

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

**June 23, 2005**

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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 Thursday, June 23, 2005, at 2:30 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, Marc Harding, Judge James Gritzner, Magistrate Judges Ross Walters and Celeste Bremer and Attorney Bill Carron.

The minutes of the annual meeting held on June 17, 2004 and the 2005 Treasurer's report were approved. As of June 23, 2005, the Treasury has \$5,550.35. There has been no transfer of any funds in the district's admission fund. The expenditures included one half of the production costs for DVDs of Magistrate Judge Richard W. Peterson, and Bankruptcy Judges Russell Hill and Richard Stageman. The Society also paid for half of the costs of a portrait of Bankruptcy Judge Russell Hill.

President Lyford reported on the activities of the Branch. He and Marc Harding are assisting the Friends of the Iowa Judiciary get started and have participated in videos of former Chief Justices W. Ward Reynoldson and Arthur A. McGiverin, and Justices K. David Harris and Louis W. Schultz.

Magistrate Judge Celeste Bremer suggested several possibilities for other projects including the honoring of Arabella "Belle" Mansfield, the first female member of the bar in the United States who later taught at Iowa Wesleyan University in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Magistrate Judge Walters suggested that Judge George G. Fagg be asked if he would like to participate in an interview to honor and remember his career.

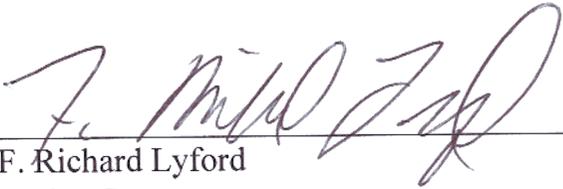
Vice President Lovell reported on the activities at Drake University including an October 6<sup>th</sup> lecture by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer and a possible visit later in the year from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Magistrate Judge Bremer reported that the inventory of the District's history book "No Person is Above the Law" is running low. Historian Richard W. Peterson wants to add reviews of current judges to the book.

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

Meeting was adjourned.



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F. Richard Lyford  
Acting Secretary