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Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
April 9, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

Participants:

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

Frances Ross, Vice-President, was unable to participate in the call.

Roll call was taken, and the minutes of the Executive Committee's January 22, 2014 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greenbaum reported that the parent account held \$8,940.69 and the appeals branch account held \$577.93.

Board Meeting at the Judicial Conference

The committee then reviewed plans for the upcoming full Society Board meeting which is scheduled for August 7 at 7:00 a.m. during the 8th Circuit Judicial Conference in Omaha. There were no suggested changes to the draft agenda (attached). Ms. Fessenden noted that we would have beverage service only, at a cost of roughly \$100 (based on her memory of the cost at the 2012 meeting), and that she and Joan Voelker would send out a notice about the meeting to Board members at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Boyd raised the question of whether to again try having a traditional Norwegian salute at the opening of the meeting as was tried in 2012. (See 05/12/2012 Executive Committee minutes for further description and history of this tradition.) It was determined that this will be left to Mr. Boyd to pursue if he wishes.

Election of Officers for 2014-2015

The discussion then turned to the election of officers, which will take place at the Board meeting. Ms. Fessenden said that the notice to Board members about the meeting will include instructions for nominations, and that a notice will also be posted on the Society's website.

While all current officers are willing to continue serving, Judge Kopf raised the concern that we need to interest some younger judges. As part of the discussion, Ms. Greenbaum suggested that perhaps an interested judge might serve as an Executive Committee member for a year before committing to become Chairman of the Board.

Initially, no committee members had particular judges in mind, but eventually it was suggested that the newest member of the Court of Appeals, Judge Jane Kelly, might be a good prospect.

President Lyford agreed to invite her to our meeting in Omaha, and Mr. Boyd offered to then follow-up to further encourage her and to explain more about the history of the Society.

Display Area at Judicial Conference

Ms. Voelker described displays available that might be used at the conference, including a multi-panel display honoring Judge Donald Ross, and a single-panel display commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Criminal Justice Act. Both of these have videos that might accompany them. For Judge Ross, either his oral history or the video of his memorial session might be used, and for the Criminal Justice Act, there is an interview between Arkansas Federal Public Defender Jennifer Horan and Judge Morris Arnold. The group approved of both of these suggestions, and Judge Kopf expressed the view that he would especially like to have the Ross memorial session video used.

Next meeting

The date of the next conference call meeting was discussed and agreed upon as **Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ann T. Fessenden, Secretary