

**MINUTES**  
**Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit**  
Executive Committee Conference Call  
March 3, 2010, 12:30 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

Minutes

The minutes of the past conference call were approved.

Finances and IRS Filing (Nov. 15, 2009)

Treasurer Greenbaum reported a balance of \$9,568.18 in the parent account and a balance of \$1,142.52 in the Court of Appeals account.

Ms. Greenbaum also reported that she filed with the IRS and mailed the confirmations for the individual 2009 990-N filings for the parent Society and the 11 branches to Ms. Fessenden.

Nominating Committee to Elect Officers for 2010-2012

A committee to nominate officers was formed during this telephone conference call. Judge Kopf will serve as chair and Tom Boyd and Dick Lyford as members.

The nominating committee then conferred during the same call. Judge Kopf conveyed that Frances Ross was stepping down as president and suggested the following nominees: Dick Lyford for president, Frances Ross for vice president, and incumbents treasurer Greenbaum and secretary Fessenden to continue their positions. All agreed to accept their nominations.

Judicial Conference, Minneapolis, Aug. 9-13, 2010

a) Breakfast meeting

Ms. Fessenden noted that the breakfast meeting has been scheduled for 7 - 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 12. The executive committee approved the motion that Historical Society funds be expended to serve board members the \$16 vegetable quiche plate.

b) Panel discussion

Tom Boyd reported that the Minnesota branch had considered forming a panel discussion for the Judicial Conference to cover the topics of historical displays, court histories, and oral histories. The target audience was to be Historical Society board members as well as local persons who work with history such as history faculty and state Historical Society staffers. Mr. Boyd conveyed that the branch concluded that unfortunately, there is no good spot on the conference agenda this year for this to take place. At one time, they considered Friday afternoon as some people will be staying for a Friday evening ball game, but they concluded that because the meeting itself will adjourn at 12:15, perhaps the attendance would not be adequate.

Mr. Lyford suggested that as a substitute, perhaps the committee could offer a list of contacts/resources for historical projects and offered to begin such a list.

c) Exhibit area

Mr. Boyd said that the Minnesota branch would be exhibiting its display on the Foshay case at the conference. Ms. Fessenden added that the library will be contributing a traveling display made on the Chief Standing Bear case.

Bylaws

President Ross noted that section 3 of the bylaws states that there shall be a “regular” meeting of the Board, “at least every two years,” yet under section 6 (a), there is mention of the “annual meeting.” Ms. Ross also pointed out that the executive committee is not mentioned in the bylaws. It was agreed that a revision of the bylaws was in order, and Judge Kopf offered to draft the revision.

Southern District of Iowa Branch

Mr. Lyford reported that Polly Price’s speech on Judge Richard Arnold went well in Des Moines.

Nebraska Branch

Judge Kopf reported that the Nebraska branch has approved \$5,000 in expenses to get Judge Urbom’s soon-to-be completed memoirs published. He asked the committee about their experiences in using academic presses. Mr. Boyd said his experience with the University of Minnesota Press was very good, though his project to publish the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit history did not get their highest priority because it was being done at a lower price. Ms. Ross suggested contacting Judge Morris Arnold who has authored and published a number of books. Judge Kopf said he may approach the University of Nebraska Press and the University of Michigan Press. Judge Urbom was a graduate of the University of Michigan.

Next Meeting

President Ross scheduled the next meeting of the executive committee for Wed., June 2 at noon.

There being no other business, the conference call adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Fessenden, Secretary