

MINUTES

Eighth Circuit Bar Association

March 4, 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); Julie Cullen (at-large); Jeffrey McKinley (E.D. Ark.); 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); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); 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 February 5, 2008.

Diane Bratvold provided the board with a treasurer's report regarding the current balances of the association's bank account and certificate of deposit. Dough Bahr proposed an amendment to the treasurer's report to correct a computational error by showing that the actual total of deposits made between the February 2008 and March 2008 meetings was \$41.76. Jeremiah Morgan moved that the board accept the treasurer's report as amended, and Dough Bahr seconded that motion. The board unanimously approved the treasurer's report as amended. Diane Bratvold agreed to circulate a revised treasurer's report consistent with the amendment approved by the board.

Jeffrey McKinley provided the board with an update on membership and on the membership committee's activities, including her drafting of a letter that will be sent to all judges within the circuit inviting them and their assistants and clerks to join the Association.

Angela Campbell updated the board regarding the Association's website, and she advised the board that payment is now due to Rob Batzler, the programmer hired by the Association, for his design and implementation of the mentoring section of the Association's website in the total amount of \$280. Angela Campbell moved that the Association pay the \$280 due to Mr. Batzler and Tom Weaver seconded that motion. The board unanimously authorized the Treasurer to pay \$280 to Mr. Batzler for his web design services in connection with the mentoring section of the Association's website.

Jeremiah Morgan advised the board that he is drafting the form letter that will be sent by Michael Gans to all attorneys scheduled for their first argument in the Court of Appeals. The letter will advise such attorneys about the Association's mentoring program. Mr. Morgan will circulate a draft of that letter to the board for review and comment.

Tiffany Brown was not available to update the board regarding the Association's newsletter. However, Tom Boyd advised that he spoke with her about the current edition of the newsletter and she asks to have the articles for that newsletter by mid-March 2008.

Tom Weaver provided the Board with an update regarding the Planning Committee's work in scheduling speakers and developing the program for the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference, which will be held in Chicago this August. He informed the Board that a number of the speakers and topics have been firmed up, but that the Committee was still in the process of finalizing the schedule. He expected that work would be nearly complete later this month.

Tom Boyd provided a brief report on the plans for putting on a program and reception in St. Paul during court week this November. We hope to replicate the same type of event that was held in St. Louis during court week this past September. He had spoken with Judge Melloy recently, who advised him that the circuit judges had enjoyed participating in the program in St. Louis this past September and expected that the judges would likewise be enthusiastic about a similar program for court week in St. Paul this November. The subcommittee will be working on putting together the plans for that program in the next few months.

Tom Boyd led a short discussion regarding the status of possible programs featuring Professor Jeffrey Morris' recently published book on the Eighth Circuit. There had been some discussions about putting together a program with Professor Morris in St. Louis, but there is a need to communicate with Millie Adams and Michael Gans before planning such a program to make sure they do not have any concerns that such a program may interfere with their efforts to maximize attendance at the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Mr. Boyd noted that the next conference call for the Board of Directors will be April 1, at 9:30 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.