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Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
July 11, 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 May 2, 2012 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greenbaum reported that the parent account held \$14,094.18 and the appeals branch account held \$577.93.

Ms. Greenbaum also said that \$6,500 in contributions had been received to date to cover the costs of the American Society for Legal History reception honoring Judge Morris Arnold. At the last meeting in May, contributions for this event totaled \$5,250, and a new contribution from the Arkansas Bar Association in the amount of \$1,250 brought the total to \$6,500.

President Lyford estimated that \$600¹ was still needed to cover the costs of the reception and proposed that the Historical Society contribute this amount. The executive committee agreed that this was a good idea and that the Board of Directors would be asked to consider this at their upcoming meeting on August 9.

Board Meeting at 2012 Judicial Conference, Aug. 9 at 7 a.m.

a) Cost of beverages

At their last meeting, the Executive Committee decided to only serve beverages at the board meeting, in light of the fact that a substantial continental breakfast would be available to all conference attendees from 7:30-9:30. Secretary Fessenden reported that the cost to serve coffee and assorted juices at the Historical Society meeting would run \$140-\$150. She further noted that the coffee would be caffeinated, and those wishing to have decaffeinated coffee would be able to get that from the continental breakfast offerings.

b) Suggestions for agenda

The draft agenda sent to the committee before the meeting was discussed. Mr. Boyd suggested that agenda item 2, Toast, either be removed from the Historical Society board meeting agenda or be

¹ Calculations after the meeting revealed the amount to be \$650. The exact amount will depend on tip, if any, that is paid to the caterer staff.

listed as a pre-meeting activity. He said the toast would take place very early, 6:30-6:45. In Judge Nordbye's day the toast was known as the "Salute to the Sun." Mr. Boyd also said that Judge Tunheim had graciously agreed to take over Judge Nordbye's roll in leading the toast. Mr. Boyd planned to convey the information about the toast to others so they could participate.

c) Notice of meeting and election via email and web

It was mentioned that notice of the meeting and need to elect officers had been sent out to the board via email and that notice of the election and call to nominate candidates for office had been posted on the public web site. Ms. Fessenden said that no one had contacted her to date with nominations.

d) Display area

Ms. Voelker said that as mentioned at the last meeting, the display area would consist of a display honoring Judge Bright and looping DVDs showing Judge Bright's 2011 oral history and Judge Eisele's 2011 biographical documentary.

e) Show and Share

Ms. Voelker said that she had learned that the meeting would be held in the Andy Kirk room on the 3rd floor of the hotel and that the display area would be in a large area on the second floor by the ballroom and conference registration. She said that the meeting room would be large and could easily accommodate a table for Show and Share and that the question at hand was whether the committee would like to have a table for displaying the Show and Share items after the meeting. That table could be located either outside the meeting room on the third floor or in the display area on the second floor. Judge Kopf suggested and the committee agreed that that decision be up to whomever had to move the items to the second location.

Annual Branch Reports

It was noted that the notice to submit branch annual reports had been sent earlier that morning.

Reception of the American Society for Legal History (ASLH), Thurs., Nov. 8, 2012

a) Costs and available funds were discussed during the financial report, above.

b) Honoring Judge Arnold

Ms. Ross said that someone from the Arkansas bar would make remarks, and Ms. Greenbaum said that a prestigious person from ASLH would make remarks. Ms. Fessenden noted that the group will need to move into the courtroom for this portion as acoustics in the 28th floor lobby are very poor.

c) Attendance - Can donors attend? Who attends from the Historical Society?

Ms. Greenbaum said that ASLH had expressed concern about granting free conference admission to 10 persons because of food counts. The executive committee agreed that it would be prudent to find out if anyone is interested in attending the conference in St. Louis before pursuing this further with ASLH. President Lyford offered to call the ASLH treasurer should the committee find interested persons.

Ms. Greenbaum noted that ASLH said that the Historical Society would be given a full page in the program to do with as it wished.

Next meeting

The date of the next conference call meeting was discussed and agreed upon as **Wednesday, October 17, at 2 p.m. CDT**. Judge Kopf will join the committee from California at noon PDT, as he has been assigned to serve on a case in the Ninth Circuit.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Fessenden, Secretary