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Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
April 13, 2011 12:00 p.m.

Participants:

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

Roll call was taken, and the minutes of the Executive Committee's January 12, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greenbaum reported that the parent fund had earned \$2.85 in interest and had a current balance of \$9587.14. The Court of Appeals branch balance was \$1142.52.

Annual Reminder to Judges to Donate Papers

Secretary Fessenden noted that it was time for the Historical Society to issue a reminder to judges to consider donating their personal papers to an appropriate historical repository. Judge Kopf agreed to send such a reminder to his colleagues.

American Society for Legal History (ASLH) reception

The main item of business was to review the status of the ASLH reception and determine actions needed. Ms. Greenbaum reviewed the contents of her January 27 email to the Executive Committee (copy attached) which documents her correspondence with Craig Klafter of ASLH. On behalf of ASLH, Mr. Klafter accepted all of the Historical Society's conditions for hosting the reception, except the one specifying that "Judge Arnold is recipient of the Award in the nature of a 'lifetime achievement award' to be presented at the reception."

It seems that Judge Morris Arnold has already received ASLH's highest award – He was made an "honorary fellow" of the organization in 1989. Instead, ASLH proposes to hold the reception in his honor and have its President (and someone from the Historical Society, if we wish) "make brief formal remarks recognizing Judge Arnold as a former president of the American Society of Legal History, as a long-time judge of the Eighth Circuit, and as the chronicler of Arkansas' legal history." After discussion, the Executive Committee agreed that this approach to honoring Judge Arnold was acceptable and that sponsorship of the reception would go forward.

There was also a request for clarification regarding the date of the reception. Ms. Fessenden suggested that the meeting dates were on ASLH's website, and Judge Kopf checked the site and confirmed that the group is meeting in St. Louis November 8-11, 2012. Since the Historical

Society's offer was to host the opening reception, the date will be **Thursday, November 8, 2012.**

Next steps:

- Ms. Ross will contact Judge Arnold to informally advise him of ASLH's desire to honor him and request his acceptance and oral commitment to participate in the reception.
- Assuming Judge Arnold agrees, President Lyford will draft a formal letter to Judge Arnold about the recognition and reception and request that ASLH's president approve it also; then it will be sent to Judge Arnold. (Ms. Fessenden will send Mr. Lyford Historical Society letterhead for this purpose.)

- After Judge Arnold has accepted:
 - Ms. Fessenden and Ms. Voelker will work with Circuit Executive Millie Adams on securing a caterer and appropriate permissions for use of the Eagleton Building.
 - Other Committee members will contact their respective Bar organizations for potential donations. In response to a question from Ms. Ross, it was agreed that the amount of donations to be requested from Bar organizations would be approximately \$1000 - \$2000 each. The goal is for the reception to be "budget neutral" – only enough to pay for the cost of the reception needs to be raised. It was also noted that there will need to be a written program or signs that recognize the donors.

Next meeting

The date of the next conference call meeting was discussed and agreed upon as **Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 12:00.**

There being no other business, the conference call meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann T. Fessenden, Secretary