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Eighth Circuit Bar Association

December 16, 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.); Julie Cullen (at-large); Larry Friedman (E.D. Mo.); Tom Kieklak (W.D. Ark.); Jeffrey McKinley (E.D. Ark.); Jeremiah Morgan (W.D. Mo.); Karl Robinson (at-large); Mark Salter (S. Dak.); and Roger Shiffermiller (Neb.).

Absent: Mark Marshall (president-elect); Angela Campbell (S.D. Iowa); and Dana Oxley (N.D. Iowa).

Tom Boyd called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 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 October 7, 2008 and November 4, 2008, respectively.

Diane Bratvold provided the board with an update regarding the association's finances and circulated written treasurer's report for the past two months ending on November 3, 2008 and December 11, 2008, respectively. Upon motion made by Jeremiah Morgan and seconded by Larry Friedman, the board unanimously voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Tom Boyd provided the board with an update regarding the status of the next edition of the Association's newsletter. Several board members have submitted articles for the next newsletter which is targeted to be finished and transmitted to the membership by the end of the year. Larry Friedman's firm is assisting with formatting that newsletter.

Karl Robinson and John Baker reported to the board on the November 12, 2008 CLE and reception hosted by the Association in St. Paul. They reported that the event was hosted within the anticipated budget, and was well attended and well received by the attendees. The Association received many positive comments from the judges and attorneys who attended. The program has been accredited for 2 hours of Iowa CLE, and the application for Minnesota CLE credit is pending.

The board conducted the Association's Annual Meeting to elect officers for 2009 and to fill the expiring or vacant seats on the board of directors. Upon the recommendation of the current officers as the Association's nominating committee, the board of directors unanimously elected for the 2009 term the following individuals: Barry Pickens as President Elect; Diane Bratvold as Secretary; and Jeremiah Morgan as Treasurer. As President Elect, Mark Marshall succeeds to the office of President. Tom Boyd succeeds to the office of Past President.

The board also held elections for the expiring or vacant seats on the board. The nominating committee recommended and the board unanimously elected the following individuals to fill the seats indicated. John Baker was re-elected to another three-year term as the director representing the District of Minnesota. Karl Robinson was re-elected to another three-year term as an at-large

director. Jeffrey McKinley was re-elected to fill another three-year term as the director representing the Eastern District of Arkansas. Dean Ellen Suni of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law was elected to fill a three-year term as the director representing the Western District of Missouri, the seat vacated by Jeremiah Morgan's election as the Treasurer. Michael Gans was elected to fill the vacant at-large seat that expires on January 1, 2010.

Jeffrey McKinley advised the board that the current number of members of the Association is 243 and that she is continuing to contact members who have not renewed their membership at this time.

Jeremiah Morgan advised the board that there were no new developments regarding the mentoring program at this time.

Julie Cullen provided the board with a report regarding her planning for the Association's CLE program and reception to be held in Omaha during the week of May 11, 2009. She contacted the Omaha Zoo and received its recommendations regarding the best venue for a reception during that time of year (the appropriately named "Shark Tunnel") and options and prices for a cash bar. At Judge Riley's request pursuant to the upcoming Nebraska Supreme Court's CLE requirement (which becomes effective in 2010), the Association plans to offer a program that will qualify for CLE credit. Part of that CLE program will involve a modified format for the breakout sessions with appellate and district court judges inspired by speed dating. She will also approach Professor Sullivan of the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Law School to determine whether the school's Appellate Practice Institute would be interested in again co-sponsoring all or a portion of the CLE program with our Association. She asked for volunteers for an Omaha program committee and Roger Shiffermiller volunteered for the committee.

Tom Boyd advised the Board that the next Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference will be held in the Summer of 2010 in Minneapolis. He will contact the Court to ask that our Association be included in the planning group for that event.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.