



HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the HCBA

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

HCBA Offices

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Miller-Van Oort. First-time attendees introduced themselves and gave some information about themselves.

President Miller-Van Oort distributed a form to the Board to assess board performance, requesting that it be completed and returned by the end of the meeting.

President Miller-Van Oort then directed attention to the Conflict of Interest statement sent to all directors prior to the meeting. All members were asked to execute such statements. The question of whether the VLN representative has a conflict (due to the funding of VLN by HCBA) was discussed; to the extent necessary, the issue will be raised at the appropriate time.

Mr. Routman moved the election of the At-Large nominees to the Finance and Planning Committee and the election of the nominees as Alternate Members of the MSBA Assembly. The nominees were unanimously elected.

Mr. Engel delivered the report of the Ad Hoc Lease Committee and moved that the Board authorize the committee to proceed to negotiate with the landlord and to hire the necessary experts, including an architect, project manager and construction company. The Board discussed the proposed space to be occupied by VLN, to be leased under separate lease. Mr. Engel responded to questions about which locations had been examined and what the criteria were used for selection. The board unanimously adopted the motion.

President Miller-Van Oort directed attention to the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting. She specifically addressed appointments by the Executive Committee to the Advisory Board.

The President's report stressed the Pride in the Profession CLE initiative. She asked for indications of interest in serving on an advisory board dealing with Pride in the Profession. She discussed co-sponsorship of programs with the Council of Crime and Justice and the Lawyers Committee on Civil Rights. She invited members to participate in various committees, including non-dues revenues, diversity, community relations, and membership. Ms. Miller-Van Oort described the status of the action by the District Court Judges Association on the Quie Commission report and recommendations; she reminded the Board of planned HCBA actions leading up to a December Board meeting to take a position on the Quie Commission recommendations.

Mr. Buxbaum reported on progress by the LINC 2008 Steering Committee. Ms. Schulze reported on dues receipts in the early months of the fiscal year, which are running ahead of last year and in line with budget.



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Mr. Routman reported on the ABA House of Delegates meeting. He highlighted the important items debated at the meeting. He offered to provide further information to anyone who has an interest.

Mr. Sandok encouraged attendance at the Attractive Nuisance Tour on October 26th, the proceeds of which are donated in part to the Hennepin County Bar Foundation.

President Miller-Van Oort encouraged members to attend the Judges Social on September 20th.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Courtney Ward-Reichard
Secretary