



HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the HCBA Tuesday, October 14, 2008 HCBA Offices

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President-elect Christopher Morris. The minutes of the September 9, 2008 board meeting were approved.

The president-elect then called upon Paula Schulze, who introduced Rob Cook of the firm of Olsen, Thielen, who delivered the report of the auditor. After questions, upon motion made and seconded the auditor's report was adopted.

Ms. Schultze then introduced Hank Wilkinson, of RBC Wealth Management, investment advisor to the HCBA. He explained the investment process and policy used for the investment of reserves and other revenues. He described the 2008 Accounts Review sheet distributed and the utilization of the 25% equity standard as described in the Investment Policy. He indicated that some fixed income investments have maturity of over 2 years, e.g. mortgage pass-throughs. The board noted that the Executive Committee will review those instruments at an upcoming meeting, at which time the longer maturity can be ratified. Mr. Wilkinson described the decisions made in August 2008 with respect to current year's revenues, in light of the office remodel/expansion and related expenses.

Ugo Ukabam, co-chair of the Diversity Committee, presented a resolution recommended by the Diversity Committee related to increased gender diversity on the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Vasaly described the Infinity Project, which has raised this issue, and the societal implications of a bench with only one woman judge. She answered further questions about the structure of the Infinity Project. Upon motion duly made, the resolution was adopted.

Ms. Ukabam reviewed for the board's various initiatives under consideration by the Diversity Committee, including a theater-based humorous drama for diversity training. She further discussed outreach to sections to create CLE programming related to bias issues and to make greater use of minority faculty. The committee will give the annual diversity award at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

President Vasaly presented her report. She discussed the judicial plebiscite, noting the relatively low level of participation. She further spoke of efforts to encourage adequate funding of the judiciary. She noted the well received Master Lawyers program. Ms. Vasaly spoke positively of the recent HCBA open house, which took place on October 7.

Mr. Buxbaum reported on upcoming efforts to market the new office space. He also noted successful judicial selection and candidate forums.

Ms. Schultze reported on two months' results, noting increased dues revenue. The board suggested possible means of assisting in implementing financial controls; the subject will be on the agenda for the Finance and Planning Committee, including the auditor's internal controls letter.



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Ms. Garvis reported on actions taken at the last MSBA meeting.

Ms. Dunn reported on activities of the New Lawyers Section.

Mr. Sandok reported on a successful 6th Annual Attractive Nuisance Tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jewelie Grape
Secretary