

Association of the Bar of the Eighth Circuit

Board Minutes: March 17, 2009

1. **Called to Order:** B. Pickens, President.
 2. **Roll Call:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Present: D. Bahr; D. Bratvold; T. Boyd; L. Friedman; M. Gans; J. Morgan; D. Oxley; B. Pickens; K. Robinson; M. Salter; R. Shiffermiller; E. Suni;
Not Present: J. Baker; A. Campbell; J. Cullen; T. Kieklak; M. Marshall; J. McKinley
 3. **Minutes of January 20, 2009 Meeting Presented:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Motion to approve with minor change – R. Shiffermiller; Second – M. Gans; Board approved.
 4. **Treasurer's Report:** K. Robinson, Treasurer. K. Robinson reported Bar Association is strong financially.
Motion to approve – J. Morgan; Second – L. Friedman; Board approved.
 5. **Status of Newsletter:** E. Suni indicated a possibility that a student could assist on the newsletter. T. Brown indicated to T. Boyd that she may be able to participate on an informal basis. L. Friedman confirmed his firm's willingness to work on formatting and printing the newsletter in the future.
 6. **Membership Report:** B. Pickens will provide April report if J. McKinley not available. According to K. Robinson, some renewals received (maybe 14 in all). J. McKinley had previously agreed to help transition a new membership chair when one is selected.
 7. **Report on Omaha Program:**
J. Cullen unable to join call but B. Pickens reported that progress made (although no specific amount requested as yet). J. Morgan suggested that maybe a threshold amount be authorized for J. Cullen to make plans. R. Shiffermiller indicated that Kutak Rock offered use of their office and sponsorship of the Omaha reception. Spencer Fane may also be willing to participate as a sponsor. R. Shiffermiller also offered to assist J. Cullen (his firm represents the Zoo), and B. Pickens will follow up with R. Shiffermiller and J. Cullen on completion of the plans.
 8. **Other Business:**
B. Pickens noted that he needs to visit with T. Boyd and M. Gans about Minnesota event. He will report back in the April conference call. Changes need to be made in contact information on the website, including the mentoring site. B. Pickens requested that updated information for the website be sent to B. Pickens or Rob Batzler (the webmaster). J. McKinley had indicated a willingness to continue on as membership chair until a replacement is obtained. B. Pickens will work on suggestions. Please forward any suggestion. B. Pickens also suggested making T. Boyd an *ex officio* member of Board for 2009.
 9. **Motion to Adjourn:** J. Morgan; D. Bratvold – Second; Board Approved.
- *** Meeting Adjourned.