

Association of the Bar of the Eighth Circuit

Board Minutes: September 1, 2009

1. **Called to Order:** B. Pickens, President.
2. **Roll Call:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Present: Doug Bahr; Tom Boyd; Diane Bratvold; Julie Cullen; Michael Gans; Jeremiah Morgan; Barry Pickens; Karl Robinson; Mark Salter; Ellen Suni
Not Present: John Baker; Angela Campbell; Larry Friedman; Tom Kieklak; Jeffrey McKinley; Dana Oxley; Roger Shiffermiller;
3. **Minutes of June and July 2009 Meeting Presented:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Motion to approve with corrected spelling of name: D. Bahr; D. Bratvold second; Board approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report Presented:** K. Robinson, Treasurer. Motion to approve J. Morgan; J. Cullen second; Board approved.
5. **Event with Professor Price:** Schedule firmed up for event. Begins at 4:00 p.m. in en banc courtroom in St. Louis. Professor will speak and will be the only speaker. She will speak for 1 hour. Cocktail reception in lobby outside en banc courtroom immediately following presentation. The event will end at approximately 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Books will be available for sale at the event. Catering being finalized. B. Pickens suggested authority up to \$2,500 for catering and bar. We will also be able to do the event tax free because of exemption. It was suggested by B. Pickens that we offer travel/expense reimbursement to Professor Price. Invitations should go out soon. Motion to approve \$2,500 authority for catering as well as travel/expense reimbursement to Professor Price: E. Sunni; D. Bratvold second. Board approved.
6. **Website Updates:** J. Morgan reported that information has been updated, including officers, committees, minutes, events and other areas of the website. Still looking for pictures to add. M. Gans indicated that someone from his staff could take pictures at next event and B. Pickens will inquire as to whether pictures were taken of last event.
7. **Newsletter/Research Assistant Status:** B. Pickens updated on the status. Research Assistant is working out great. Contents of newsletter is mostly there with some additional need for follow-up. Will be sent to L. Friedman's firm for publishing and finalization by the end of this week.
8. **Other Business:** B. Pickens reported that strategic planning committee is underway and should have first meeting very soon. Other committees are still underway. J. Morgan suggested having an award for appellate advocacy. B. Pickens inquired about how nominations etc. would work. M. Gans suggested looking at other associations to see what they are doing. B. Pickens suggested that idea should go to strategic planning committee.

*** Meeting Adjourned.