

## MINUTES

### **Eighth Circuit Bar Association**

**June 12, 2007**

**(by conference call)**

**Present:** Tom Weaver (president); Tom Boyd (president-elect); Mark Marshall (treasurer); Doug Bahr (N. Dak.); Jeffrey Ellis (E.D. Ark.); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); Karl Robinson (at large); Diane Bratvold (D. Minn.); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Alok Ahuja (at-large)

**Absent:** Craig Eichstadt (past president); Barry Pickens (secretary); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); Bob Rossiter (Neb.); Mark Salter (S. Dak.); Julie Cullen (at-large); and Dana Oxley (N.D. Iowa).

Association President Tom Weaver called the meeting to order around 9:30 a.m.

Director Diane Bratvold volunteered to take minutes in the absence of Secretary Barry Pickens.

The board unanimously approved the meeting minutes from May 8, 2007.

Treasurer Mark Marshall had not received recent financial statements and had no report on the association's finances.

Director Jeffrey Ellis advised the board that the new membership forms had not been circulated yet, but would be soon.

Director Angela Campbell was not present to update the board on the status of the association's website. Tom Weaver advised the board that the board's check would soon be in the mail and the contract to update the website would go forward.

Director Jeremiah Morgan updated the board on the status of the mentoring program. He had been in contact with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock regarding how to list mentors on the association website to indicate whether the mentor should be consulted for criminal or civil appeals, but the information is not posted on the current website. Both Jeremiah Morgan and Jeffrey Ellis indicated they would follow up with the tech person at UALR.

Tom Weaver advised the board Tiffany Brown had prepared a new edition of the newsletter and reminded directors she needs assistance from all members to provide information for the newsletter.

Tom Weaver indicated he had discussed with Michael Gans a September event in St. Louis, probably a presentation about e-filing in the Eighth Circuit. The event would be a CLE involving a few appellate judges and conclude with a reception. The event is tentatively scheduled for the week of September 24. President-elect Tom Boyd suggested that perhaps the event should include a recognition of Judge Lay. Tom Boyd and Jeremiah Morgan offered to

help plan the event. Tom Weaver indicated he would follow up with Michael Gans and Millie Adams.

Tom Weaver advised the board he had not yet had a conference call with Millie Adams regarding the association's role in the 2008 judicial conference in Chicago. At this point, Weaver informed the board there would be a call for ideas. Tom Boyd and Alok Ahuja volunteered to participate in a conference call.

Director Jeffrey Ellis said she understood Judge Barnes from the Western District of Arkansas was chair of a committee involved in conference planning and, particularly, increasing attendance. She indicated she would contact Judge Barnes and discuss possible assistance by the association.

Tom Weaver indicated the association should sponsor an event at the conference. At the last judicial conference, a breakfast with presentation was sponsored.

Tom Weaver advised the board Past President Jim Layton had indicated that the ABA's Council of Appellate Lawyers is discussing doing an appellate seminar that would be NITA-like, involving the preparation of briefs, moot oral argument, and judicial critique. The association might have a role in the seminar, along with other appellate bar associations.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.