

MINUTES
EIGHTH CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors' Meeting
February 5, 2008
(By Conference Call)

Present: Tom Boyd (President); Diane Bratvold (Treasurer); Mark Marshall (President-Elect); Tom Weaver (Past President); Doug Bahr (N.D.); John Baker (Minn.); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); Dana Oxley (N.D. Iowa); Karl Robinson (At-Large); Julie Cullen (At-Large); Jeffrey McKinley (E.D. Ark.); and Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.).

Absent: Barry Pickens (Secretary); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); Mark Salter (S.D.); Roger Shiffermiller (Neb.); Alok Ahuja (At-Large); Tiffany Milligan Brown (Ad Hoc).

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

Upon motion by Larry Friedman, seconded by Doug Bahr, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held on January 10, 2008.

Diane Bratvold provided a treasurer's report in which, among other things, she confirmed that a check in the amount of \$1,004.15 had been transmitted to pay off the outstanding balance on the website design contract. Upon a motion by Tom Weaver, seconded by Jeffrey McKinley, the Board unanimously approved the treasurer's report for the period of January 10, 2008 to February 5, 2008.

Angela Campbell was not available to update the Board with respect to the status of the website. However, upon receipt of payment of the outstanding invoice to the website programmer, it is the Board's understanding that the new website will be ready to go live.

Jeffrey McKinley provided the Board with an update with respect to membership issues, and reported that there has been a recent increase of a few additional members. She will be providing Tom Boyd with an updated membership form for inclusion with the materials that will be handed out at the Eighth Circuit Symposium on February 29, 2008, in an effort to garner additional new members. Jeffrey will also be working with Tom Weaver to obtain information to evaluate whether there was an increase in membership as a result of the program that was held in St. Louis at the end of September 2007.

Jeremiah Morgan was not available to update the Board with respect to the mentoring program.

Tiffany Brown was not available to update the Board regarding the Association's newsletter. In her absence, Tom Boyd provided a brief report on the articles slated for the newsletter's next edition, and reminded the authors of the February 15 deadline for getting those articles to the newsletter's editor. He also encouraged Board members to contact Tiffany Brown

directly with any ideas they may have for potential articles and/or to volunteer to write articles for the newsletter.

Tom Weaver updated the Board regarding the Court's 2008 Judicial Conference. He advised that the program is still in the process of being finalized and he would have more to report in the near future.

Tom Boyd updated the Board with regard to the *Iowa Law Review's* Eighth Circuit Symposium. The Association will be sponsoring and underwriting at least half the costs of a luncheon that features the judges' panel portion of the symposium. The total luncheon costs are currently estimated to be in an expected range of \$1,000-\$1,500.

Tom Boyd reported on the plans for putting on a CLE program and reception in St. Paul during court week in November of 2008. Planning is still in the very early stages.

Tom Boyd reported on discussions relating to the possibility of putting on a program in St. Louis and perhaps elsewhere within the circuit featuring Professor Jeffrey Morris and his recent history of the Eighth Circuit.

Upon motion by Diane Bratvold, seconded by Tom Weaver, the meeting was adjourned at around 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for March 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

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