

**Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society
Board of Directors
October 23, 2008**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society was held pursuant to notice on October 23, 2008 at the offices of Briggs and Morgan in the IDS Center in Minneapolis. The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by Justice Sam Hanson, Chair.

Members present in person and by telephone were Justice Sam Hansen, David Herr, Tom Boyd, Tom Fraser, Bruce Jones, James Simonson, Allen Saeks, Judge Harriet Lansing, Bob Horton, Kate MacKinnon, Justice Barry Anderson, John Kelley and Esther Tomljanovich. Also present was Barbara Golden, State Law Librarian.

The minutes of the July 24 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer David Herr presented the treasurer's report. The society has total assets of \$129,293.21. Cash from book sales have totaled \$28.

Fundraising Committee

Justice Hansen reported on for the fund raising committee. We have completed our solicitation of law firms. Before the end of the year we will solicit funds from retired justices, family members of justices or former Supreme Court law clerks. At the end of the year we will close out the founding members contribution category. David Herr suggested that we place an ad, perhaps in the Minnesota Lawyer, announcing that persons who contribute to the Society by December 31, 2008 will be Founding Contributors.

Events Committee

Robin Wolpert, chair of the Events Committee was unable to be present; Justice Hanson presented the report in her absence.

The Events committee is identifying venues for Justices Paul Anderson and Lorie Gildea to present their historical performances. They are also planning to have simultaneous presentations of the memorial book to public libraries in conjunction with Law Day, May 1, 2009. Justice Anderson envisions 325 such ceremonies. The committee is suggesting a more modest 25. By years end Justice Simonet will record his performances.

The consensus is that we should have an Annual Dinner and an annual Continuing Legal Education component. Because we do not have a membership plan in place we will not attempt to have an annual dinner until 2009.

The committee also recommends that we compile oral histories of former justices. The Historical Society has a manual on oral histories that they will provide to assist in developing the histories.

It was reported that the Court of Appeals Anniversary celebration has 160 people registered for the Law Clerk reunion lunch on November 10 at the Town and Country Club.

A discussion was had of the missing Chief Justice Portraits. It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee be authorized to spend up to \$25,000 to have portraits of the four missing Chief Justices completed and that we seek such funding as possible from the Chief Justice Gallagher and Chief Justice Loring families. Justices Emmett, Devaney, Gallagher and Loring portraits are missing.

Education Committee

Bob Horton reported for the Education committee. He reported that the Minnesota Historical Society has a History day with a contest among students for presentations on the History of Minnesota. He suggested that we participate with prizes for Legal or Court History. He stated that the presentations can be done by essays, performances, web sites or documentaries.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we approve \$1,000 for 2 History Day prizes for High School students on the history of the Law or the Court. It was suggested that we have our members judge such a contest, and that a representative of our board be on hand to award the prizes at the History Center on History Day.

Web Site Development

Tom Boyd reported on Web Site Development. He suggested that we appoint a web site development committee to get an interim web site developed quickly. That the proposed site contain a general statement of who we are, our mission, founding members, officers, directors, committees, membership forms and announcement of events. The committee should then move to develop a more complete, permanent web site, with interactive questions and answers, publications, links, and a "contact us" page.

Tom Boyd reported that Rob Bachelor in DeMoines has developed the 8th Circuit Bar basic web site. His charges for developing a basic web site and for updates are modest. He can also do hosting of the web site and annual maintenance.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we authorize \$5,000 to retain Robert Bachelor to set up our interim web site.

Justice Barry Anderson was named to chair the web site development committee. It was recommended that Jeff Sorba and Jon Garon be named to the committee.

Membership Committee

Tom Fraser reported for the membership committee. He reported on the practice in other states.

After discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that we have an individual membership at \$50 per year, with Public lawyers and law clerks at \$25 per year, with no law firm memberships. Founding contributors are a separate category and are not members of the society.

There was no determination of exactly how we would solicit members. Justice Hanson will determine the cost to use Minnesota State Bar Association lists or if there is any possibility of a "check off" type program with Bar Membership.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther M. Tomljanovich