

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS
IN THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT, NEBRASKA BRANCH**

REPORT—JULY 10, 2008

As President of the Nebraska Branch, I submit herewith a report of the activities to the parent organization, the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit.

First, attached hereto is the financial report prepared by the Branch treasurer. The Branch is in good fiscal condition. It currently holds \$16,194.24 in an interest bearing, insured account with a bank.

Second, the Branch regulations were substantially amended in 2007. Those regulations were subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Society. The regulations may be found on the Society's website. See <http://www.lb8.uscourts.gov/pubsandservices/histsociety/neb.html> (click on "Branches" and "Nebraska Branch.>").

Among other things, the new regulations make clear that the power to control the Nebraska Branch is solely vested in the officers of the Branch. Those officers must not be judges or court employees. Officers of the Branch are appointed by the Chair of the Federal Practice Committee, a practicing lawyer, without approval by judges or court employees. In this way, the Nebraska Branch will function in a manner consistent with *Advisory Opinion No. 104* (addressing court historical societies and the ethical strictures that apply to federal judges and court employees who are involved in such entities).

Three lawyers became (or agreed to remain as) Branch officers. Jeanette Stull became the President. John Sharp became the Secretary. Frank Mihulka agreed to remain as Treasurer. Jeanette Stull and Judge Kopf were appointed as representatives of the Nebraska Branch to serve on the Board of Directors of the parent Society.

Third, the officers and directors of the Branch held a meeting on April 9, 2008, and everyone was brought up to date. In particular, it was agreed that the officers and directors would work hard to see to the completion and publication of the history of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska, a project that had begun some years earlier.

Fourth, on June 4, 2008, the officers and directors held a luncheon meeting with Professor John Wunder and Professor Mark Scherer to discuss the history project. Professors Wunder and Scherer committed to finishing the project. Steps were taken to better provide oversight of the project.

Respectfully submitted,

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DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA BRANCH OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS IN THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

July 9, 2008

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf
United States District Court
Robert F. Denny Federal Building
and United States Courthouse
100 Centennial Mall North #586
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

In re: Financial Report of the District of Nebraska
Branch of the Historical Society of the United
States Courts in the Eighth Circuit

Dear Judge Kopf:

As Treasurer for the District of Nebraska Branch, I am pleased to provide the following financial report:

June 30, 2007 Balance	\$16,891.34
Interest Earned 7/1/07 through 6/30/08	396.54
Less:	
Studio Use for Judge Interview	(593.64)
Interview Services Stipend	<u>(500.00)</u>
June 30, 2008 Balance	\$16,194.24

In the 2007 fiscal year, the Branch paid expenses of \$593.64 to Creighton University and \$500.00 to Dr. Richard Shugrue related to recordation and preservation of an interview of Judge Warren Urbom.

All funds of the Branch are held in an insured, interest bearing account at Bank of the West in Omaha, Nebraska in the name of Historical Society of US Courts-Nebraska Branch. Account records are available for inspection at any time upon request.

Respectfully submitted,



FRANK J. MIHULKA
Treasurer