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Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
July 2, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

Participants:

F. Richard Lyford, President
Frances Ross, Vice-President
Ann Fessenden, Secretary
Sheila Greenbaum, Treasurer
Thomas H. Boyd, Past-President
Joan Voelker, Archives Librarian

Hon. Richard G. Kopf, Chairman of the Board, was unable to participate in the call.

Roll call was taken, and the minutes of the Executive Committee's April 9, 2014 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greenbaum reported that as of the May 31 bank statements, the parent account held \$8,942.93 and the appeals branch account held \$577.93.

Board Meeting, Thurs., Aug. 7, 7:00-8:00 a.m.

The draft board meeting notice and agenda, sent for review prior to the meeting, were approved for distribution. President Lyford said that he would extend a personal invitation to the meeting to Judge Jane Kelly. Mr. Boyd offered to follow up on the invitation to Judge Kelly during his trip to Cedar Rapids.

Election of Officers for 2014-2016

A public notice of the election calling for nomination of officer candidates was posted on the Historical Society web site and would be also mentioned in the board meeting notice that was about to go out.

Proposed resolution regarding filing 990s

It was agreed that Ms. Greenbaum would draft the language of a resolution for proposal to the board that would grant the parent Historical Society approval to annually file 990s with the IRS on behalf of the branches.

Displays at Judicial Conference

Ms. Voelker said that the Historical Society will have two displays at the conference. In honor of the late U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Donald R. Ross, the Society will feature his memorial session on DVD and his four panel biographical display. In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, the Society will feature a DVD discussion between retired U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Morris S. Arnold and Eastern District of Arkansas Federal Public Defender Jenniffer Horan on *Gideon v. Wainwright* and the Criminal Justice Act of 1964. Accompanying the DVD will be a poster on "The Right to Counsel." In addition, the Historical

Society will host a “show and share” table where branches may display their historical projects in the form of photos, brochures, books, etc.

Call for branch reports

Ms. Fessenden said that a call for branch reports would go out on July 7 and that a reminder of the meeting and the reports would go out two weeks before the meeting.

Other Items

Southern District of Iowa: Mr. Lyford said that he intended to continue to pursue an oral history interview of Judge David Hansen, perhaps with Judge Melloy as the interviewer, and that the Southern District of Iowa branch is planning interviews of Judges Gritzner, Pratt, and Walters. He also mentioned that Professor Anthony Gaughan is helping the branch update its history, “No One is Above the Law.”

Court of Appeals: Mr. Boyd said that Judge Bright has written a memoir and was working with the University of North Dakota to publish the manuscript. Judge Bright is currently looking for funding sources. The amount needed to publish is unclear as yet, as the University has not indicated cost. When asked how much the Court of Appeals history cost to publish, Mr. Boyd recalled the amount as \$25,000 for the author and research, plus a portion of the publication costs and the author’s travel.

Eastern District of Arkansas: Ms. Ross said that the project to publish essays on judges of the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas had recently been resurrected, so she was hopeful it would be published at some point.

She also requested a copy of the DVD featuring Judge Morris Arnold on *Gideon* and the Criminal Justice Act, as she thought the Arkansas Bar might be interested. It was then suggested that at the board meeting, the executive committee point the board to the streaming video on the web site and offer copies of the DVD to those interested in pursuing events.

Next meeting

The date of the next conference call meeting was discussed and agreed upon as **Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,


Ann T. Fessenden, Secretary