

# Association of the Bar of the Eighth Circuit

Board Minutes: January 5, 2010

1. **Called to Order:** D. Bratvold, President.
2. **Roll Call:** J. Morgan, President-elect.  
*Present:* Doug Bahr; John Baker; Diane Bratvold; Angela Campbell; Julie Cullen; Larry Friedman; Michael Gans; Jeremiah Morgan; Dana Oxley; Barry Pickens; Ellen Suni  
*Not Present:* Jeffrey McKinley; Karl Robinson; Mark Salter.
3. **Minutes of September Meeting Presented:** J. Morgan, President-elect.  
Motion to approve: E. Suni; second B. Pickens; Board approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report Presented:** K. Robinson, Treasurer. Circulated but tabled.
5. **Board Vacancies:** Board openings include: W.D. Ark.; D. Neb.; two at-large openings. J. McKinley intends to resign, thus creating three at-large openings. B. Pickens will take the lead on getting names for D. Neb. opening. J. Morgan suggested having another board member in the St. Louis area. Suggested by D. Bratvold that the board consider geographic, gender and other diversity. Please forward any recommendations to any officer. E. Suni suggested having a bio of each board member to know their practices for purposes of balancing the board. M. Gans was looking for list of membership but could not find it. D. Bratvold suggested it could be made available on-line to members only. E. Suni suggested membership push for AUSAs and public defenders. E. Suni also suggested considering permanent law clerks for membership.
6. **Interim Report from Strategic Planning Committee:** D. Bratvold reported a working draft and plans to schedule another meeting soon. Plan to have it finalized in the next couple of months.
7. **Reception at Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in August:** T. Boyd is on the social committee for the planning. Date for conference is Aug. 11-13, 2010. It will be held at the Minneapolis Marriott. D. Bratvold attended social committee and reported conference will have 2-3 main social events. Opening reception at the hotel on Wednesday. The CLE portion will begin Thursday and go all day. There will be a Thursday evening reception at the Walker Art Institute with potential recognition for Judge Loken and Judge Riley. On Friday there is a third potential social at the Twins game. Theme suggested for the association's reception could be a law clerk reunion. Suggested timing would be Wednesday as a prelude to the larger reception. A second opportunity for association would be to sponsor the larger reception at the Walker Art Institute. Sponsorship would not be sole sponsorship but part of a group of sponsors. Need committee to help plan the reception. J. Morgan voiced some favor for doing the first themed reception and not just being on a list of sponsors. M. Gans indicated that visibility on sponsoring a larger reception would not be as strong. Numbers concerning participation of Walker Art Institute was potentially around \$1,500. B. Pickens

suggested maybe the association could do both. E. Suni inquired about the goal(s) of the receptions. D. Bratvold indicated goals would be increasing visibility of association as well as increasing membership. T. Boyd was pursuing possibly sponsoring both. E. Suni suggested having something on name badge recognizing members of the association. M. Gans suggested maybe having a nuts and bolts presentation offered to membership or some other presentation by the association. D. Oxley voiced favor for law clerk reception and indicated the judges would probably appreciate such a reception. J. Baker suggested maybe start as a law clerk reception and then have it branch. Could also identify different participants by different ribbons on their name badge. E. Suni indicated there is often interest in how clerks participate in decision-making process and then have the reception right after with former law clerks.

**8. Educational Seminars/Court Receptions for 2010:** D. Bratvold would like to see us identify the receptions or activities we will do for the year. J. Cullen suggested possibly the investiture for Judge Riley as an activity. J. Cullen will give Judge Riley a call. Board generally viewed with favor the investiture suggestion.

**9. Meeting Schedule for Board:** Tabled.

**10. Other Business:** Judge Riley becomes chief judge in April 2010. Possibly consider investiture for Judge Riley. J. McKinley submitted resignation and was accepted by the board effective January 31, 2010 – L. Friedman moved; second M. Gans; Board approved.

\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned.