

MINUTES

Eighth Circuit Bar Association

August 5, 2008

(by conference call)

Present: Tom Boyd (president); Mark Marshall (president-elect); Barry Pickens (secretary); Diane Bratvold (treasurer); John Baker (Minn.); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Jeffrey McKinley (E.D. Ark.); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); Dana Oxley (N.D. Iowa); Karl Robinson (at-large); and Mark Salter (S. Dak.).

Absent: Tom Weaver (past president); Doug Bahr (N. Dak.); Tiffany Milligan Brown (ad hoc); Julie Cullen (at-large); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); and Roger Shiffermiller (Neb.).

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

Upon motion duly seconded, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the board of directors meeting held on July 8, 2008.

Diane Bratvold updated the board regarding the association's finances. She advised the last month has been largely uneventful with respect to the Association's bank account and CD. She advised the board that she would prepare a more formal treasurer's report covering the period from July 8, 2008 to the present and submit it for approval by the board at the September 2008 board of directors meeting.

Mark Marshall and Tom Boyd updated the board regarding the Association's activities at the upcoming Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference. Mark Marshall advised the board that he has prepared and assembled written materials regarding the Association to be distributed at the conference, together with souvenir pins with the Association's name and website address. Upon motion made by Jeremiah Morgan and seconded by Diane Bratvold, the board unanimously voted to approve the reimbursement of the expenses incurred by Mark Marshall's firm to procure the souvenir pins (approximately \$186).

Tom Boyd updated the board regarding the Association's planned reception at the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference to be held from 6:00 until approximately 7:30 p.m. on August 14, 2008. The subcommittee formed for this event (comprised of Tom Boyd, Tom Weaver, Julie Cullen, Larry Friedman, Mark Marshall, John Baker, Karl Robinson and Diane Bratvold), organized the event and obtained law firm sponsorships of the event to defray the costs. Those sponsorships total \$5,000. After extended discussion and upon motion made by Jeffrey Ellis and seconded by Diane Bratvold, the board unanimously voted to authorize the total expenditure of \$10,000 by the Association in addition to the \$5,000 collected from the firm sponsors of the event.

Angela Campbell updated the board regarding the recent updates and additions made to the Association's website, including links to the updated minutes of directors meetings, newsletters, committee membership information, and copies of the Association's articles of incorporation and restated bylaws.

Tom Boyd advised the board that he had accepted Tiffany Brown's resignation from her ad hoc position as editor of the Association's newsletter. Tom Boyd asked directors to submit suggested names to him of persons who would be interested in becoming the new editor of the Association's newsletter.

Jeremiah Morgan updated the board regarding the mentoring program. A letter advising newly admitted attorneys of the mentoring program, signed by our Association's President, has been delivered to the clerk in .PDF format to be included in the court's packet sent to attorneys newly admitted to the Eighth Circuit. The mentoring section on the Association's website has also been recently updated.

Jeremiah Morgan updated the board regarding his and Barry Pickens' work for the CLE and reception to be held in Kansas City, Missouri on Thursday, October 16, 2008. The CLE portion of the event is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. A reception will follow from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Michael Gans has agreed to make a one hour CLE presentation on the Eighth Circuit's ECF filing system and the latest changes thereto. Jeremiah and Barry have made preliminary contacts with the judges who are located in Kansas City and will also seek participation by judges who will be scheduled on the October argument calendar in Kansas City. Jeremiah and Barry will make more specific recommendations for the CLE and reception for the board's approval at the September 2008 meeting.

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. It is tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2008. Tom Boyd advised that the Minnesota chapter of the Federal Bar Association has agreed to co-sponsor the event.

Jeffrey McKinley updated the board regarding membership in the Association. Upon motion made by Mark Marshall and seconded by Diane Bratvold, the board unanimously voted to authorize Jeffrey McKinley to send letters to each member of the bench advising them of their membership in the Association. Tom Boyd also advised the board that he would, in advance of the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Chicago, send a letter to Justice Alito advising him of his honorary membership in our Association.

Tom Boyd noted that the next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for September 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.