

**MINUTES**  
**Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit**  
Executive Committee Conference Call  
June 2, 2010, 12:00 p.m.

**Participants:**

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

Secretary Ann Fessenden and Judge Peterson were unable to participate in the conference call.

Minutes

The minutes of the past conference call were approved.

Finances

Treasurer Greenbaum reported a balance of \$9,576.35 in the parent account and a balance of \$1,142.52 in the Court of Appeals account. The parent account earned less than \$10 in interest, and the Court of Appeals account stayed the same.

Branch Reports

Joan Voelker mentioned that she would be emailing a notice to the branches that annual reports on finances and activities as of June 30 would be due.

Reminder to Judges to Preserve and Donate Papers

Judge Kopf offered to again distribute a letter to the judges encouraging them to preserve and donate their chambers papers.

Bylaws

The Bylaws changes proposed by Frances Ross and drafted by Judge Kopf and the changes proposed and drafted by Ann Fessenden were approved by the executive committee for consideration for adoption by the board of directors.

All proposed language changes had been emailed to the executive committee prior to the meeting except that in Bylaw 7, and the proposed language for Bylaw 7 was read during the meeting.

It was agreed that Ms. Voelker would add the language for Bylaw 7 in the document and email the draft proposed Bylaws to the board with the agenda for the board meeting, to be held on August 12 during the Judicial Conference. Judge Kopf asked that the agenda be sent the week of June 21, along with redlined and clean versions of the proposed Bylaws in PDF format.

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a) Agenda Items for Board Meeting

After reviewing the agenda from the last board meeting, it was agreed that this year's agenda could be similar, with the addition of the proposed Bylaws and election of officers and the elimination of the topic of the IRS filing requirements.

Dick Lyford and Tom Boyd planned to discuss in a separate phone call a packet of information regarding sources for court history projects that they would prepare for the board members.

b) Panel Discussion on Baseball Law

Tom Boyd reported that there would be a panel discussion on baseball law on Friday afternoon, with conferees attending the Minnesota Twins game at the new Target Field Stadium later in the evening.

c) Display Area

Mr. Boyd said that he, Minnesota's Chief Judge Davis, and Tom Nelson were coordinating a display on baseball with Ann Fessenden, including a looping video featuring commentary by Buck O'Neil, first baseman and manager in the Negro American League's Kansas City Monarchs, and a rendition of "Casey at Bat" by John Simonett, former associate justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. He also said that the Minnesota branch would be exhibiting its display on the Foshay case.

Ms. Voelker said she and Katie Pappageorge in the library would be preparing the baseball display, most likely in six panels and outlined possible content.

Next Meeting

President Ross scheduled the next meeting of the executive committee for Monday, September 20 at noon.

There being no other business, the conference call adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Voelker for Ann Fessenden, Secretary