

MINUTES
Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
Executive Committee Conference Call
December 6, 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
Eric Brust, Circuit Librarian

Roll call was taken. Tom Boyd was unable to attend.

The minutes of the Executive Committee's September 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greenbaum reported the balance of the parent account as \$9,980.77 and the Appeals account at \$14,404.92. She noted the Appeals account was still unusually high, reflecting the infusion of funds from the circuit attorney admission fee fund to support the oral history project.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Voelker said that she had added the Historical Society's IRS e-filing receipts and branch annual reports to the Society website, as well as Circuit Judge Myron Bright's memorial and a remembrance of Nebraska's Judge Robert Van Pelt.

Judge Kopf commented that he had recently married Judge Van Pelt's grandson in the courtroom where his grandfather once presided. Judge Kopf wrote up a remembrance of the Judge, who had presided when he was sworn in as a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

Board member for North Dakota

Judge Kopf offered to call Judge Erickson, who was recently elevated to the Court of Appeals, to ask about the judicial member of the Historical Society's Board of Directors representing the North Dakota branch.

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 will work on this project in early January.

Judge James B. Loken – Age over 70

No update was available at this time as Mr. Boyd was unable to participate in the call.

2018 Judicial Conference

a) Board meeting time to get on Conference agenda

The Executive Committee discussed optional times for the board to meet during the Judicial Conference. It was agreed to leave the time setting to Mr. Lyford and Ms. Voelker when the conference agenda was more firm.

b) Approval for board to meet beyond Bylaw 3's requirement of meeting "at least every two years"

The Committee approved the motion put forth by Judge Kopf: "Pursuant to paragraph 18 of the Bylaws, the next meeting of the Board of Directors be held during the Judicial Conference during the month of August."

c) Table to display recent publications

Mr. Lyford said that he had sent a letter to the branches asking if they would be interested in promoting any of their recent writings related to court history at the 2018 Judicial Conference but had not gotten much response. It was decided that Mr. Lyford would write presses in the circuit to see if they would like to do this. Ms. Voelker said she would compile a list of the circuit's presses for Mr. Lyford.

Other Items

The Committee decided to send Ms. Greenbaum's firm, Capes Sokol Goodman & Sarachan, a letter of appreciation for once again graciously handling, pro bono, the Historical Society's IRS e-filings.

Southern District of Iowa

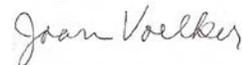
President Lyford said that Judge Charles Wolle's interview has been finished and distributed and that some local interviews are in progress.

Next meeting

The date of the next conference call meeting was discussed and agreed upon as **Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Voelker, Secretary