

Association of the Bar of the Eighth Circuit

Board Minutes: October 6, 2009

1. **Called to Order:** B. Pickens, President.
2. **Roll Call:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Present: Doug Bahr; John Baker; Tom Boyd; Diane Bratvold; Larry Friedman; Jeffrey McKinley; Jeremiah Morgan; Dana Oxley; Barry Pickens; Karl Robinson; Mark Salter; Ellen Suni
Not Present: Angela Campbell; Julie Cullen; Michael Gans; Tom Kieklak; Roger Shiffermiller;
3. **Minutes of September Meeting Presented:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Motion to approve: J. Baker; D. Bratvold second; Board approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report Presented:** K. Robinson, Treasurer. Question of number of deposits on one day – five. The deposits reflect the large number of checks received for membership and deposited requiring multiple deposit slips. Checks sent from membership to treasurer about every two weeks. Motion to approve: D. Bahr; E. Sunni second; Board approved.
5. **Report on September 21, 2009 Event in St. Louis with Professor Price:** L. Friedman reported that it went very well. M. Gans, L. Friedman, B. Pickens and T. Weaver were there. Volume of books sold was very good. Pictures taken and will be prepared for the website. Caterer was good. Came in within budget. Offered to Professor Price to reimburse travel expenses, and it is anticipated she will accept.
6. **Membership Updates:** J. McKinley reported receiving 150 renewals for membership recently. She is also sending out reminders to those who have not renewed. E. Sunni inquired as to when renewal goes out. Is it all at one time or a year after signing up? J. McKinley indicated it is all at one time. J. McKinley suggested sending out Christmas cards to thank people for membership and hopefully get updates to addresses. Also suggested sending out e-mail to association membership at the end of the year to see how many bounce back. B. Pickens suggested getting a quote on the cost of sending out Christmas cards and he will put it on the next agenda.
7. **Committee Chair Openings:** Having trouble filling out membership committee. Would like to get a replacement for J. McKinley as chair of membership committee by the end of the year. The second one is newsletter editor position. Would like a member of the board to step up for these two. D. Bahr suggested someone report on what these positions entail. J. McKinley indicated that during membership time it is more time consuming going through the many forms. It is more mechanical work and she now has it on a thumb drive. She spends an hour or two a day during membership month. Suggested that the mailing address for membership be changed and also that the chair of Membership be in place for two years. B. Pickens suggested that if we can get membership automated on the website it will make easier. B. Pickens reported on newsletter editor: Responsible

for reviewing (on a fairly cursory basis) 8th Circuit decisions to summarize and update membership; Coordinate with Circuit clerk and Circuit librarian; Follow cases that were granted cert.; Author articles concerning events by the Association; Assist with desktop publishing; Circulate the newsletter and make corrections to e-mail addresses. Suggestion made that e-mail responses be sent to membership.

8. Report from Strategic Planning Committee: B. Pickens reported valuable input from M. Gans concerning how often events should be held in different venues in the Circuit. M. Gans suggested one event in St. Paul every other year and one in St. Louis every other year is just fine. Tentatively planning event in St. Paul in Fall 2010. D. Bratvold reported on the following topics raised in the discussions: number of events; partnership with law school(s); participation in 8th Circuit Judicial Conference; possible ongoing appellate practice institute for 8th Circuit Bar.

9. Other Business: B. Pickens gave general reminder of annual meeting. B. Pickens updated on plan for newsletter. Publishing a double issue and working to get out by the end of October.

*** Meeting Adjourned.