

**MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APRIL 23, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

Pursuant to notice, the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society met on April 23, 2009 at the office of Briggs & Morgan, 2200 IDS Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Chair Tom Boyd called the meeting to order at 2:10.

The following members attended: Tom Boyd, Annamarie Daley, Tom Fraser, Sam Hanson, Bill Hart, Bruce Jones, Kate McBride, Jim Simonson, and Robin Wolpert. Advisor Barb Golden also attended — her last meeting in “official status” — see below.

**MINUTES**

With one amendment, the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2009 were approved as submitted.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Sam Hanson reported for the Fundraising Committee. The Capital Campaign is complete after solicitation of law firms and law clerks and a generous contribution by the family of former Justice Henry M. Gallagher. About \$190,000 was raised with approximately \$30,000 of expenses, leaving slightly over \$160,000 in the bank. Given the target of \$200,000, the Capital Campaign was very successful. The Fundraising Committee presently contemplates no other fundraising strategy. The concept is that membership will gradually build and that membership dues will be used for general operating expenses, allowing us to keep the capital as a reserve. The program to commission portraits of Supreme Court justices was also discussed. Tom Boyd reported that the website is in the process of being modified to allow a separate feature for donations independent of membership.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Robin Wolpert reported for the Events Committee, which is considering the following: A dinner or other event in November or January; whether the Events Committee should be collecting materials from sitting judges and others regarding election campaigns and other items appropriate for archiving; an event in conjunction with, or perhaps joint sponsorship of, an event at the MSBA ~~annual meeting~~ this summer; and a holiday event. The planning for the videotaping of Justice Simonett by Paul Anderson, Bruce Beneke and Tom Boyd is underway. After discussion, it was agreed that the Events Committee (working with Annamarie Daley) would talk to MSBA President Mike Ford about collaborating on an event at the MSBA convention.

The Events Committee will also work on the annual meeting/reception with the thought that we would look at an evening reception and short program in early November in downtown Minneapolis, on a date acceptable to members of the Court and our Board.

## **WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

Tom Boyd reported that the website was up and running and that a newly-added feature will allow membership and payments and donations to be made via credit card through Paypal. DVDs and videos will be placed on the website as they become available, including possible future interviews of judges.

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Tom Fraser reported that the Membership Committee had worked with the Website Committee to fine tune the website for membership solicitation. Annamarie Daley had talked to Mike Ford and obtained MSBA permission to use its membership list for solicitation of members by us. The Membership Committee intends to focus developing a solicitation to be sent to the MSBA membership, but requests input on the membership benefits that should be touted in the solicitation. The consensus was that members should be entitled to attend the fall reception either for free or at a discount. Another possible membership benefit this year is our book on Supreme Court justices. The Membership Committee was asked to develop a hardcopy version of the membership application on the website for distribution at various events.

## **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Bill Hart reported that the Publications Committee is developing packets for presentations of the book, Testimony, to public libraries around the state. Robin Wolpert is working on her home county. The Committee is also working on seeking publicity for the Historical Society by enlisting local newspapers. Any articles and photos developed through this process may be candidates for the website. The Committee will also work on developing an annual report.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Kate McBride reported that they met with Moorhead teachers to discuss teachers' workshops and the development of curriculum, even though sandbagging had to be interrupted. In general, teachers would like more information from us. The goal of the Committee is to recruit local attorneys willing to work with teachers in their area. The consensus is that this educational component is a long-term project and the Committee will look for non-Board members to join their Committee.

## **PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Tom Boyd suggested the concept of a new committee to take charge of finding and displaying Court-related items appropriate for archival. An empty chamber in the Supreme Court may be available for that purpose and the committee could take jurisdiction over the display case in the Judicial Center.

The motion to create such a Preservation Committee was seconded and unanimously adopted. Bruce Jones volunteered to serve as Chair of this Committee and

to recruit members. His committee will prepare a mission statement, consult with Dennis Skrade on Barb Golden's staff, and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

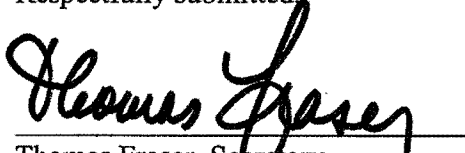
### MISSION STATEMENT

David Herr had suggested that the present mission statement may be somewhat limiting in light of our educational component, publications and outreach efforts. The Board reviewed the current mission statement. Kate McBride agreed to research the original mission statement and, if appropriate, circulate a revised mission statement for consideration at our next meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is set for July 23, 2009 in St. Paul. (We hope at that meeting to recognize Barb Golden for her many years of outstanding service. In typical fashion, only after we adjourned did she advise us that this had been her last meeting. We prevailed upon her to attend our July meeting so that we can celebrate her contributions to the Court and the State.) There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Thomas Fraser, Secretary