

**Association of the Bar of the
United States Court of Appeals
for the Eighth Circuit**

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association

May 5, 2004

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association of the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit was held by telephone conference call at 2:00 pm, May 5, 2004. President Jim Layton called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm as previously noticed.

Present at the meeting were the following:

Officers:

Eric Magnuson, Past President
James Layton, President
Krista Kester, Treasurer

District Representatives:

Margaret Callahan, Southern Iowa
David Herr, Minnesota
Robert Herman, Eastern Missouri
Barry Pickens, Western Missouri
Robert Rossiter, Nebraska
Douglas Bahr, North Dakota
Mark Marshall, South Dakota

At Large:

Lajuana Counts
Thomas Sullivan

Absent were the following:

Officers:

Craig Eichstadt, Secretary

District Representatives:

Thomas Keiklak, Western Arkansas
Leigh Chiles, Eastern Arkansas
Diane Kutzko, Northern Iowa

At Large:

Thomas Weaver

Previous Minutes

Minutes for the previous meeting have not yet been distributed for review.

Treasurer Report

Krista Kester reported that there was no new treasurer report as the financial status of the association is unchanged from last month.

Membership Report

No report.

Communications Committee

Margaret reported that the next newsletter will be sent in early to mid-June. The new one will include information on the September program.

Program Committee

The Program Committee recommended that the association co-sponsor, with UALR, a program in St. Louis on Monday and Tuesday, September 13 and 14, 2004. The program will be held at the downtown Marriott, with registration beginning at noon on Monday and the program ending at noon on Tuesday. The program itself will convene on Monday at 1:00 and the Judges' panel will be scheduled for late in the afternoon. The program will reconvene on Tuesday morning with a continental breakfast. The program will end at noon on Tuesday. The Marriott has quoted \$109/night for attendees.

In addition, the association will sponsor a reception for the Court staff and attendees on Monday evening at the Marriott. Cost of the reception is approximately \$20 per person. Although the association will sponsor the reception alone, funding is anticipated to be provided by law firm sponsorships.

Motion: Mark Marshall moved and Lajuana Counts seconded that the Committee's recommendation be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

The Program Committee will undertake making arrangements for the reception. In addition to the Circuit Court judges and staff, invitation to the reception should be made to all District Court judges from within the Circuit.

The registration fees for the program were discussed. There was general agreement that association members receive a discount for the program registration. However, the question was raised and left unresolved as to the amount of discount that

should be given. In particular, it was undecided whether the discount should be equal to the membership fee.

Discussion was also had as to an appropriate registration fee from the view of state and federal offices for six hours of CLE. Board members, particularly Doug Bahr, Lajuana Counts, and Craig Eichstadt, were asked to give their views on this issue to the Programs Committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Association Board of Directors was set for 2:00 pm on Wednesday, June 2, 2004 via teleconference. Jim Layton will ask for a volunteer to set up the call.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:30 pm, Wednesday, May 5, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Kester
Treasurer