

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

**June 20, 2003**

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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, 2003, 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 C. Adams, Judge Harold Vietor, Magistrate Judges Celeste Bremer and Ross Walters, Marc Harding, former President and District Historian, Richard Peterson, and U.S. Attorney Steven Colloton.

The minutes of the last annual meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved. As of June 20, 2003, the Treasury has a balance of \$5,067.60, with an additional \$55.00 of funds to be deposited.

Magistrate Richard Peterson gave the Historian's report as the historian for the Southern District of Iowa. He presented certain materials for the archives.

President Lyford reported on the activities of the Branch. President Lyford reported that Marc Harding had completed the videotaping of the retirement video of Judge Wolle and President Lyford was continuing to work on getting the retirement video of Judge Hill completed. President Lyford also reported that a display of the Polk County Bar Law Day poetry and art work would be made at the courthouse in the display cases available there. President Lyford and Magistrate Judge Bremer have arranged to have the judges' portraits hanging in the display cases re-framed and displayed together in the courthouse. Magistrate Judge Bremer reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Courthouse sketches will be available for sale at the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Conference in July and an expenditure of \$2500 was approved to purchase a supply of the sketches to be made available for sale by the Historical Society. Magistrate Judge Bremer also reported that she and Magistrate Judge Richard Peterson were videotaping an interview of George Mills on his recollections of the federal court over the years. President Lyford then discussed a suggestion from Judge Pratt that the Historical Society plan a "Hands-on" CLE regarding use of the equipment now available in the high-tech courtroom. President Lyford and Steven Colloton will work with Judge Pratt on planning such a seminar.

Ideas for promoting membership in the Branch were discussed. Judge Walters is the Chairman of the Federal Practice Committee of the Iowa State Bar Association and it was agreed that a brochure about membership in the Historical Society would be available at the federal practice seminar in December.

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

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

Vice-President Russell Lovell reported on the activities of the Constitutional Law Center at Drake and reported that the American Judicature Society was moving its national headquarters to Drake.

President Lyford reported on a resolution that had been proposed by Judge Kopf that \$3000 of each district's admission fund be given to that district's historical society each year. After a discussion of the matter, it was agreed that President Lyford should vote in favor of the resolution.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Helen C. Adams, Secretary