



HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the HCBA

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

HCBA Offices

The meeting was called to order by President Unger at 12:10 p.m.

The minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting were approved.

President Unger recognized Carol Maher of Eide-Bailly, the association's CPA. Ms. Maher delivered the auditors report and management letter to the Board; she also spoke about the fiduciary responsibilities of the Board of Directors. Mr. Buxbaum and Ms. Schulze answered questions from board members about finance and internal controls. The Board discussed the conflict of interest policy and the desirability of the board reviewing the vendor list to determine the existence, if any, of a conflict. Some supplementary questionnaire may be deemed to be useful. Ms. Schulze then explained the drafts attached to the audit.

On motion duly made and seconded, the audit of the HCBA for the year ended June 30, 2006 was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Unger recognized Robin Caneff Gibson, representative from VLN. Ms. Gibson described the history of VLN and the areas of law for which VLN representation is offered. She laid out the growth in the number of active volunteers, staff, budget and services provided. Almost all of those numbers have increased by nearly 100% in the last three years. VLN was the recent recipient of an award from the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. VLN has as goals the recruitment of new volunteers and the updating of fundraising materials. Brad Thorsen, Executive Director of VLN, thanked the HCBA for its continuing support. He described new VLN initiatives and clinics; there are now 35 clinics, several of which are operated with others.

Mr. Unger congratulated VLN on its growth and expressed appreciation to VLN for its many years of valued service to the community.

Mr. Unger reported on a County Attorney Candidate Forum scheduled for October 11th and encouraged attendance. He indicated that the HCBA co-sponsored a Judicial Candidate Forum on October 6, which he described as highly informative. The forum was taped and will be shown on local access television. The HCBA website will carry the schedule. Mr. Unger encouraged attendance at the Attractive Nuisance Tour on October 20..

Mr. Buxbaum reported on the results of the judicial plebiscite. Mr. Unger spoke in strong support of the plebiscite as a form of judicial accountability. He encouraged participation in the LINC program.



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The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Morris

Secretary