

Association of the Bar of the Eighth Circuit

Board Minutes: June 2, 2009

1. **Called to Order:** B. Pickens, President.
2. **Roll Call:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Present: Doug Bahr; John Baker; Diane Bratvold; Tom Boyd; Larry Friedman; Michael Gans; Jeremiah Morgan; Dana Oxley; Barry Pickens; Mark Salter; Roger Shiffermiller.
Not Present: Angela Campbell; Julie Cullen; Tom Kieklak; Mark Marshall; Jeffrey McKinley; Karl Robinson; Ellen Suni.
3. **Minutes of April 7, 2009 Meeting Presented:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Motion to approve – L. Friedman; Second – D. Bahr; Board approved.
4. **Status of Newsletter:** B. Pickens reported that it was sent out. B. Pickens will head up the next newsletter. E. Suni will post position for student to assist.
5. **Report on Omaha Program:** Reported that program went very well. M. Gans presented with judges and well received. Of the 65 or so that registered for the Zoo event not as many attended. Approximately 30+ attended the CLE presentation. Thanks to Amy Batalion for support. No photographs at event, but will work to update website with photos.
6. **Association Committees:** Discussion of proposed strategic planning committee. T. Boyd interested in committee as well as D. Bratvold and M. Gans happy to serve. Also suggested that E. Suni be on committee. T. Boyd also suggested maybe a member of the organization can be on the committee that is not a member of the Board. M. Salter also happy to serve. Suggestion made that we solicit by e-mail the general membership to ask for participation. L. Friedman agreed with B. Pickens' suggestions. Also possible to reach out to non-members.
7. **Other Business:** Updating website discussed. B. Pickens suggested getting monetary authority to update website. T. Boyd indicated not terribly expensive. Maybe think about registration page, etc. Update with pictures, etc. J. Morgan will chair with L. Friedman. Suggestion made that website updating be made part of secretary's responsibilities. J. Baker moved the suggestion to grant monetary authority not to exceed \$1,000 to update website and M. Gans seconded. Board approved. Also discussed events subcommittee and volunteers for September event. B. Pickens inquired about status of Court's concern about co-sponsoring event. M. Gans received response from General Counsel that bar association should be sole sponsor. M. Gans wrote letter to Judge Loken and not heard back as yet. M. Gans suggested that bar association be full sponsor and expressed there was some concern that book be for sale at the event. Suggestion made of maybe handing out a copy or two of the book at the event.

*** Meeting Adjourned.