

Association of the Bar of the Eighth Circuit

Board Minutes: December 14, 2010

1. **Called to Order:** D. Bratvold, President.
2. **Roll Call:** K. Robinson, Secretary.
Present: Diane Bratvold; Jeremiah Morgan; Karl Robinson; Barry Pickens; Doug Bahr; John Baker; Michael Gans; Matt Shepherd; Kevin Crass; Dana Oxley; Mark Salter; Brian Walsh.
Not Present: Julie Cullen; Angela Campbell; Mary Vasaly; Larry Friedman; Jennifer Gilg; Ellen Suni.
3. **Minutes of November Meeting:** Motion to approve November meeting minutes (with correction to typographical error) by J. Morgan. Second by M. Salter. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** There was no Treasurer's Report. D. Bratvold noted that Julie Cullen had resigned as Treasurer for personal reasons and thanked her for her service to the Association.
5. **Restated By-Laws, including proposed amendment to By-Laws to facilitate handling requests to share member contact information.** D. Bratvold circulated the proposed amendments to the By-Laws to address requests to share member contact information. There was a discussion of amended By-Law Section 3.6. D. Bahr proposed a correction in the punctuation which was agreed to by others. J. Morgan moved to approve the Restated By-Laws with the punctuation correction. D. Bahr seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
6. **Nominations and Approval of Officers and Directors for 2011.** D. Bratvold presented the Executive Committee's nominations for Officer and Director positions for 2011. For officers, the Executive Committee proposed Jeremiah Morgan as President, Karl Robinson as President-Elect, Doug Bahr as Treasurer and Larry Friedman as Secretary. D. Bratvold noted that there were two vacancies in officer positions as a result of Julie Cullen resigning her position as Treasurer. D. Bratvold explained that Doug Bahr is willing to continue to work as Membership Chair after assuming the duties of Treasurer and that he has done an excellent job as the Membership Chair. D. Bratvold also noted that Larry Friedman came highly recommended to serve as Secretary and that he was very enthusiastic about the position. D. Bratvold explained that Angela Campbell's position as a Director from the Southern District of Iowa would be vacant for 2011. J. Morgan and M. Gans presented the Executive Committee's recommendation of Mikkie Schiltz, an attorney with Lane & Waterman in Davenport, Iowa, to fill this vacant director position. Ms. Schiltz was highly recommended and several Board Members commented on the excellent reputation of

the Lane & Waterman law firm. D. Bratvold noted that Jennifer Gilg wished to be re-nominated as a Director from the District of Nebraska and that Brian Walsh would take over as the At-large No. 1 Director taking the place of Julie Cullen. M. Gans then moved to approve this slate of Officers and Directors. B. Pickens seconded the motion. The motion was approved. D. Bratvold then noted that as a result of the approval of the slate, there were now open Directorships for the Eastern District of Missouri and for the District of North Dakota. Directors were encouraged to recommend potential candidates for these Directorships to Jeremiah Morgan, the incoming President for 2011.

- 7. Strategic Planning Committee Report.** D. Bratvold explained that the Strategic Planning Committee Report that had been circulated prior to the meeting was now ready for a vote, as the changes had been previously circulated and discussed. J. Morgan raised the point that the Strategic Planning Committee Report is a framework for the Association and that the Association can certainly do additional activities consistent with its goals and purposes. J. Morgan moved to adopt the Strategic Plan. B. Walsh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- 8. Other Business.** D. Bratvold reported on being contacted regarding the Association being a sponsor of a reception concerning an award that would likely be given to an Eighth Circuit Judge in 2012. There was a discussion regarding this potential and it was agreed that D. Bratvold would seek additional information regarding the reception and award.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2011 at 9:30 a. m.

*** Meeting Adjourned.