

MINUTES

Eighth Circuit Bar Association

June 3, 2008

(by conference call)

Present: Tom Boyd (president); Barry Pickens (secretary); Diane Bratvold (treasurer); Doug Bahr (N. Dak.); Julie Cullen (at-large); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); Dana Oxley (N.D. Iowa); Karl Robinson (at-large); Mark Salter (S. Dak.); and Roger Shiffermiller (Neb.).

Absent: Mark Marshall (president-elect); Tom Weaver (past president); Alok Ahuja (at-large); John Baker (Minn.); Tiffany Milligan Brown (ad hoc); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); and Jeffrey McKinley (E.D. Ark.).

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

Upon motion made by Diane Bratvold and seconded by Roger Shiffermiller, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the board of directors meeting held on May 6, 2008.

Diane Bratvold provided the board with a treasurer's report regarding the current balances of the association's bank account and certificate of deposit. Upon motion made by Larry Friedman and seconded by Jeremiah Morgan, the board unanimously accepted the treasurer's report.

Tom Boyd reported to the board that he had recently emailed directors with the list of the current committees and subcommittees of the Association and requested directors to volunteer for one or more committees or subcommittees. He advised the board that he will follow up further with directors from whom he has not received a response and will report to the board his suggested composition of the various committees and subcommittees at our next board meeting.

Tiffany Brown was not available to update the board regarding the Association's newsletter.

Tom Boyd advised the Board that he and Tom Weaver had continued their work on the potential updated the board regarding their work on a possible reception or program in St. Louis in June 2008. Because of concerns regarding likely sparse attendance, Tom Boyd and Tom Weaver both agreed that the program or reception should not go forward in June 2008. Tom Boyd suggested that a St. Louis event should be planned for a future date.

Tom Boyd advised the Board that the 8th Circuit's Chief Judge continues to be enthusiastic about our Association hosting an event during the upcoming Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference to be held from Wednesday, August 13, 2008 through Friday, August 15, 2008 in Chicago, IL. The Board further discussed whether the Association should host an early evening reception or whether it should host a late evening reception at the official hotel for the conference, the Marriot on Michigan Avenue. There was a consensus among the Board that the Association should host an early evening reception on Thursday, August 14. Tom Boyd advised the Board that the subcommittee for this reception (comprised of Tom Boyd, Tom Weaver, Julie Cullen, and Larry Friedman) would continue

to formalize the Association's plans and would explore the possibility of firm sponsorships of the reception to defray the costs.

Tom Boyd updated the board regarding the Association's planning for a program and reception to be held in St. Paul during the week of November 10, 2008. The event will use the same format as the September 2007 event the Association held in St. Louis: a one-hour CLE program, followed by breakout sessions each led by an 8th Circuit judge for an hour, culminating with a reception. Tom Boyd will investigate whether the Minneapolis Chapter of the Federal Bar Association would be interested in co-sponsoring the reception with our Association. Tom Boyd will also continue to coordinate the exact room locations for the first two hours of the event within the newly-renovated St. Paul courthouse, and also the location for the reception with the deputy clerk of the Court who sits in St. Paul, Maureen Watts.

Roger Shiffermiller advised the board that he had spoken with Judge Beam about hosting an event in Omaha in May 2009 and that Judge Beam welcomed our hosting an even during that argument week. Judge Riley's executive assistant has advised us that he would be pleased to assist in setting up an event in Omaha during May 2009. Jeremiah Morgan and Barry Pickens advised the board that they had not yet done so but will contact the three judges who are located in Kansas City to discuss a possible event in Kansas City during October 2008 and report back the judges' reactions to the proposed event at our next board meeting.

Jeremiah Morgan provided the board with an update regarding the Association's mentoring program and noted that he had forwarded the form letter he has prepared for the Court to send to attorneys scheduled for their first argument in the Court of Appeals to Michael Gans shortly after our May 6 meeting and that he is scheduled to speak with Mr. Gans about the program later today, June 3, 2008.

Jeffrey McKinley was not available to update the board regarding membership.

Angela Campbell was not available to update the board regarding the Association's website.

Tom Boyd noted that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on July 1, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.