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Eighth Circuit Bar Association

April 1, 2008

(by conference call)

Present: Tom Boyd (president); Mark Marshall (president-elect); Barry Pickens (secretary); Diane Bratvold (treasurer); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Jeffrey McKinley (E.D. Ark.); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); Karl Robinson (at-large); and Mark Salter (S. Dak.).

Absent: Tom Weaver (past president); Alok Ahuja (at-large); Doug Bahr (N. Dak.); John Baker (Minn.); Tiffany Milligan Brown (ad hoc); Julie Cullen (at-large); Dana Oxley (N.D. Iowa); and Roger Shiffermiller (Neb.).

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

Diane Bratvold provided the board with a treasurer's report regarding the current balances of the association's bank account and certificate of deposit. Mark Marshall moved that the board accept the treasurer's report, and Jeremiah Morgan seconded that motion. The board unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

The board discussed possible future events, including a suggestion that the board plan an event (or an informal "get together") every time the Court is scheduled to hear oral argument at a location other than St. Louis or St. Paul. Tom Boyd advised the board that we would discuss these suggestions further at future board meetings.

Jeremiah Morgan provided the board with an update on the Mentoring Program generally and advised the board that the form letter from Michael Gans to attorneys scheduled for their first argument in the Court of Appeals, advising them of the Association's mentoring program, is now ready to go and would be sent out routinely to such attorneys as future arguments are scheduled.

Tiffany Brown was not available to provide an update on the Newsletter although Tom Boyd advised the board that he spoke with her and she has received some but not all of the articles we discussed for the next edition of the newsletter. Tom Boyd encouraged authors to finalize the articles and send them to Ms. Brown.

Tom Boyd provided the board with an update regarding the 2008 Judicial Conference and forwarded the board members a link to the 8th Circuit's most recent announcement on its website.

Tom Boyd advised the board that, consistent with authority previously provided by the board, the Association has now paid the University of Iowa Law School \$750 as a sponsor of its Eighth Circuit Symposium. He advised the board that although that amount turned out to be less than half of the overall cost of the symposium, it was the greatest amount that the Association had agreed to pay the Law School as a sponsor.

Tom Boyd advised the board that we are still planning to host a program and/or a reception during the November 2008 argument week in St. Paul but that the plans for that event will be further developed in the coming months and so will be discussed further at future board meetings.

Tom Boyd advised the board that Tom Weaver will speak with either Michael Gans or Millie Adams to determine if the Court would have concerns if the Association were to host a program featuring Professor Morris to discuss his book. He will report to the board at a future meeting.

Jeffrey McKinley was not available to provide the board with an updated report on membership but will do so at the May 6, 2008 meeting.

Angela Campbell provided the board with an update regarding the Association's new website, located on the internet at the following URL: <http://www.eighthcircuitbar.com/>. The board discussed how to handle questions that came in seeking legal advice, especially with respect to pro se litigants with a case pending in the Eighth Circuit. The board agreed that the Association will only advise persons making such inquiries that the Association cannot provide legal advice and that they should hire an attorney. Diane Bratvold commended Angela Campbell and Rob Batzler, the website programmer, for their great work in setting up the Association's new website, and the board as a whole then echoed Ms. Bratvold's comments.

Tom Boyd advised the board that he had received a request from the Minnesota CLE commission to use our membership list for a mailing to promote its 8th Circuit Practice Manual. Mark Marshall moved to approve the commission's use of our membership list without charge, and Diane Bratvold seconded that motion. The board unanimously approved that motion.

Mr. Boyd noted that the next conference call for the Board of Directors will be May 6, at 9:30 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 a.m.