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Eighth Circuit Bar Association

Meeting of Officers and Directors

July 26, 2005

(by conference call)

Present: Krista Kester (president); Margaret Callahan (secretary); Tom Boyd (at-large); Lajuana Counts (at-large); Tom Sullivan (E.D. Ark.); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Diane Kutzko (N.D. Iowa); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); David Herr (D. Minn.); Bob Rossiter (D. Neb.); Doug Bahr (D. N. Dak.); Mark Marshall (D. S. Dak.); Jim Layton (past president).

Absent: Craig Eichstadt (president-elect); Barry Pickens (treasurer); Tom Weaver (at-large); Bob Herman (E.D. Mo.).

Association President Krista Kester called the meeting to order shortly after 9:30 a.m.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June meeting, as previously circulated.

Secretary Margaret Callahan reported for the newsletter committee that the next issue should be out in late August or early September.

Membership chair Mark Marshall reported that 183 out of approximately 320 members have already renewed for the membership year that started July 1, 2005. Mark will circulate lists of members who have not yet renewed, sorted by judicial district, so that district directors can follow up with individuals in their jurisdictions who have not yet renewed. Mark will make

available a sample of a letter used in last year's membership renewal campaign, which district directors can use or modify as they choose.

Krista noted that the Association could be doing a better job in updating information on the Association web site. She said that former Association president Eric Magnuson has provided a list of items currently out of date. Director David Herr volunteered to take over monitoring of the web site for information that needs to be changed.

David as chair of the programs committee will be convening a conference call to plan the speaker and breakfast to be sponsored by the Association at the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in October. He will notify all directors of the time for the call, so directors who are not on the programs committee can participate if desired. David ask for suggestions by e-mail of speakers for the program. Krista indicated there might be some money available for the Association to bring in an outside speaker if desired. There was general agreement that having an Eighth Circuit judge as a speaker is always a good option, and several directors spoke against the idea of bringing in a speaker from outside the Circuit.

Director Tom Boyd reported on his contact with the Minnesota chapter of the Federal Bar Association regarding a possible cooperative effort in hosting a reception for Eighth Circuit judges and staff in Saint Paul in September. The full Court is expected to sit in Saint Paul that month for a "last visit" before the Courthouse becomes unavailable, for approximately three years, for remodeling. The function is to be Monday September 12, 2005, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Saint Paul Hotel, with remarks by Chief Judge James Loken. Tom reports that the Federal Bar Association has not yet decided whether to have a cover charge or finance the reception through use of law firm "sponsors." Tom was not sure what type of arrangement or role the Federal Bar Association proposed for this Association. There was consensus that it would be

good for the Association to be involved with this event, upon suitable terms; the Association in fact sponsored its own Court reception in May 2005 in Saint Paul in anticipation of the remodeling disruption [then scheduled to start in July 2005]. One question raised was how the event would fit with a previously adopted Association policy aimed at ensuring Association funds and events are spread throughout the Eighth Circuit geographic area where possible. Krista noted that the Association financed the May reception through sponsorships with no negative impact on the Association treasury, such that policy concerns with another reception in Saint Paul would be limited in that regard. A question was raised as to the degree of membership overlap between the Association and the Federal Bar Association; and the potential for membership recruitment, through joint reception sponsorship, was discussed. Tom Boyd will participate in the next Federal Bar Association planning meeting and will report back to the directors with details regarding a possible role for this Association.

The next Association directors' meeting will be held Tuesday August 23, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., by telephone.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.