

MINUTES

Eighth Circuit Bar Association

July 8, 2008

(by conference call)

Present: Tom Boyd (president); Mark Marshall (president-elect); Barry Pickens (secretary); Diane Bratvold (treasurer); Tom Weaver (past president); John Baker (Minn.); Julie Cullen (at-large); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); Jeffrey McKinley (E.D. Ark.); Dana Oxley (N.D. Iowa); Karl Robinson (at-large); and Mark Salter (S. Dak.).

Absent: Doug Bahr (N. Dak.); Tiffany Milligan Brown (ad hoc); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); and Roger Shiffermiller (Neb.).

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

Upon motion made by Mark Marshall and seconded by Larry Friedman, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the board of directors meeting held on June 3, 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 Tom Weaver and seconded by Julie Cullen, the board unanimously accepted the treasurer's report.

Tom Boyd updated the board on the status of the current committees and subcommittees of the Association, and his suggestions regarding the compositions thereof.

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

Tom Boyd advised the Board regarding plans for our Association's reception during the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference to be held from Wednesday, August 13, 2008 through Friday, August 15, 2008 in Chicago, IL. The Association's reception is scheduled for August 14, and is tentatively scheduled to run from 5 – 7:30 p.m. Tom Boyd formed a subcommittee for planning this event, which includes Tom Boyd, Tom Weaver, Julie Cullen, Larry Friedman, Mark Marshall, John Baker, Karl Robinson and Diane Bratvold. The subcommittee will meet to formalize plans regarding the location of the event, menu and whether to seek law firm sponsorships of the event.

Tom Boyd updated the board regarding the planning for the Association's program and reception to be held in St. Paul during the week of November 10, 2008.

Barry Pickens updated the board regarding Jeremiah Morgan's and his work for an event in Kansas City, MO in October 2008, tentatively proposed for Thursday, October 16, 2008.

Tom Boyd advised the board that Jeremiah Morgan had informed him that Michael Gans had approved the letter prepared by Jeremiah Morgan regarding the Association's mentoring program and that letter will be transmitted to all new members of the Court's practicing bar.

Jeffrey McKinley advised the board that she was going to send renewal letters soon. She is investigating a “blast email transmission” to all current members to encourage them to renew their membership in the Association. Whether by blast email or letter, the board agreed that her communication to current members should remind them about the upcoming Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference (August 13-15) and the Association’s reception to be held during that event.

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

The board accepted the resignation of Alok Ahuja from the board of directors of the Association effective immediately. Tom Boyd encouraged directors to submit suggestions for persons who might fill the director’s position vacated by Alok Ahuha’s resignation.

Tom Boyd noted that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on August 5, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.