

Minutes
Meeting of Directors and Officers
Association of the Eighth Circuit Bar
November 3, 2004 – 2:00 pm

By Teleconference

Present: Douglas Bahr
Margaret Callahan
Lajuana Counts
Craig Eichstadt
Robert Herman
Thomas Kieklak
Diane Kutzko
Eric Magnuson
Barry Pickens
Robert Rossiter
Thomas Weaver

Absent: David Herr
Krista Kester
James Layton
Thomas Sullivan

(There remains one vacancy on the board due to Leigh Chiles moving out of the Eastern District of Arkansas to the State of Tennessee)

The meeting was convened at 2:00 pm CDT by Secretary Eichstadt, who presided in President Layton's absence.

On motion by Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Pickens, the Minutes of the September 13 meeting were approved.

Because Ms. Kester was absent, there was no Treasurer's report. A complete report had been submitted to the Board at the September 13, 2004 meeting.

The Board discussed the September 13, 2004 report of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee, which had been presented in St. Louis. At that meeting, the Board took action concerning setting reserves, establishing a budget cycle, promulgating guidelines for future programs, all as is more fully reflected in the Minutes of the September 13 meeting. No additional action was taken at this meeting.

The Board did recognize the contribution of the Spencer Fane Law Firm, and Director Pickens, in underwriting the cost of the conference calls. Those expenses will be reimbursed to the Spencer Fane Firm when Mr. Pickens submits a request.

With respect to membership, Secretary Eichstadt will follow up with Director Mark Marshall on the items identified in the September 13 meeting concerning membership renewals, and notices.

Director Callahan reported on behalf of the Communications Committee. The October 2004 newsletter has been distributed to members and posted on the website. The next planned newsletter will be in January 2005. There was a general discussion concerning the high quality of the newsletter, and the tremendous job that Director Callahan is doing. She raised the issue of planning for succession of the newsletter editor responsibilities. This topic will be addressed at future meetings.

Director Herr presented a written report on behalf of the Program Committee. In pertinent part, it provides as follows:

I can report on Programs in a summary manner here.

1. We conducted the successful program in St. Louis at the beginning of the term.
2. We have opened the dialogue with the court about a program in Saint Paul in May 2005 to provide an opportunity to the northern state lawyers to participate closer to home. We will do this in conjunction with the closing of the courthouse in Saint Paul in June 2005 for a 1.5- to 2-year period, and anticipate perhaps a more grandiose social event. Michael Gans and Maureen Gornik have said the court would welcome this. Minnesota CLE is doing a new edition of the Eighth Circuit Practice Manual, to come out in early 2005, and they want to sponsor a program around the same time, so we will explore its interest in collaborating on this program, much as the University of Arkansas-Little Rock did for the St. Louis program.
3. We have raised the idea of participating in the programming at, or co-locating a "separate" program in Colorado Springs for the Judicial Conference. I have discussed this with both Millie Adams and Michael Gans, and assume we will have more to

report at our next meeting. I assume that our "fall" program this year will be in Colorado Springs one way or the other, and will replace anything that we would otherwise do in Saint Louis.

Director Counts reported on the October 28 reception in Kansas City honoring Judge Pasco Bowman. It was well attended by judges, court personnel and attorneys. A significant portion of the cost was underwritten by Kansas City firms, Lathrop & Gage, Spencer Fane, Bryan Cave and Stinson, Morrison & Hecker. Association expenses for the event totaled \$661.79. Judge Bowman was presented with ceremonial gifts on behalf of the Association in recognition of his outstanding service to the Court.

Nominations for officers and to fill the vacant director's position will be considered by the Board at its annual meeting in December. President Layton will appoint a Nominations Committee, which will present its report at the next meeting. Director terms will, consistent with the bylaws, begin to be staggered with elections in 2005.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was set for December 8, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., by conference call. An announcement of this meeting will be placed on the Association's website.

Finally, the Board discussed the possibility of circulating Minutes and an announcement concerning the Nominating Committee to all Association members electronically. Whether or not to pursue this initiative will be left to the discretion of President Layton. On a motion made by Director Kutzko and seconded by Director Counts, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Magnuson