Web page discussion. By consensus, the Board decided to prepare a request for proposals and solicit proposals to manage the Association webpage, currently being managed by Rider Bennett without charge to the Association.

Programming Committee report. The Board reviewed plans for the July 17, 2003, breakfast.

By voice vote, the Board set the annual meeting required by the bylaws for December 11, 2003, at 9:00 central standard time.

By voice vote, the Board appointed the officers as the nominating committee, to present a slate of officers and directors to the annual meeting.

The Board set its next meeting for September 25, at 9 a.m., central daylight time, by conference call. At that meeting, the Board expects to take up proposed changes to the bylaws.

The meeting adjourned at about 4:30 p.m.