

Association of the Bar of the Eighth Circuit

Board Minutes: May 5, 2009

1. **Called to Order:** B. Pickens, President.
2. **Roll Call:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Present: D. Bahr; J. Baker; D. Bratvold; T. Boyd; L. Friedman; M. Gans; T. Kieklak; J. Morgan; B. Pickens; M. Salter; R. Shiffermiller; E. Suni;
Not Present: A. Campbell; J. Cullen; M. Marshall; J. McKinley; D. Oxley; K. Robinson
3. **Minutes of April 7, 2009 Meeting Presented:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Motion to approve – E. Suni; Second – L. Friedman; Board approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** K. Robinson will provide two months' report at next meeting.
5. **Status of Newsletter:** B. Pickens reported that the content is completed and it is ready to go out. The target is quarterly distribution with the next in July. B. Pickens will speak with E. Suni about student help.
6. **Membership Report:** J. McKinley reported by e-mail that there were 4 new members. T. Boyd gave a suggestion for membership. He noted that the Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society uses online registration and payment. Comments from the Board were generally in favor of pursuing this idea and T. Boyd indicated that he would forward a link. T. Boyd, B. Pickens and J. McKinley indicated that they would speak separately about this suggestion. In addition, J. McKinley indicated that she would continue to be membership chair.
7. **Report on Omaha Program:** B. Pickens and R. Shiffermiller reported that it is nearly all pulled together. M. Gans will be a presenter. The Zoo will not allow the reception event to begin until 7:00 p.m. so the program will run at the courthouse from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and then move to the Zoo for a reception. There are 3 sponsors to help subsidize the event. E. Suni inquired about the invitation list and it was reported that Nebraska practitioners appearing in the 8th Circuit in the past few years received invitations along with the Omaha bar association and other organizations. The target was mostly local attorneys. It was agreed that the announcement would go out in the newsletter and to our e-mail list. R. Shiffermiller needs a count for the caterer. Notice was also sent to Iowa attorneys.
8. **Event with Professor Price:** Judge Loken asked M. Gans to contact General Counsel to see if it is a problem for the 8th Circuit to sponsor the event. The tentative date for the event is Monday, September 21, 2009.
9. **Other Business:** T. Boyd suggested a new committee – strategic planning committee to figure out next steps. The following suggestions were made: look at other bar associations; look at affiliation with a law school; become an institutional part of the 8th Circuit Judicial Conference; identify membership benefits; target specific groups (i.e. criminal appeals). If Board members have an interest in a committee please e-mail before the next meeting. T. Boyd suggested that we need to keep website updated and have someone as the point person for that. Good to post

events and pictures. If anyone is interested in heading up this process please e-mail B. Pickens.

*** Meeting Adjourned.