



## HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

---

**The Board of Directors of the HCBA  
Tuesday, March 10, 2009  
HCBA Offices**

---

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. The minutes of the February 10, 2009 board meeting were approved.

Brent Routman, co-chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the report of that committee, including nominations and endorsements. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Nominating Committee's slate was adopted. President Vasaly thanked Mr. Routman and the nominating committee for its good work. Members of the board abstained as to the offices for which they were nominated.

President Vasaly recognized Mr. Louwagie, vice-chair of the Finance and Planning Committee. He described the 2009 - 2010 budget discussions and process. Mr. Buxbaum answered questions from the board about the proposed budget.

President Vasaly directed attention to the model pro bono policy discussed at the prior meeting. It was suggested that the pro bono policy be amended to add "law clerks" to summer associates in paragraph III. Mr. Jensen questioned the manner in which the amount of hours was called for in the draft. Ms. Bartocci suggested clarifying that the policy is adoptable by legal departments. It was then moved to adopt the policy with the following changes: adding law clerks, bracketing suggested hours, correction of the typo on the last page, and clarification of "legal employer" to include law departments as well as law firms.

Ms. Vasaly discussed the HCBA possible involvement in an amicus brief in the Medtronic case, as related to U.S. District Court Judge Kyle's refusal to recuse himself from that matter. The matter is moot at the present time. Judge Sanberg asked that the board be advised when an amicus brief is being requested, to the fullest extent possible.

Ms. Vasaly then discussed the proposal by the MSBA to charge the HCBA and other district bars \$2/member (\$16,000) for processing dues data input. She directed attention to the letter sent by her to the MSBA, opposing the imposition of the charge.

In Sue Holden's absence, the report of the ABA delegate concerning the ABA mid year meeting was deferred.

Ms. Vasaly reported on judicial funding and selection issues. She alerted the board to legislative rumblings concerning a sales tax on legal service, a concept which the HCBA has



## **HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

---

traditionally opposed. The HCBA continues to work on judicial funding issues. John Degan, chair of the Bench & Bar Committee, reported on that committee's efforts to fill in some of the gaps that will be created in the courts as a result of the funding shortfall. The legal community will be asked to identify specific actions and roles to be played. Larger firms with less busy associates may be able to lend personnel to the courts as clerks, in conciliation court and in the non-binding arbitration area.

Mr. Buxbaum reported on Call for Justice progress.

Ms. Schulze reported on year to date financial results. Ms. Vasaly asked that the HCBA explore internet high interest insured money market accounts to maximize revenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jewelie Grape  
Secretary