

Minutes  
Meeting of Directors and Officers  
Association of the Bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth  
Circuit  
April 20, 2004  
Conference Call—Originating at office of President Layton

In attendance by conference call:

Officers: James Layton  
Eric Magnuson  
Craig Eichstadt  
Krista Kester

District Representatives: Douglas Bahr  
Margaret Callahan  
Barry Pickens  
Robert Herman  
Robert Rossiter  
David Herr

At Large: Lajuana Counts  
Thomas Weaver  
Thomas Sullivan

Absent: Leigh Chiles  
Diane Kutzko  
Thomas Keiklak  
Mark Marshall

The meeting was convened at 9:00 am CST by President James Layton. The following items were discussed:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented by Treasurer Krista Kester (Secretary Craig Eichstadt being absent for the last meeting) upon a motion by Eric Magnuson, seconded by Tom Weaver, passed unanimously.

Krista Kester presented the Treasurer's report. The latest report has been sent to all board members by e-mail. Krista reported that we have \$11,759.40 in the checking account, \$22,575.00 in the certificate of deposit. We seem to be holding steady on expenses.

Krista Kester reported that the Court is meeting in Omaha the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Krista has talked to Judge William Riley. Judge Riley wants to provide some opportunities for the Court to see the sights in Omaha. He also suggested that the Association do a dinner for the Court at Rick's Boat House in Omaha. Krista understands that Rick's can accommodate up to 100 people, and Woods and Aitken has agreed to co-sponsorship of the dinner. There was a lengthy discussion of this subject. There seems to be general agreement that the Association should sponsor these types of get togethers with the Court. There is much federal paperwork if a private firm is to sponsor a dinner for the Court, but the Association ought to be able to do so. Krista Kester offered to go back to Judge Riley and discuss having an event. There is still time to set up this event at our next meeting. There was a comment that the Association may not do an event each time the Court sits in a location other than St. Paul or St. Louis, but we can consider the possibilities. There is no objection to doing some event, but the exact nature of it remains to be determined.

Eric Magnuson reported that the web site for the Association is now hosted by the University of Arkansas Little Rock Law School. The Court has the link on its web site, and it works, even though the address is still the old site. Tom Weaver said he would get Michael Gans to change this reference.

We expect the membership renewals to be out in a month or two.

There will be another newsletter in a couple of months.

The next item discussed was the CLE program in September. The Court has a function on Tuesday of court week. Tom Weaver suggested a CLE program sponsored by the Association on Friday, September 17. We could also have a social event on Thursday evening. The program will focus on Eighth Circuit issues and a number of speakers are already lined up. The reception would cost \$20.00 per person plus \$100.00 for a bartender. The room rate would be \$129.00 per night. Bob Herman pointed out that Rosh Hashanah is Wednesday to Thursday, sundown to sundown. There was discussion on this matter. David Herr then stated that the program committee will need to make a new proposal at the next meeting. Tom Sullivan agreed to send an e-mail about the program.

The next meeting of the Board and Officers will be May 5, 2004 at 2:00 pm. Barry Pickens agreed to set up the conference call.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Eichstadt  
Secretary