



## HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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### The Board of Directors of the HCBA

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

HCBA Offices

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The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 12:10 p.m. The minutes of the February 9, 2010 Board meeting were approved.

Mr. Morris recognized Michael Unger, member of the Nominating Committee, who reported on the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of that committee and its report. After discussion, upon motion duly made, the report of the Nominating Committee was adopted and the named individuals declared elected and endorsed with the addition of alternates Jeremy Lane, Hon. James Rogers, John Dornik, and Tom Conlin. Members of the board abstained insofar as they were named within the slate.

Mr. Morris then recognized Vincent Louwagie, Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee, who advised that the proposed 2010-2011 budget was on the agenda for informational purposes. He invited the Board to offer comments or questions, to be answered by him and/or staff. The board did so. Mr. Louwagie described the process followed by the committee and the conclusion to endorse a budget with a small deficit. Several members stressed the uncertainty going forward, but concluded that this year is not the year for a dues increase or for cutting programs.

Mr. Morris recognized Trudy Halla, an HCBA delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. Ms. Halla summarized the salient parts of that body's mid-year meeting in February in Orlando, Florida. She discussed a resolution relating to ranking of law firms by US News and World Report. The biggest item was a dues decrease for certain categories of lawyers.

Mr. Morris delivered his report of activities related to judicial elections legislation. Specifically, he reported on a House committee vote in favor of the bill. Another committee must hear the bill prior to March 19<sup>th</sup>. He spoke as well of the court budget cuts. Lastly, Mr. Morris discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District pilot project for e-filing, to be followed with district wide application. More information will be forthcoming. Ms. Kerri Nelson, Co-Chair of the Civil Litigation section, elaborated.

Mr. Buxbaum updated the board on various ongoing programs (LINC, Law and Literature) and upcoming events. He urged the board to encourage nominations for the awards that will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Stanley mentioned the HCBA outreach through the Legal Expo.

Ms. Schulze reported on membership levels and dues income. She reiterated that current year's results are favorably impacted by investment value increases and the lack of construction expense. Lawyer Referral percentage fees remain down significantly from prior year's.

Ms. Ward Reichard encouraged attendance at tonight's Bar Benefit. Tickets and sponsorships are virtually identical to last year. Silent auction proceeds should exceed last years.



The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Jensen  
Secretary