

Association of the Bar of the Eighth Circuit  
Board Minutes: July 23, 2009

1. **Called to Order:** B. Pickens, President.
2. **Roll Call:** J. Morgan, Secretary.  
*Present:* Doug Bahr; John Baker; Diane Bratvold; Larry Friedman; Michael Gans; Jeremiah Morgan; Barry Pickens; Karl Robinson; Mark Salter; Ellen Suni.  
*Not Present:* Angela Campbell; Julie Cullen; Tom Kieklak; Dana Oxley; Roger Shiffermiller; Jeffrey McKinley; Tom Boyd.
3. **Minutes:** J. Morgan, Secretary. To be presented at next meeting in August.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** K. Robinson provided. J. Morgan moved to approve; D. Bahr second. Board approved.
5. **Committees:** B. Pickens reported that by-laws do not give the President discretion to create new committees. Must have Board approval. Many have agreed to be on the strategic planning committee. Suggested that D. Bratvold, President-elect, chair the strategic planning committee. Discussed that it should not be institutionalized that President-elect be chair, but for this time it is appropriate. M. Gans moved to create strategic planning committee. L. Friedman seconded. Board approved. Discussion also had regarding division of communications committee into newsletter and website. J. Morgan generally noted that we do not want to have too many committees. D. Bahr also inquired about reason behind splitting. M. Gans suggested a member serve on both to provide adequate liaison role. M. Gans noted there is enough difference between the two to justify division. M. Salter moved to dissolve communications and programs committees and create newsletter and website committees with one person serving on both. M. Gans second. Board approved.
6. **Event with Professor Price:** Scheduled for September 21, 2009 in St. Louis. M. Gans reported that it can be on Court property. M. Gans is local contact with Professor Price and L. Friedman and B. Pickens can assist. Bookstore will be sponsoring book signing and M. Arnold agreed to speak. Tentative schedule is to have speech, book signing and then reception. An agenda and budget will be prepared.
7. **Newsletter:** B. Pickens indicated that they are shooting for the first week in August for publication of the next quarterly installment. B. Pickens is working on it and E. Suni reported that a student candidate has been interviewed and selected to assist with the newsletter. The student has communications background and is excited for the opportunity. B. Pickens will finish off the current newsletter.

\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned.