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Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
September 13, 2017 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
Tom Boyd, Past-President
Eric Brust, Circuit Librarian

Roll call was taken, and all were present.

The minutes of the Executive Committee's July 19, 2017 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greenbaum reported the balance of the parent account as \$9,977.04, having disbursed \$30 to the Missouri Secretary of State for a two year renewal of the Historical Society's corporate registration. Ms. Greenbaum reported the Appeals account at \$14,404.92, after a check in the amount of \$1,973.01 was given to Soundmotion LLC to pay for the video production of Judge Wollman's oral history interview.

Circuit oral histories

The topic then turned to the project to carry out oral history interviews of the Eighth Circuit's court of appeals judges who have taken senior status or will reach the age of 70 by 2021.

Status Updates

Judge Michael J. Melloy – Senior Status

Mr. Lyford said that he has not heard back from Judge Melloy, who has already agreed to be interviewed.

Judge Roger L. Wollman – Age over 80

[Judge Wollman was interviewed in June by Judge Hansen, and the interview was released in September. Mr. Boyd distributed a copy to the U.S. Courts Library.]

Judge Diana E. Murphy – Age over 80

[Judge Murphy was interviewed in December 2016, and the interview was released in August. Mr. Boyd distributed a copy to the U.S. Courts Library.]

Judge James B. Loken – Age over 70

Mr. Boyd said that he left a voice mail message with Judge Loken.

2018 Judicial Conference

The Executive Committee discussed ideas for the Judicial Conference being held in Des Moines in 2018. President Lyford suggested offering book signing by authors of history books. Books mentioned as possibilities were the recently published *United States District Courts and Judges of Arkansas, 1836-1960* and Judge Morris Arnold's *The Arkansas Post of Louisiana*. Should the history of the District of Nebraska, currently in the hands of the publisher, be published in time, it would be good addition. Judge Kopf asked whether any of the program speakers were also authors, and Mr. Brust said that he would look into this. Mr. Boyd added that the Society could again ask the branches if they would like to display anything at the conference, and Ms. Ross brought up the idea of showing clips of oral histories done. Mr. Lyford said that he would write all of the branches to see what books, displays, and oral history clips they would like to share at the conference and asked that Ms. Voelker add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

Other Items

Southern District of Iowa

President Lyford said that Drake University had gotten Neal Smith's oral history interview edited. It will be shown at a reception at Drake honoring Smith on September 21.

Mr. Lyford also said that he would next be working on Judge Gritzner and Judge Pratt's oral histories.

Judge Kopf, from the perspective of the bench, expressed his appreciation at the wonderful job the Historical Society was doing.

Next meeting

The date of the next conference call meeting was discussed and agreed upon as **Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Voelker, Secretary