

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA BRANCH
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE
UNITED STATES COURTS IN THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

June 20, 2008

The annual meeting of the Southern District of Iowa Branch of the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit was held on Friday, June 20, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at the United States District Courthouse in Des Moines, Iowa. Present were President F. Richard Lyford, Vice President Russell Lovell, Treasurer Nancy Adams, Secretary Helen Adams, Marc Harding, Interim Dean of Drake Law School Ben Ullem and Clerk of Court Marge Krahn.

The minutes of the annual meeting held on June 22, 2007 and the 2008 Treasurer's report were approved. As of June 20, 2008, the Treasury has \$12,042.41.

As Retired Magistrate Judge Richard W. Peterson was unable to attend, no District Historian's report was given. President Lyford reported on the activities of the Branch. He and Marc Harding continue to assist the Friends of the Iowa Judiciary and working on videos of former Iowa Supreme Court justices. President Lyford and Marc Harding have completed work on the retirement video of Judge George G. Fagg and are working on one for Judge Ronald Longstaff. President Lyford travelled to Cedar Rapids, Iowa in April to assist the Northern District of Iowa in the start-up of a district historical society. President Lyford also indicated that he has been named as chair of the Iowa State Bar Association's Legal Heritage Committee. Preseident Lyford also asked Interim Dean Ben Ullem to review the Creighton Law School website to see the oral legal history that the law school has collected and he asked Dean Ullem to consider whether Drake Law School would be interested in assisting with a similar collection of oral legal history for the Southern District of Iowa. President Lyford also indicated that no changes were needed with respect to re-organization of the historical society as discussed at the 2007 annual meeting.

Vice President Russell Lovell reported on the activities at Drake University. Drake will be receiving an award from the ABA later this year and United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Roberts will be presenting at Drake as the Opperman lecturer on October 2, 2008.

Clerk Marge Krahn reported that there are now two finished historical showcases outside the main courtroom. The first deals with a history of jury service and the second deals with United States Supreme Court cases that have originated in the Southern District of Iowa. Clerk Krahn presented the historical society with a copy of the CD of Judge Jarvey's investiture. Clerk Krahn also advised the group that about 3 civil rights

plays that would be presented next Spring and she indicated that Roxanne Ryan is involved with that project.

There was a brief discussion about making the membership application clearer about the dues schedule and President Lyford agreed to do so.

The election of officers was then held. The officers elected for next year are:

President	F. Richard Lyford
Vice President	Russell Lovell
Secretary	Helen C. Adams
Treasurer	Nancy Adams

The meeting was adjourned.


Helen C. Adams
Secretary