

Minutes
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
Bar Association of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
May 29, 2003
By teleconference

Directors Attending: Douglas Bahr
James Layton
Krista Kester
Margaret Callahan
Terry Schackmann
Thomas Weaver
Thomas Sullivan

Absent: Leigh Chiles
Craig Eichstadt
Thomas Keiklak
Diane Kutzko
Eric Magnuson
David Herr
Dennis Owens
David Houghton

Non-director attending: John Baker

The meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. by James Layton. The Officers and Directors then took up the following items:

1. Received a report from the Treasurer, which had been previously distributed by e-mail.
2. Received a report from the Membership Committee, confirming the membership numbers in the Treasurer's report, and noting that the U.S. District Court for Nebraska had agreed to add to their website a link to the Association's website.
3. Received a report from the Liaison Committee. The Committee currently has seven members, and the Chair, John Baker, would like to have at least one member from each district. The committee currently lacks members representing the Arkansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. The committee is focusing on contacts with appellate committees of state and local bars and of chapters of the Federal Bar Association. They are discussing what information ought to be provided to or obtained from those organizations. John asked whether the Committee ought to be liaison with the court of appeals or other courts; some Directors suggested that was beyond the current charter for the committee. The group deferred further discussion of that question.
4. Received a report from the Newsletter Committee, which plans its next newsletter before the Judicial Conference in July. That issue will include a report on a recent Minnesota CLE

program.

5. Received a report from Margaret Callahan, speaking on behalf of David Herr, from the Program Committee. David reported that Judge Hansen has agreed to speak to the Association breakfast at the Judicial Conference.

6. Set the next meeting for 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, immediately before the opening reception of the Judicial Conference. We did not identify a location. We plan to have an in-person meeting, though some members asked that they be allowed to participate by conference call.