



HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the HCBA Tuesday, September 9, 2008 HCBA Offices

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m. Members introduced themselves.

The minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting were approved.

Hon. Jill Halbrooks, co-chair of the Nominating Committee presented the report of that committee. Upon motion duly made and seconded the report was adopted and the nominees to the Finance and Planning Committee declared elected. Mr. Espel described the function of the Finance and Planning Committee.

President Vasaly introduced Senator Mee Moua, who addressed the board on the question of funding the judiciary in a time of budget deficits. She discussed the role of fees in the court system and the disconnect between fees and cuts in the judiciary budget, resulting in the failure of the court system to address the basic needs of the people of Minnesota. Because this year is the year of a budget cycle, she urged strong action. In answer to a question, Se. Moua indicated her belief that the judicial selection/election issue will likely move successfully in the coming year.

Mr. Espel moved adoption of a resolution to increase the administrative fee for noontime CLE programs. The motion was unanimously adopted in the following form:

Be it resolved that the administrative fee for HCBA noontime CLE programs be increased from \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members to \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members; provided, however that said increase shall not apply to CLE programs of the commitment defense program.

President Vasaly then addressed the manual prepared for all board members. She stressed the importance of attendance and preparation. Additionally, President Vasaly emphasized the significance of active participation. She sought views of the board on the desire for periodic reports from sections and committees; there was general agreement on the desirability of receiving such information. She encouraged members to encourage participation on committees and sections. Experienced board members asked that newer members be encouraged to ask questions.

Ms. Vasaly delivered her report. She spoke of progress on the Call for Justice Initiative, with implementation of a pilot project planned. She reported on the Master Lawyers series, cosponsored by the Bench & Bar Committee and the Civil Litigation section. She then outlined several initiatives relative to court, funding, including a public forum, talks to legislators and overtures to the executive branch.



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Mr. Buxbaum reported on various activities dealing with judicial elections, including a public forum on judicial election/selection, a candidate's forum and the judicial plebiscite. He discussed the affirmations received from judges and other candidates, relating to responsible judicial campaign conduct. Finally, he encouraged attendance at the judge's social on September 23rd.

Ms. Schultze discussed the HCBA budget and financial statements, explaining the methods of reflecting activity. She answered questions from the board, as did Mr. Buxbaum. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jewelie Grape
Secretary