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Eighth Circuit Bar Association

Meeting of Officers and Directors

January 9, 2007

(by conference call)

Present: Tom Weaver (president); Barry Pickens (secretary); Craig Eichstadt (past president).

Alok Ahuja (at-large); Diane Bratvold (Minn.); Julie Cullen (at-large); Jeffrey Ellis (E.D. Ark.); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Diane Kutzko (N.D. Iowa); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); Karl Robinson (at-large); Mark Salter (S. Dak.). Also, Dana Oxley (elected this meeting as director from N.D. Ia.)

Absent: Tom Boyd (president-elect); Mark Marshall (treasurer); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); Bob Rossiter (Neb.); Doug Bahr (N. Dak.)

Association President Tom Weaver called the meeting to order around 9:30 a.m.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December meeting, as previously circulated.

Treasurer Mark Marshall was not available to give a report. Immediate past Treasurer Barry Pickens reported that he would change the signature cards for the bank accounts and send Mark Marshall a year-end 2006 cash report before the February meeting.

Tom Weaver invited discussion of whether we wanted one person to serve as chair of the membership committee and as treasurer. After discussion of this issue among the board, President Tom Weaver appointed Jeffrey Ellis chair of the membership committee.

Director Angela Campbell was not available to give a report on the Association web site. Tom Weaver advised the board that he had received reports from Angela regarding her investigations. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Director Jeremiah Morgan reported that the mentoring program now has sufficient volunteers that it is ready to go. The Eighth Circuit will advise attorneys admitted to the court of the program. The association will also add information regarding the mentoring program to its website.

Director Alok Ahuja reported as co-chair of the Programs committee that before the next board meeting, he will send a follow-up email forwarding an Association membership form to each attorney who signed up for the October 2006 CLE program held in Kansas City. That email will advise the recipients that a member joining now is entitled to membership through July 1, 2008.

Director Bob Rossiter was not available to give a report on the status of a possible Association event when the Court sits in Omaha this year.

Director Angela Campbell was not available to give a report on the Association web site. Tom Weaver advised the board that he had received reports from Angela regarding her investigations. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Tom Weaver reminded the board of the need to appoint a new chair for the Newsletter committee and noted the important role the newsletter serves as a consistent Association benefit. Director Julie Cullen mentioned a possible candidate and agreed to contact her and report back at the February meeting.

Director Julie Cullen advised the board that Professor Tom Sullivan, former Association director, had advised her that the Appellate Practice Institute of the University of Arkansas-Little

Rock School of Law would be willing to co-sponsor a CLE event with the Association and would be willing to host it outside of Little Rock, Arkansas (preferably, in St. Louis). The board discussed the CLE events hosted by the Association, and the desirability of hosting another CLE event this year.

For “other business,” Julie Cullen advised the board that Professor Sullivan had mentioned to her a possibility that a subscription to the Journal of the Appellate Practice Institute could be included as another benefit of Association membership at a greatly reduced rate. Tom Weaver advised the board that he will discuss the details of this possibility with Professor Sullivan and report to the board at the February meeting.

Tom Weaver noted that the regularly scheduled date for the next meeting would be Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned around 10:15 a.m.