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Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
October 5, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Participants:

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

Roll call was taken. Tom Boyd joined the call while in progress.

The minutes of the executive committee's July 6, 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greenbaum reported the balance of the parent account as \$9,993.31, and the balance of the appeals branch account as steady at \$627.93.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Voelker said that only a couple of branch annual reports were outstanding and that she would soon post the reports to the Historical Society website.

Marketing Arkansas history

Ms. Ross reported on the status of marketing the recently published Arkansas history, *United States District Courts and Judges of Arkansas, 1836-1960*. She said that University of Arkansas Press Director Mike Bieker is looking into marketing the book in various states and that a copy was sent to the Arkansas Historical Association. The executive committee thanked Ms. Ross for also sending them copies of the book. As the book has not yet been reviewed, discussion followed as to possible reviewers. Mr. Boyd indicated he would be willing to review the book but suggested that a better choice would be Jeffrey Morris, who authored the history of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Ross added that she would be speaking about the book the following week at the Arkansas state Judicial Council meeting.

Circuit oral histories

[The project's aim is to get oral history interviews of the Eighth Circuit's court of appeals judges who have not yet been interviewed and who have either taken senior status, retired, or reached the age of 70.]

Judge David R. Hansen - Retired

The executive committee congratulated Mr. Lyford for having gotten Judge David Hansen's oral history. He had gotten Judge Hansen to agree to the interview and arranged for Judge Collins to

conduct it on August 31, 2016. Mr. Lyford noted that the Circuit Executive's Office was taking care of the payment to have the video edited, as arranged by Mr. Brust. Mr. Lyford thought that showing excerpts from Judge Fagg's oral history at the Judge's memorial session may have helped the oral history effort.

Judge Pasco M. Bowman – Senior Status

Mr. Lyford said that he had called Judge Bowman's chambers and was told that they would talk to the Judge about the prospect of doing his oral history.

Judge Michael J. Melloy – Senior Status

Mr. Lyford said that he would try to speak to Judge Melloy at his portrait ceremony on November 4.

Judge Kermit E. Bye - Retired

Mr. Brust indicated that Judge Bye may be interested at some point later. His next step will be to send a letter to Judge Bye.

Judge Diana E. Murphy – Age over 80

Mr. Boyd reported that he received a favorable response to his letter to Judge Murphy proposing her oral history. He said that he was hoping to receive funds from both the Minnesota District Court and the Eighth Circuit. Mr. Boyd will likely consult Judge Murphy on the selection of interviewer.

Judge Roger L. Wollman – Age over 80

Mr. Boyd said that he had sent a letter to Judge Wollman but that he had not yet heard back.

Judge James B. Loken – Age over 70

Mr. Boyd said that he would write Judge Loken a letter also.

Judge William Jay Riley – 70 in 2017

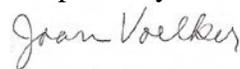
Judge Kopf, who went to law school with Chief Judge Riley, said that he would approach him regarding doing an oral history interview after he steps down as Chief Judge in March 2017. Judge Kopf indicated he would be willing to conduct the interview.

Next meeting

The date of the next conference call meeting was discussed and agreed upon as **Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Voelker, Secretary