

**MINUTES**  
**Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit**  
Executive Committee Conference Call  
January 30, 2012 1:00 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 October 5, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greenbaum reported that the parent fund had a current balance of \$10,329.48. The account had received \$10.99 in interest, with a total of \$30.61 interest earned in 2011. Dick Lyford mentioned that he had sent Ms. Greenbaum a check in the amount of \$750 which was donated by the Southern District of Iowa Attorney Fund for the ASLH reception. Ms. Greenbaum said that this check represented the large increase in the parent balance.

She also reported the Court of Appeals account balance at \$1,077.93.

American Society for Legal History (ASLH) reception

*Costs*

Members of the Executive Committee reported on efforts to help defray the costs of the reception honoring Judge Morris Arnold, to be held November 2012.

Mr. Lyford indicated he may be able to get another \$750 from the Southern District of Iowa, in addition to the deposited check mentioned above. He said that he will also approach the Northern District of Iowa.

Ms. Greenbaum reported that the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL) President Bruce Hopson said he needs to take the matter to the Association's Executive Committee.

Ms. Ross said that she had spoken with the Arkansas Bar Association but has not heard back from them.

Mr. Boyd said that he was able to secure a commitment of \$500 from the Eighth Circuit Bar Association.

Judge Kopf said that the Nebraska Federal Practice Committee has granted permission for

\$1000-\$2,000 to be donated, with the exact amount to be determined.

### *Caterer Contract*

[Prior to the conference call meeting, Ms. Voelker emailed the Executive Committee a draft contract from Patty Long Catering proposing \$7,150 for a 2 hour, full service reception offering butler-passed and stationed hors d'oeuvres and an open beer and wine bar.]

Judge Kopf opened discussion of the proposed contract. Ms. Fessenden told the Committee that after considering several companies, the conclusion was that Patty Long Catering offered the most suitable reception. That company, she added, had experience with catering in the Eagleton Courthouse. Ms. Greenbaum commented that Patty Long did have a good reputation in the St. Louis area.

Chair Judge Kopf thought that the Committee could move forward on a catering contract once someone confirmed with ASLH the date and time of the reception and their intention to honor Judge Morris Arnold. Ms. Greenbaum said that she would contact ASLH for confirmation.

Mr. Lyford suggested that Ms. Greenbaum ask ASLH to grant free admission to its annual meeting and programs to Historical Society Secretary Ann Fessenden; her assistant, Joan Voelker; and representatives of contributing Eighth Circuit Historical Society branches and other contributing organizations. Ms. Greenbaum said she would take this to ASLH also.

Mr. Lyford then moved that the Executive Committee approve contracting with Patty Long Catering once ASLH confirms these items. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference, Aug. 7-10, 2012, Kansas City

The Committee then began preliminary discussion of the Historical Society Board of Directors meeting at the Judicial Conference.

### *Meeting*

It was concluded that the Committee would again like a 7:00 a.m. meeting time, to be held on the Thursday of the meeting, falling on August 9. The Committee also agreed that the meeting would offer breakfast, to be paid for by the Historical Society, and it was suggested that a continental menu would help keep costs down. Ms. Fessenden said that she would contact the Circuit Executive's Office and report back at the next meeting on the meeting scheduling and breakfast costs.

### *Election of Officers*

Ms. Fessenden noted that the Society would need to elect new officers at the meeting, as their two year term would be up at that time. Chair Judge Kopf proposed nominating the current officers for reelection and asked that everyone think about this for the next meeting.

### *Conference Display*

Ms. Fessenden brought up the topic of a display for the conference, whose theme will be,

"Landmark Litigation in the Eighth Circuit Courts: Views from the Bench, Bar and Academy." She then offered to exhibit one of the library's displays on landmark cases: Chief Standing Bear, Little Rock desegregation, or Dred Scott. Mr. Lyford suggested having a program with the Iowa law professor who authored *Mrs. Dred Scott*.

Other

Ms. Fessenden pointed out that it was time for the Historical Society to submit its parent annual report to the Circuit Executive Office and said that she would soon be sending a draft to Chair Judge Kopf and President Lyford for review.

Mr. Lyford announced that the Historical Society's Northern District of Iowa board member, Len Strand had just been made a Magistrate Judge for the District. Ms. Fessenden pointed out that the District will need a new non-judicial officer to represent it on the Board.

Ms. Greenbaum noted that she had sent Secretary Fessenden and Ms. Voelker a packet with the IRS notices confirming the 2011 e-filing she carried out for the parent Society and its 11 subordinate branches. Judge Kopf asked that these be posted on the Historical Society web site, and Ms. Voelker said she would do so.

Next meeting

The date of the next conference call meeting was discussed and agreed upon as **Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Fessenden, Secretary