

# Northern District of Iowa Branch of the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit

## Minutes from meeting on August 22, 2008

**Persons Present:**

Richard S. Fry	Richard L. Murphy
Honorable Linda R. Reade	Ray M. Scheetz
Honorable Jon S. Scoles	Leonard T. Strand
Webb L. Wassmer	Mark L. Zaiger
Thad J. Collins	Beth E. Hansen
Robert L. Phelps	Paula L. Roby
Timothy L. Vavricek	Mark A. Roberts

### Business:

1. Meeting called to order by Leonard Strand
2. Discussion regarding Regulations for N.D. of Iowa Branch of the Historical Society
  - a. Motion made to Adopt Amended and Restated Regulations as proposed by Leonard Strand;
  - b. Discussion of proposed Regulations;
  - c. Motion Carried—Historical Society will be governed by rules contained in Amended and Restated Regulations.
3. Election of Officers of N.D. Iowa Historical Society
  - a. *President*—motion made to elect Leonard Strand as President of Historical Society; motion unanimously carried.
  - b. *Vice-President*—motion made to elect Beth Hansen as Vice-President of Historical Society; motion unanimously carried.
  - c. *Treasurer*—motion made to elect Richard Murphy as Treasurer of Historical Society; motion unanimously carried.
  - d. *Secretary*—motion made to elect Ray Scheetz as Secretary of Historical Society; motion unanimously carried.

4. Election of Directors of N.D. Iowa Historical Society
  - a. *Director*—motion made to elect Honorable Linda Reade as Director of Historical Society; motion unanimously carried.
  - b. *Director*—motion made to elect Leonard Strand as Director of Historical Society; motion unanimously carried.
  
5. Discussion of Projects of Historical Society
  - a. Video Interviews of Senior Federal Judges
    1. Honorable Edward J. McManus
    2. Honorable Donald E. O'Brien
    3. Honorable David R. Hansen
  
  - b. Possible Displays/Exhibits of Prior N.D. Iowa Cases of National Interest
    1. Pine Ridge Reservation / Leonard Peltier
    2. Alkon Shield / Toxic Shock Syndrome
    3. Farm Crisis Bankruptcy Cases from 1980s
    4. "Sons of Silence" Criminal Trial
    5. Postville Immigration Raid Cases
    6. First in Nation "Three Strikes" Case
    7. Death Penalty Case Involving Angela Honken—first woman sentenced to death in United States in over fifty years
  
  - c. Possible Displays/Exhibits regarding past federal courthouses
    1. Flood's effect on current downtown federal courthouse; current temporary courthouse
    2. Mural contained on walls of third floor courtroom of downtown federal courthouse depicting evolution of American justice
    3. Ft. Dodge / Waterloo / Mason City courthouses
  
6. Discussion of Miscellaneous Business
  - a. Recruiting members from Sioux City area
  - b. Mark Roberts will attempt to locate historian or archivist from U of Iowa to speak at October meeting

- c. Members to possibly contact archivist from Hoover Presidential Library
- d. Web link for Historical Society on N.D. Iowa federal court website
- e. Admission of Honorary Members Rob Phelps (Clerk of Court) and Tim Vavricek (Chief Judge Reade law clerk)

7. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting scheduled for October 31, 2008, at 3:00 p.m at temporary federal courthouse in Cedar Rapids
- b. Meeting adjourned