

Association of the Bar of the Eighth Circuit
Board Minutes: April 7, 2009

1. **Called to Order:** B. Pickens, President.
2. **Roll Call:** D. Bratvold, President-Elect.
Present: J. Baker; D. Bratvold; T. Boyd; L. Friedman; M. Gans; D. Oxley; B. Pickens; M. Salter; R. Shiffermiller; E. Suni;
Not Present: D. Bahr; A. Campbell; J. Cullen; T. Kieklak; M. Marshall; J. McKinley; J. Morgan; K. Robinson
3. **Minutes of March 17, 2009 Meeting Presented:** Minutes circulated by J. Morgan; B. Pickens, presented.
Motion to approve; seconded; board approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Report circulated by K. Robinson, Treasurer; B. Pickens, presented.
Motion to approve; seconded; board approved.
5. **Status of Newsletter:** B. Pickens indicated he would be editor for first issue with goal to publish shorter issues on a regular schedule, preferably each quarter; end of April 2009 is the target for first issue of 2009, then June, September, December. Long-term solution is for communications committee to take responsibility; E. Sunni indicated that research assistant may be available for future issues. Discussed some possibilities for additional content; M. Gans volunteered to write a regular column; discussed circuit librarian as another possible columnist; columnists need not write for every issue, but regular contributions would be appreciated.
6. **Membership Report:** B. Pickens discussed report from J. McKinley who was not available for meeting. No new members since last report; J. McKinley will prepare list of non-renewals. J. McKinley has asked to step down and new membership chair is needed.
7. **Report on Omaha Program and Reception:**
J. Cullen unable to join call but B. Pickens reported that progress has been made. Reception is set for May 13; location is Omaha Zoo, some discussion about space options within zoo.
Motion to approve \$2500 food and beverage budget with \$2500 for facilities budget; seconded; board approved.
8. **E-Filing of Records and Briefs:**
M. Gans reported that the court is getting ready to move to next phase and test electronic filing of briefs, still working on electronic filing of record. First round of testing will be by court personnel; later volunteer lawyers and staff will be sought out. After testing, court may want to coordinate training sessions at various courthouses with assistance from the Eighth Circuit Bar Association.

9. Other Business:

B. Pickens noted that discussion continues about hosting event with Professor Polly Price regarding Richard Arnold biography; request feedback from court regarding whether September event in St. Louis would be good timing.

B. Pickens reported that association had received sales tax exemption in Missouri.

B. Pickens commented that board members should consider which standing committees they would like to participate in and whether to participate in a strategic planning committee. More on this in the May meeting.

10. Motion to Adjourn: moved and seconded; board approved.

*** Meeting Adjourned.