

## MINUTES

### The Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit

#### Board Meeting Rogers, Arkansas May 3, 2016

#### Directors and officers:

Hon. Jane L. Kelly  
Thomas H. Boyd  
Hon. Beth Deere  
Frances Ross, Vice President  
Hon. CJ Williams  
Paula L. Roby  
Hon. Robert W. Pratt  
F. Richard Lyford, President  
Hon. John R. Tunheim  
Dulce Foster  
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Ann E. Buckley  
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Hon. Roberto A. Lange  
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#### Branch

Court of Appeals  
Court of Appeals  
Eastern District of Arkansas  
Eastern District of Arkansas  
Northern District of Iowa  
Northern District of Iowa  
Southern District of Iowa  
Southern District of Iowa  
District of Minnesota  
District of Minnesota  
Eastern District of Missouri  
Eastern District of Missouri  
Western District of Missouri  
Western District of Missouri  
District of Nebraska  
District of Nebraska  
District of North Dakota  
District of South Dakota  
District of South Dakota

Joan Voelker, Secretary  
Sheila Greenbaum, Treasurer

#### Board Meeting Roll Call/Call to Order

Historical Society President Richard Lyford called the board meeting to order. With a quorum of the board present, he welcomed everyone and recognized the new board members Judge Jane Kelly (Appeals), Judge Beth Deere (Arkansas Eastern), Judge CJ Williams (Iowa Northern), and Paula Roby (Iowa Northern).

#### Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the board's 2014 meeting were approved.

#### Secretary's Report

Secretary Joan Voelker announced that some of the workshop presentations and handouts were available on the Historical Society website. She also said that there were historical displays at the conference that she hoped they would enjoy.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Sheila Greenbaum, who was unable to attend the Judicial Conference, submitted a written report. Please see the addendum to the minutes.

## **Election of Officers for 2016-2018**

As no new nominations were brought from the floor, the following slate of candidates was elected for a two year term:

President: Dick Lyford  
Vice President: Frances Ross  
Treasurer: Sheila Greenbaum  
Secretary: Joan Voelker

It should be noted that Joan Voelker was elected secretary for the first time at this meeting. She had been appointed by the board to serve as secretary on April 8, 2015, to fill the position vacated by Ann Fessenden, who retired in April, 2015. This election makes Ms. Voelker's position as secretary effective retroactive to the day of appointment.

## **Next Meeting**

President Lyford noted that the next meeting of the board would be in 2018, in Des Moines, Iowa.

It was then moved, seconded, and approved that the meeting be adjourned.



Joan Voelker,  
Secretary

Approved:

s/ Hon. Richard G. Kopf,  
Chairman of the Board

s/ F. Richard Lyford,  
President

*Note: Board meeting adjournment was followed immediately by a History Workshop planned and hosted by the Historical Society. Both the meeting and the workshop were held in a shared 1.5 hour time slot in Ballroom IX-X of the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas. Ten knowledgeable persons with experience in court history projects spoke on these topics:*

*Fund raising: Hon. Richard G. Kopf*

*Courthouse exhibits: Hon. E. Richard Webber, Hon. Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., Paul E. Donnelly*

*Educational events and programs: Hon. Celeste F. Bremer, Rachel E. Marshall*

*Court history and biography: Hon. Morris S. Arnold, Thomas H. Boyd, Mike Bieker*

*Oral history interviews: F. Richard Lyford*

Visit the [Historical Society website](#) to access the workshop materials and the audio recording.