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Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
Jan. 14, 2009, 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 welcomed the participants and turned the proceedings over to President Ross.

Minutes

The minutes of the past conference call were approved.

Finances

Treasurer Greenbaum reported a December 31, 2008 balance of \$9559.23 in the parent account after reimbursement to Tom Boyd of 3325.03, and a balance of \$1142.52 in the Court of Appeals account after reimbursement to Mr. Boyd of \$2493.77. The reimbursements were for the purchase on Mr. Boyd's personal credit card of the Eighth Circuit history books distributed at the Judicial Conference.

IRS filing requirement: professional advice

Ms. Greenbaum reported that she had carried out the IRS e-filing for the branches and had received a confirmation for each filing. Judge Kopf thanked her for her service. A motion passed to approve the report of the treasurer, including notice of the e-filing.

Next Meeting

President Ross scheduled the next meeting of the executive committee for Wed., April 8 at 12:30. Judge Kopf offered to have his judicial assistant, Kris, arrange the call.

Judge Richard S. Arnold Biography

Discussion then turned to the upcoming publication of Judge Richard S. Arnold's biography, as Tom Boyd suggested that the Historical Society plan an event in its honor. He noted that the book, written by one of Judge Arnold's former law clerks, Polly J. Price, was scheduled for publication by Prometheus Books the latter part of April, 2009. As this date just misses the four panel court week being held in St. Louis the week of April 13, Judge Kopf suggested that

September court week in St. Louis might be an opportune time, as the new law clerks undergoing orientation would also enjoy the event. Ms. Fessenden noted that three panels, including Judge Morris Arnold, would be sitting in St. Paul in June, and Mr. Lyford welcomed the author to speak in Iowa when the Eighth Circuit hears oral arguments there and the Federal Practice Committee meets in December. Ms. Ross offered that Little Rock would also be an appropriate location for the event. It was discussed that the author would be invited to speak at any such events and that perhaps travel expenses could be paid by the Historical Society. It was noted that the author is located in Atlanta, Georgia where she teaches at Emory University School of Law.

A committee was formed with Tom Boyd as chair, Judge Kopf, and Judge Peterson. The executive committee granted them the authority to contact the author to schedule telephone conference(s) and plan events.

Mr. Boyd said that he had sent a memo to the executive committee of the Eighth Circuit Bar Association suggesting an event related to the publication of the book. He proposed to the Historical Society executive committee that perhaps the Historical Society and the Bar Association might be able to combine efforts and funds.

There being no other business, the conference call adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann T. Fessenden, Secretary