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Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
July, 8, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Participants:

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

Roll call was taken, and the minutes of the Executive Committee's April 8, 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greenbaum reported the balance of the parent account as \$20,008.87, reflecting a disbursement of \$10,000 to the University of Arkansas Press for publication of the history of the Arkansas federal courts and judges. She reported the balance of the appeals branch account as remaining steady at \$627.93.

E.D. Arkansas Publication of History

See Treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Voelker said that she had recently emailed the branches requesting they submit their annual reports. She noted that she had already received activities and financial reports from three branches.

Ms. Voelker conveyed that the Society needed to renew its corporate registration with the Missouri Secretary of State, which it now does biennially. She said that retired Secretary Ann Fessenden was currently listed as agent of the Society, so the Society would also need to register a change of agent. She said that a member of the Secretary of State staff told her that this could be done without submitting the change of agent form which requires a \$10 fee. The Society need only record the change of agent in the appropriate area of the corporate registration form and submit a simple statement indicating the new agent's willingness to serve. This statement would need to be signed by the new agent and an officer of the Historical Society. Chair Judge Kopf asked Ms. Voelker if she would be willing to serve as agent, and she said that she would. Judge Kopf then suggested that Treasurer Greenbaum sign the statement as officer of the Society.

2016 History Workshop

Ms. Voelker said that she had confirmed with the Circuit Executive's office that the Historical Society was on the 2016 Judicial Conference agenda for a 1.5 hour workshop to be held from

1:00 to 2:30. The day of the workshop will likely be either Tuesday or Wednesday, but as the agenda was still in draft form, it was not clear. She was told that the conference would be held Monday through Thursday this year, rather than the traditional Tuesday through Friday, to accommodate Chief Justice Roberts' schedule, and it was not clear whether the draft reflected the adjustment. The dates of the conference in Rogers, Arkansas will be May 2-5, 2016, so the workshop will likely be either May 3 or 4.

Other Items

President Lyford shared that Professor Anthony Gaughan, who had transcribed Judge Longstaff's oral history, would like to write the Judge's biography. Judge Kopf suggested they consider publication through the University of Nebraska Press for the Center for Great Plains Studies.

Mr. Lyford also said that the branch's project to raise funds by offering 10 notecards [bearing the seal of the original District of Iowa] to members joining at the \$50 level has generated \$600 for the branch. He said that he plans to suggest at the 2016 history workshop that each branch make notecards.

Judge Kopf told the committee that he will be interviewing Judge Myron Bright at the FJC seminar for Eighth Circuit judges this month. He said that he would make a copy available to Ms. Voelker for the circuit's court archives. Mr. Lyford commented that he has done 15 oral history projects and that is it always a very worthy effort.

Mr. Boyd said that he has been working to promote the court's history with the Eighth Circuit Bar Association. He has submitted an article for publication in the Association's semiannual newsletter and plans to regularly submit articles. At Mr. Lyford's request, he emailed the committee the article on Eighth Circuit court histories and judicial biography after the call.

Mr. Boyd also said that he was discussing with the Eighth Circuit Bar Association the possibility of co-sponsoring an event for law clerk orientation to be held during September court week.

Next meeting

The date of the next conference call meeting was discussed and agreed upon as **Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Voelker, Secretary