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Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
Oct. 8, 2008, 12:00 noon

Participants:

Hon. Richard G. Kopf, Chairman of the Board
Frances Ross, President
F. Richard Lyford, Vice-President
Ann Fessenden, Secretary
Sheila Greenbaum, Treasurer
Thomas H. Boyd, Past-President
Hon. Richard Peterson, Past-President
Joan Voelker, Archives Librarian

Board Chair Judge Kopf asked that the participants announce themselves and with all present, President Ross took over the proceedings.

Minutes

The minutes of the past conference call were approved.

Recap of Historical Society activities at the Judicial Conference

As not all of the executive committee members were able to attend the Judicial Conference, the Historical Society activities held there were recounted. Judge Kopf said that the presentation by Professor Morris was well received and that he had received a number of comments from persons happy to have gotten copies of the Eighth Circuit history. He also noted that he believed the committee surprised Mr. Boyd with his well-deserved award, presented to him by Judges Bright and Melloy, for his outstanding work in getting the Eighth Circuit history published. Mr. Boyd expressed his thanks to everyone for the kind and meaningful recognition.

Board meeting minutes and branch reports

Ms. Voelker apologized for the delay in getting the board meeting minutes drafted and said they should be finished very soon, at which time she would send them on for approval. She was happy to report that she had received all branch reports, save one that was reportedly in the mail. She said she would follow up on that and then post the reports on the web site by the end of October.

Finances

Treasurer Greenbaum reported a balance of \$13,511.27 in the parent Society account and \$3,636.29 in the Court of Appeals branch account. She noted that she had not yet received the invoice for the history books handed out at the conference. Mr. Boyd explained that he had put the purchase on his personal credit card and was awaiting his next statement incorporating a revision to the figure. He added that if the revised figure is as he anticipates, it will be \$5818.80.

IRS filing requirement: professional advice

Ms. Greenbaum said that she was waiting until all the financial reports were received to carry out the e-filing with the IRS for the branches. She noted that Ms. Voelker said she would get the reports to her by the end of the month.

Next Meeting

President Ross scheduled the next meeting of the executive committee for Wed., Jan. 14 at noon. Judge Kopf offered to have his judicial assistant, Kris, arrange the call, and Ms. Ross expressed her gratitude for that. It was determined that executive meetings for the rest of 2009 would be addressed in January.

Other Items

Mr. Boyd shared that the University of Minnesota Press had 1,500 copies of the Eighth Circuit history printed and only 336 copies remained.

Mr. Lyford inquired as to the cost to engage Mr. Morris to write the history, and Mr. Boyd said his vague recollection was \$25,000 plus expenses for trips around the circuit. Judge Kopf shared that the Nebraska branch has budgeted \$15,000 plus expenses for its written history project.

Ms. Fessenden reported that the next open Judicial Conference will be held in Minneapolis, during the second week in August, 2010.

There being no other business, the conference call adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann T. Fessenden, Secretary