

MINUTES

Eighth Circuit Bar Association

September 3, 2008

(by conference call)

Present: Tom Boyd (president); Barry Pickens (secretary); Diane Bratvold (treasurer); Tom Weaver (past president); Doug Bahr (N. Dak.); John Baker (Minn.); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Jeffrey McKinley (E.D. Ark.); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); Dana Oxley (N.D. Iowa); and Karl Robinson (at-large).

Absent: Mark Marshall (president-elect); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); Julie Cullen (at-large); Mark Salter (S. Dak.); and Roger Shiffermiller (Neb.).

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

Upon motion made by Larry Friedman and seconded by Tom Weaver, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the board of directors meeting held on August 5, 2008.

Diane Bratvold provided the board with an update regarding the association's finances and circulated written treasurer's reports for the last months ending on August 5 and September 3, 2008 respectively. Upon motion made by Tom Weaver and seconded by Jeremiah Morgan, the board unanimously voted to accept the treasurer's reports for August and September.

Tom Boyd reported to the board regarding the Association's activities at the recent Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference. He advised that the Association generally received favorable attention and recognition from the judges, attorneys and support staff for its activities at the conference, including the reception, the written materials circulated and the souvenir pens. He advised that the costs of the reception were within the budget approved.

Tom Boyd advised the board that he will be working with others to get out the next edition of the Association's newsletter. He will also discuss whether one of Angela Campbell's law clerks might be interested in editing the newsletter. The board also discussed other options for preparing the newsletter.

Jeremiah Morgan and Barry Pickens updated the board regarding the CLE program and reception that the Association will hold in Kansas City on October 16, 2008 at the courthouse. The event will start at 3:00 p.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m.; the reception will run from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Michael Gans will present the first hour of CLE on e-filing in the Eighth Circuit. The second hour of CLE will feature a Question and Answer panel session with the circuit judges who have agreed to participate. Jeremiah Morgan will moderate that panel. There will be no charge for participants to attend. Upon motion made by Tom Weaver and seconded by Diane Bratvold, the board unanimously voted to give Jeremiah Morgan and Barry Pickens authority to enter into a catering contract for costs up to \$1,500 for the reception.

Tom Boyd advised the board that he will provide an update at the next board meeting regarding the planning for the Association's program and reception to be held in St. Paul on November 12, 2008.

Jeremiah Morgan updated the board regarding the Association's mentoring program and the results of the mentoring subcommittee meeting held in Chicago during the Judicial Conference. One of the ideas discussed in Chicago that the mentoring subcommittee will continue to explore is hosting events when panels of the Court hear argument at schools within the Circuit. Dana Oxley volunteered to follow up with the clerk's office regarding the Court's current plans for traveling to the various law schools.

Jeffrey McKinley updated the board regarding membership in the Association. She advised that she plans to send the final renewal notices at the end of September.

Tom Boyd raised the issue of whether to fill the open seat prior to the end of the year. The board generally agreed that we could seek nominations for that seat in the same time frame we are considering filling the seats whose terms expire at the end of 2008.

Tom Boyd raised the issue whether we should hold an Appellate Practice Institute. There was discussion about the last practice institute that the Association had jointly held with the University of Arkansas Little Rock. The board agreed to discuss the issue after investigating the status of the UALR institute and whether UALR would want to consider again jointly sponsoring an Eighth Circuit Appellate Practice Institute with the Association.

Tom Boyd noted that the next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for October 7, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

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