



HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the HCBA

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

HCBA Offices

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by President Miller-Van Oort. The minutes of the March 11, 2008 board meeting were approved.

Jon Strauss, chair of the Finance and Planning Committee, then presented the proposed budget for 2008-2009 recommended for adoption. Mr. Buxbaum and Ms. Schulze answered questions from the board concerning budget items and assumptions. Upon motion duly made, the HCBA budget for 2008-2009 was adopted. Mr. Unger addressed the cumulative costs of dues increases by HCBA and MSBA and the lawyer's registration fees and the possible negative impact upon members. Mr. Espel described the sensitivity of the Finance and Planning Committee to those concerns. Mr. Jensen emphasized the benefits to members that have grown, even in the face of increased overhead without recent dues increases. President Miller-Van Oort emphasized the growth of CLE as a benefit to members and a source of revenue to defray increased costs.

Ms. Miller-Van Oort gave the President's report. She encouraged attendance at the Annual Meeting. She distributed the Professionalism Pledge and discussed it in the context of her Pride in the Profession Initiative. She discussed the intention to have HCBA members "sign on" to the pledge, affirmatively and publically affirming, endorsing, and honoring the pledge. Ms. Miller-Van Oort reported that the Call for Justice Implementation committee and subcommittees are meeting and working to coordinate with United Way's 211. She further reported that Doug Franzen, chair of the Government Relations Committee, is setting up a meeting with legislative leadership on April 24th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss judicial funding and other issues. She invited members of the board to attend that meeting.

Mr. Buxbaum reported that the new CDP contract has been approved. He indicated that construction on the office renovation begins this week. Finally, he indicated discussions have begun with the League of Women Voters about candidates' forums and public education in the context of judicial elections next fall.

Ms. Schulze reported on eight months results, stressing positive results in CLE, dues, and LRIS percentage fees.

Mr. Strauss reported for the Finance and Planning Committee on the meetings of the Strategic Planning sub-committee. He emphasized the quantity, variety, and excellence of HCBA programs. He pointed to increased membership, CLE revenue, and other activities undertaken in conformance to the 2007-2008 Annual Plan. Mr. Strauss stressed the need for additional committee and section volunteers. Mr. Espel stressed the length of the sub-committee meetings on the Annual Plan and the vast array of HCBA programs that are well executed.

Mr. Strauss then reported on efforts to generate a non-dues revenue proposal. He spoke of long term care insurance as a source of non-dues revenue. Possible other programs would be



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online back-up and grocery delivery. Other possible programs would involve HCBA chocolate bars or technology consulting. Mr. Jensen suggested revenue generation through higher charges for May/June CLE programs.

Mr. Unger commented on the morning column on judicial elections and campaign conduct in the recent Supreme Court contested election in Wisconsin. He suggested that members of the Board review media reports of this election, as Minnesota could face similar issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Courtney Ward-Reichard
Secretary