

MINUTES

Eighth Circuit Bar Association

January 10, 2008

(by conference call)

Present: Tom Boyd (president); Barry Pickens (secretary); Diane Bratvold (treasurer); Tom Weaver (past president); Doug Bahr (N. Dak.); John Baker (Minn.); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); Dana Oxley (N.D. Iowa); Karl Robinson (at-large); Mark Salter (S. Dak.); and Roger Shiffermiller (Neb.).

Absent: Mark Marshall (president-elect); Alok Ahuja (at-large); Tiffany Milligan Brown (ad hoc); Julie Cullen (at-large); Jeffrey Ellis (E.D. Ark.); and Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.).

Association President Tom Boyd called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the board of directors meeting held December 11, 2007.

As the designee of past Treasurer Mark Marshall, whose term expired on December 31, 2007, Dori Quam provided the board with a treasurer's report regarding the current balances of the association's bank account and certificate of deposit which the board unanimously approved. Ms Quam also advised the board that the American State Bank would be sending the 2008 officers a new signature card for their execution.

Director Angela Campbell updated the board regarding the Association's new website, and advised the board that the second half of the payment to the programmer who created the Association's new webpage is now due. Upon the motion of Diane Bratvold and the second of Tom Weaver, the board unanimously authorized the Treasurer to pay \$1,004.15 to the web site programmer.

Director Jeffrey Ellis was not available to update the board with respect to membership issues. Tom Boyd advised the board that he has had discussions with Michael Gans regarding a request that the Court advise prospective members about membership in our Association through the Court's website. We will also revise the letter that will be sent by Mr. Gans to attorneys scheduled for their first argument in the Court regarding the Association's new mentoring program to invite recipients of that letter to become members of our Association.

Director Jeremiah Morgan updated the board regarding the Association's mentoring program and circulated copies of the communication that will be sent to prospective mentors and a draft of the letter to be sent by Michael Gans to attorneys scheduled for their first argument in the Court regarding the Association's new mentoring program. As noted, that letter will be revised to invite recipients to become Association members.

Tiffany Brown was not available to update the board regarding the Association's newsletter. Tom Boyd commended her for the work on the current edition of the newsletter. The board

discussed its ideas about the newsletter's next edition and Tom Boyd advised the board that he would circulate his thoughts about potential topics for articles in that edition by email to the board.

Tom Weaver updated the board regarding the Court's 2008 Judicial Conference. He advised that the program would be finalized within the next 30 days.

Tom Boyd updated the board regarding the Iowa Law Review's 8th Circuit symposium. That symposium will be held on February 29, 2008. Upon motion by Larry Friedman and the second of Diane Bratvold, the board unanimously authorized Tom Boyd to pledge up to \$1,000 to sponsor a luncheon featuring the four judges scheduled to be in Iowa City that day.

Tom Boyd advised the board of the reception scheduled for St. Paul, Minnesota in November 2008. The Association's planning committee for that event, including Tom Boyd, Karl Robinson and Diane Bratvold, intends to meet before the Association's next board meeting in February and report back to the board at that time.

The board discussed the date and time at which the board will conduct its regular monthly board meetings during 2008. The board agreed that it will hold its regular board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The February meeting will be held on February 5, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at around 10:20 a.m.