



HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the HCBA

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

HCBA Offices

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. The minutes of the April 8, 2008 board meeting were approved.

The board then reviewed a proposed 2008-2009 Annual Plan, prepared by staff in conjunction with the Finance and Planning Committee and Executive Committee. Upon motion duly made, the plan was adopted.

The board then reviewed proposed agreements to generate non-dues revenue, one with Newman Financial Services for Long Term Care Insurance and another with SOS Online Services to provide online backup. A third proposal from Simon Delivers was also reviewed, although a contract will follow. The board discussed whether Simon Delivers is too far afield of the HCBA mission. The board also discussed the methods of communication with members; members of the board expressed the view that there be no endorsement language and that there be a disclaimer of a partnership relationship with vendors. Other members of the board insisted that HCBA members should get a real benefit otherwise unavailable to others. Some pointed to the MSBA's unfortunate experience with an office supply affinity agreement (Office Max). The board encouraged contact with other non-profits who have dealt with the vendors, in order to verify their bonafides.

The board unanimously voted to approve the HCBA entering into a contact with Newman Financial Services. The board unanimously voted to approve the HCBA entering into a contract with SOS Online Backup Services.

The board voted that the HCBA enter into a contract with Simon Delivers in substantially the form as the other contracts, embodying the terms set forth in the material distributed to the meeting.

President Miller-Van Oort reported on an April 24 meeting of officers and directors with Minnesota Senate Majority Leader Larry Pogemiller and Minnesota Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Mee Moua to discuss funding the judiciary and judicial selection/election. Those in attendance described the discussions and the results thereof. Ms. Sanberg suggested that legislative leadership and Judiciary Chairs meet with HCBA as soon as possible after November's election; the board adopted this suggestion as a motion. A letter of invitation will be sent.

President Miller-Van Oort also discussed the Professionalism Pledge and urged directors to sign and have others sign. She stressed that framed copies are available to those who sign the pledge now.

Mr. Buxbaum reported on a fully executed CDP contract and on progress in the construction of renovated HCBA and VLN offices.



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Ms. Schulze reported that programmatically, the HCBA is doing well financially. Bottom line is impacted negatively by stock market fluctuations, the lack of last year's major percentage fee payment and construction costs incurred to date.

Ms. Zens reported on VLN's receipt of a national award at the Equal Justice Conference.

Ms. Miller-Van Oort reported on a moving Bar Memorial session. She encouraged board members to attend future Bar Memorials. Mr. Routman thanked the president and president-elect for their efforts at the Bar Memorial.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Courtney Ward-Reichard
Secretary