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Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
July 8, 2009, 12:00 p.m.

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 as corrected by Sheila Greenbaum in an email sent earlier in the day.

Finances

Treasurer Greenbaum reported a balance of \$9579.15 in the parent account and a balance of \$1142.52 in the Court of Appeals account. There were no financial transactions other than a very small amount of interest deposited in the parent account.

IRS Tax Filing, Due Nov. 15, 2009

Ms. Greenbaum said that the Historical Society could proceed as last year, offering her services to again file with the IRS for the parent organization and branches. She said the filing would need to occur between the end of the fiscal year, June 30, and the filing due date, November 15, and she would need to receive financial reports from all branches. Ms. Voelker said that she would forward her the financial reports received. A motion was passed authorizing Ms. Greenbaum to file again this year for the parent and branches.

Events Honoring Publication of Judge Richard S. Arnold Biography

Ms. Ross said that two events had taken place in Little Rock featuring author Polly Price as speaker. Mr. Lyford noted that an event is being planned in Des Moines for December with the Federal Practice Committee. Mr. Boyd said that the Eighth Circuit Bar Association was planning an event during the September court week in St. Louis. It will consist of a reading or lecture in the late afternoon of Monday, Sept. 21, followed by a reception at the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse.

Judge Bright

Ms. Fessenden reported that the library had announced Judge Bright's historical achievement as the longest working Eighth Circuit judge in the library newsletter and on the homepages of the Historical Society and library web sites. In addition, the library is preparing a display on Judge Bright for this year's Judicial Conference in Duluth.

Nebraska Judicial Archive

Judge Kopf shared that the District of Nebraska built a web page on its external site featuring biographical information on its judges. He noted that the same page also offers a link to images of the display created to commemorate the historic Chief Standing Bear case and a link to information on the Nebraska District Court history being prepared by Drs. John Wunder and Mark Scherer. Judge Kopf also mentioned that a play written by one of the law clerks was performed to reenact the Standing Bear trial.

The Nebraska Judicial Archive web page is located at: <http://www.ned.uscourts.gov/judArch/>. Judge Kopf noted that each district court in the circuit could easily build such a page.

Next Meeting

President Ross scheduled the next meeting of the executive committee for Wed., November 4 at noon.

There being no other business, the conference call adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann T. Fessenden, Secretary