

Association of the Bar of the Eighth Circuit

Board Minutes: November 3, 2009

1. **Called to Order:** B. Pickens, President.
2. **Roll Call:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Present: Doug Bahr; John Baker; Diane Bratvold; Julie Cullen; Larry Friedman; Michael Gans; Jeffrey McKinley; Jeremiah Morgan; Dana Oxley; Barry Pickens; Karl Robinson; Mark Salter
Not Present: Tom Boyd; Angela Campbell; Tom Kieklak; Roger Shiffermiller; Ellen Suni
3. **Minutes of September Meeting Presented:** J. Morgan, Secretary.
Motion to approve: L. Friedman; second D. Bratvold; Board approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report Presented:** K. Robinson, Treasurer. Motion to approve treasurer's report: J. Morgan; second J. McKinley; Board approved. The 24 month CD is maturing this month and K. Robinson thinks it will automatically roll over. K. Robinson suggests that we allow it to roll over. K. Robinson will check to see if it automatically rolls over. M. Gans asked about the interest rate. B. Pickens suggested maybe CD should be placed in bank with multiple locations. K. Robinson has had no problem with bank and has internet banking available. D. Bratvold had no problem with the bank.
5. **Annual Meeting/Election of 2010 Officers and Directors:** Next meeting is December 1, 2009, and it will be our annual meeting. Any suggestions for at-large seat for class 3 director class are requested by B. Pickens. In addition, another opening is likely given the probable advancement of a director to an officer position. Suggestions for directors are requested. J. McKinley mentioned a lawyer in Little Rock named Kevin Crass as a possible director.
6. **Membership Updates:** J. McKinley reported that with checks received to date there are 223 members. This includes members of the bench and judicial members. J. McKinley will send list to B. Pickens to review and make sure there are no errors. Our numbers are slightly down from last year – about 14-15 members. J. McKinley is following up with e-mails and calls. Quote for Christmas cards to membership (at 300 cards) is between \$175-\$476. D. Bahr inquired about primary purpose of Christmas cards. If it is to locate people then maybe it should be focused on those where the information may be incorrect. M. Gans would be happy to check address list against the court's information. J. McKinley will send list to M. Gans and B. Pickens. Discussion of sending out bar Christmas cards. B. Pickens and J. McKinley will discuss and come back with a possible suggestion.
7. **Committee Chair Update:** B. Pickens reported two committees still lacking a chair. One person has volunteered for one but still need one for newsletter.
8. **Report from Strategic Planning Committee:** D. Bratvold reported on meeting and working on goals and targeted action to pass on to Board for review and approval. Topics considered include events, partnership with law schools, and an appellate

practice institute. One topic the committee needs input on is reaching out to certain target groups – criminal appellate bar for example. Looking for recommendations for those to participate on this group.

9. **Other Business:** Executive Committee will need to meet within the next week or ten days to discuss slate of 2010 officers and other vacancies. D. Bratvold inquired about R. Shiffermiller. His participation in all likelihood would be extremely limited if not replaced.

*** Meeting Adjourned.