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Eighth Circuit Bar Association

November 4, 2008

(by conference call)

Present: Tom Boyd (president); Barry Pickens (secretary); Diane Bratvold (treasurer); Doug Bahr (N. Dak.); 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 Roger Shiffermiller (Neb.).

Absent: Mark Marshall (president-elect); Tom Weaver (past president); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); and Mark Salter (S. Dak.).

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

Tom Boyd advised the board that the minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting would be considered for approval by the board at the December 2008 directors meeting.

Tom Boyd advised the board that Diane Bratvold's Treasurer's Report on activities in the Association's bank accounts and Association expenditures during the past month would be considered for approval by the board at the December 2008 directors meeting.

Tom Boyd reported to the board that he had received some of the promised materials for the next edition of the Association's newsletter and that he still expects the Association to publish that next edition later this year.

Barry Pickens reported to the board on the October 16, 2008 CLE and reception hosted by the Association in Kansas City. He reported that the event was hosted within the anticipated budget, and was well attended and well received by the attendees.

Tom Boyd advised the board regarding the status of the CLE and reception to be hosted by the Association in St. Paul on November 12, 2008. The times have changed and the CLE will now run from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., with the reception to follow immediately after from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The board discussed the anticipated costs and budget for the event. Upon motion made by Larry Friedman and seconded by John Baker, the board unanimously approved the St. Paul subcommittee to incur up to \$1,600 in expenditures for this event.

Tom Boyd advised the board that Tom Weaver had spoken to Michael Gans about his potential interest in joining our Association's board. Michael Gans has not yet committed to joining the board nor has he declined our invitation to do so.

Jeffrey McKinley Ellis advised the board that the current number of members of the Association is 237. The board discussed modifying membership criteria to permit certain directors/members to remain members of the Association. The board agreed to discuss these issues further at a future board meeting.

Jeremiah Morgan was not available to provide the board with a report on the mentoring program.

Tom Boyd reported on his discussions with Professor Tom Sullivan of the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Law School about future Appellate Practice Institutes to be sponsored in whole or in part by the Association and also regarding Professor Sullivan's views on our newsletter and the desirability of associating with a law school within the circuit. The board agreed to discuss these issues further at a future board meeting or strategic planning meeting that may be organized to consider these issues.

Julie Cullen advised the board that Judge Riley had contacted her about his requests for an event to be hosted by the Association in Omaha during the court week scheduled there from May 11 through 15, 2009. She will contact Nebraska members of the Association to discuss planning for that event.

Tom Boyd noted that the next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for December 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. but advised the board that meeting might have to be postponed to a mutually convenient date for the board. He will send electronic notice of the new date if the meeting is postponed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.