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Eighth Circuit Bar Association

Meeting of Officers and Directors

March 13, 2007

(by conference call)

Present: Tom Weaver (president); Tom Boyd (president-elect); Barry Pickens (secretary); Craig Eichstadt (past president); Alok Ahuja (at-large); Doug Bahr (N. Dak.); Diane Bratvold (Minn.); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Dana Oxley (N.D. Iowa); Karl Robinson (at-large); and Mark Salter (S. Dak.).

Absent: Mark Marshall (treasurer); Julie Cullen (at-large); Jeffrey Ellis (E.D. Ark.); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); and Bob Rossiter (Neb.).

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

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 2007 meeting, as previously circulated.

Treasurer Mark Marshall was not available to give a report. This item was thus tabled until the April meeting.

The board discussed the Association's website and proposals circulated by Director Angela Campbell for developing and hosting a website in either static or dynamic format. The board unanimously authorized Angela Campbell to proceed toward a contract for the development of a static website with the contract to be presented for board approval at the April 2007 meeting. Tom Weaver requested that directors review the website proposal received from Angela Campbell and give her input regarding features, options or subpages desired on the webpage by March 27, 2007.

Director Jeremiah Morgan was not available to give a report regarding the status of the mentoring program. This item was thus tabled until the April meeting.

Tom Weaver advised the board that Tiffany Brown had assumed the role as the new editor of the Association's newsletter and new chair of the Newsletter committee. Upon motion by Barry Pickens and second by Director Tom Boyd, the board unanimously approved Tiffany Brown as an ad hoc member of the board of directors of the Association and authorized her to attend future board meetings.

Director Julie Cullen was not available to give a report regarding her discussions with Professor Tom Sullivan. This item was thus tabled until the April meeting. President Tom Weaver and Director Alok Ahuja volunteered to call Professor Sullivan to determine his interest in organizing a jointly sponsored event with the Association.

Tom Weaver advised the board that he had been in communication with Michael Gans, clerk of the Court, and Millie Adams regarding the 2008 judicial conference and the Association's possible roles in assisting the Court with that conference. Michael Gans also advised Tom Weaver that the Court is interested in the Association exploring the organization of an appellate practice seminar and in having the members of the Association participate in the Court's e-filing system and in putting on programs regarding that system's use and requirements. Mark Salter, Alok Ahuja and Barry Pickens agreed to assist in the latter role.

Tom Weaver noted that the regularly scheduled date for the next meeting would be Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned around 10:30 a.m.