

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa Meeting Minutes**  
**December 9, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.**

*Meeting was held in the conference room in the Clerk's Office and via phone conference*

**Attendees:**

The Honorable CJ Williams, The Honorable Kelly K.E. Mahoney, Tim Hill, Ethan Olson, Ron Timmons, Hilary Naab, Kevin Collins, Paul De Young, Misti Michel, Emma Barden, Cathy May

**1. Welcome**

**2. Motion to Approve June 5, 2024 Minutes**

Motion was made, seconded, and passed by the committee.

**3. Treasurer Update**

The transition to new treasurer Ethan Olson was successful. An email blast will be sent to the bar regarding upcoming dues for 2025. Ethan reported that there is approximately \$900 in checking and \$4,200 in a CD. There were no annual expenses last year or this year. If an expense would arise that would require additional funds, funding could come from the Library Fund.

**4. Membership Fees**

Current membership fee is \$10 per individual. There was a question about whether law firms would find any advantage from membership, as opposed to individual attorneys within the firm, but it was decided that the only benefit would be supporting the institution, so this was tabled until/if additional funding is ever needed.

**5. Newsletter Update**

The committee recognized Hilary Naab for her continuing work on the newsletter. Chief Judge Williams noted that he liked the longer, more in depth articles the newsletter offers. He suggested that the label of "newsletter" does not accurately describe the publication, as it highlights the history of the Northern District, and does not concentrate on current news. Several synonyms were suggested, with "dispatch" being the preferred name going forward.

Ethan Olson was asked to contribute an article for the private bar highlighting civil lawyers who contributed to the Northern District. Tim Hill offered to contact Ethan to assist with the article. Chief Judge Williams offered to provide a summary of a judge and the courthouse. Additionally, Tim Vavricek will be asked to highlight an important case that went to the Supreme Court.

The deadline for the dispatch will be May 5, 2025 with the goal of publication in June of 2025.

## **6. Cataloging Historical Documents and Items**

Paul De Young asked Hilary for assistance in cataloguing items that are in a room next to the current Historical Center. It is not known what the room contains, but it is likely that it has a variety of documents and items from current and previous courthouses. There may be material that can be applied to some kind of local display and/or the dispatch. Cataloging will also assist the committee when it relies on the History Center to digitize its records.

Oral histories of recent judges are up to date, except for Judge Scoles. It was suggested that his long-term law clerk, Aaron Shileny, be contacted to see if he would be willing to help get this scheduled and to possibly do the interview. Tim Hill offered to assist.

## **7. Other Discussion**

Tim Hill suggested working with the Federal Practice Committee for a networking event to raise the Historical Society's profile. A possible one-hour CLE in the Fall of 2025 covering EEOC cases or "war stories" was suggested. Chief Judge Williams offered to host the event and will additionally reach out to Judge Reade to see if she is interested in participating. Tim Hill will reach out to Kevin Visser and Tim Vavricek. Possible cases that could be highlighted are an EEOC case as well as the international guardianship case that was a team effort between Chief Judge Williams, the clerk's office, and Tim Hill this past year.

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.**

**Next Meeting Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa Meeting Minutes**  
**June 5, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.**

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**Attendees:**

The Honorable CJ Williams, Tim Hill, Tim Vavricek, Ethan Olson, Ron Timmons, Hilary Naab, Paul De Young, Misti Michel, Emma Barden, Cathy May

**1. Welcome**

**2. Motion to Approve December 11, 2023 Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

**3. Election of New Vice President and Treasurer**

The committee nominated Tim Vavricek to serve as vice president and Ethan Olson to serve as treasurer. A motion was made to elect Tim and Ethan as vice president and treasurer respectively. The motion to elect Tim and Ethan as officers was seconded and unanimously passed. Tim will assist Ethan as he assumes the role of treasurer. The committee acknowledged Tim's lengthy role as treasurer and thanked him for his service.

**4. Treasurer Update**

Membership levels remain steady. Tim Vavricek and Ethan Olson will be meeting with the bank next week to finalize Ethan's access to the historical society's bank account. Tim will be removed from the bank account. The website will be updated to reflect the individuals who hold officer positions and the members of the historical society. Tim indicated the historical society's CD is accruing interest, and the preference for collecting membership fees is through Zelle.

**5. Finalization of Governing Documents**

Eric Brust emphasized that court employees can only have limited roles in the historical society. Section 5(d) has been updated to clarify that a court employee may serve as a secretary, but the president, the vice president, and the treasurer cannot be court employees.

**6. Oral History Update**

The historical society recorded Fran Haas interviewing Judge Reade last December. The recording is great; it captures and preserves Judge Reade's history and her wonderful memories. The historical society would still like to add content to the recording at the beginning and the end. Such content could include biographical information, photos, and a letter from Judge Reade. The court will work with Judge Reade to finalize the recording. Rich Murphy has not yet been able to connect with Evan Hultman.

## **7. Newsletter Update**

The last edition of the newsletter was published in July of 2023. The committee agreed that the deadline for the next newsletter will be July 15, 2024. Judge Williams will work on the core section of the newsletter. Tim Hill will provide an article on Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman and its connections with the court. Rich Murphy will be contacted to confirm if he is still interested in contributing to the newsletter. The newsletter will seek new members, and it will again note that payment of dues can be made electronically through Zelle.

## **8. Other Discussion**

Historical displays in both court locations are updated and available to the public. The kiosk in Sioux City is electronic and features content related to the district's judges and courthouses. The judge/courthouse display in Cedar Rapids is older and will likely need to be replaced. The use of Library Funds is a possibility.

The History Center in Cedar Rapids has agreed to help with digitizing old VHS and CD records that have that been found. The historical society should take steps to categorize its content and have its records digitized.

The Southern District's old Des Moines courthouse will be closing in August. A ceremony will be held commemorating the event. Although there are some ties with the Northern District, the committee agreed that there is no need to reflect this event in the history of the Northern District. Photos might be obtained of attendees at the ceremony.

Tim Hill asked for suggestions on how to energize membership and ways to increase the visibility of the historical society. Ideas included targeted outreach, broadening oral histories to include attorneys who practiced in federal court, and CLE events that discussed important and interesting civil and criminal cases in the district. The committee was asked to think about how a CLE could be presented and this will be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.

The Federal Practice Committee is planning to host the Federal Practice Seminar CLE in December. It is a good idea to have the court's judges mention the historical society and how to become involved. It might be possible to have a display and/or a poster set up.

Tim Vavricek spoke about the pandemic and its impact on the district's history. It was noted that there is an online version of the court's current History Book, and members agreed that it would be a good idea to include a chapter or addendum regarding the pandemic in the online version. Tim offered to spearhead the pandemic content.

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.**

**Next Meeting Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.**

*Meeting was held in the conference room in the Clerk's Office and via phone conference*

**Attendees:**

The Honorable CJ Williams, Kevin Collins, Tim Vavricek, Tim Hill, Joe Peiffer, Hilary Naab, Ron Timmons, Paul De Young, Emma Barden, Cathy May

**1. Welcome**

**2. Motion to Approve June 15, 2023, Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

**3. Membership Update**

The committee unanimously voted for Tim Hill and Ron Timmons to become the Historical Society's new president and secretary respectively. Tim Hill recognized all the years of service Kevin devoted to the Historical Society throughout his tenure. Ethan Olson and Hilary Naab may be taking on officer roles in the future. The committee will vote once the other officer positions have been finalized. Tim Vavricek will remain as treasurer until new officers are finalized.

**4. Treasurer Update**

Per discussion in the June 2023 meeting, \$4,000 has been invested in a CD at US Bank. Maturity is 12/31/25, with a 4.6% APY. Approximately \$600 remains in petty cash. Annual dues of approximately \$300 will be coming in the next couple of months. Tim Vavricek would like to encourage members to pay dues electronically via Zelle. Solicitations for dues go out annually in early January.

**5. Governing Documents**

A vote was taken on adopting the amended and restated regulations of the NDIA Historical Society. The motion unanimously passed. Modification of Section 5(d) of the regulations addresses who may be elected and serve as an officer. Paul De Young has contacted Eric Brust, who will update the committee on whether expansive language can be included. After finalizing the language in Section 5(d), the president will sign the governing documents.

**6. Oral Histories**

Judge Reade's oral history will be completed Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Paul De Young will follow-up with Rich Murphy regarding the status of Evan Hultman's oral history.

## **7. Newsletter**

Rich Murphy is working on a piece about Wounded Knee. Judge Williams offered to author the recurring judge profile section for the next newsletter. Judge Williams offered to work with Hilary Naab to put together the next newsletter. The submission deadline will be mid-January 2024, with the goal of publication by the end of January 2024. As in the last newsletter, a section will be included regarding joining the Historical Society.

## **8. Eighth Circuit Archive Inquiry**

The committee gave permission for the Eighth Circuit's digital archive specialist to digitize the Historical Society's newsletters.

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.**

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**June 15, 2023 at 12:00 pm**

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**Attendees:**

Kevin Collins, Tim Vavricek, Melissa Carrington, Paul De Young, Misti Michel, Rich Murphy, Hilary Naab, Emma Barden

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Motion to Approve January 25, 2023 Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

**3. Membership/Treasurer Update**

Currently, there are 33 paid members (not including judges). Tim Vavricek is still working on the electronic payment system, but so far it seems to be a success. There is currently just over \$4,600 in the historical society account. Motion was made to give authority to Tim to use his best judgment to deposit all or most of the funds into a Certificate of Deposit or ladder funds into Certificates of Deposit. Motion passed.

- 4. Governing Documents Discussion (In 2020, the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Historical Society took two steps regarding the regulations that govern the districts' historical societies: (1) all branches' existing regulations were "grandfathered" in; and (2) if a branch wants to amend its regulations, the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit approved "Boilerplate Regs" that a branch can modify and then seek approval from the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit historical society.**

The Amended and Restated Regulations for the Northern District of Iowa have been in place since August of 2008. Overall, they are in good shape. The Eighth Circuit Amended its Articles of Incorporation and by-laws in 2020. The Eighth Circuit also provided boilerplate language for the districts' historical societies to incorporate in their regulations. Currently, Judge Williams and Kevin Collins serve as the district's directors. Paul De Young will reach out to Millie Adams at the Eighth Circuit regarding the need to update our operating documents and will send proposed amendments out to the committee.

There was discussion regarding having an election soon so that officer positions rotate every so often. Members were asked to bring names of people to the next committee meeting who may possibly be interested in becoming officers. Current officers will plan to serve until they are replaced, and they will work on finding replacements and elect new officers at our next meeting. Members from the Sioux City area are encouraged to reach out to possible participants in the Western part of the state.

## **5. Oral Histories Update**

Rich Murphy plans to meet with Evan Hultman in the next couple of weeks. An oral history script will be provided to Rich. Kevin will reach out to Fran Haas, and Paul De Young will coordinate dates for Judge Reade's oral history.

The History Center's curator, Tara Templeton, has expressed a willingness to assist with the district's oral history project. The History Center has offered to digitize the Court's old media. The historical society needs to locate all oral histories so that they can be digitized.

## **6. Newsletter Update**

The inaugural edition is complete and is fantastic. The historical society's newsletter will be produced on a bi-annual basis. Information regarding how to become a member will be included in the newsletter. Once final edits are incorporated, the inaugural summer newsletter will be sent out to the bar and court family of approximately 3,000 people. An article about Wounded Knee will be in the next newsletter. If anyone has any ideas for articles or profiles, please contact Hilary.

## **7. Other Discussion**

None

## **8. Next meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2023 at 12:00 pm

*Meeting was held via phone conference*

**Attendees:**

The Honorable CJ Williams, Kevin Collins, Tim Hill, Tim Vavricek, Melissa Carrington, Paul De Young, Misti Michel, Rich Murphy, Hilary Naab, Emma Barden, Cathy May

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Motion to Approve June 1, 2022, Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

- 3. Membership Update (consider next solicitation and providing judges with honorary membership for meritorious service)**

Current membership is approximately 35 people. This number is appropriate for now, but if membership drops below thirty, then the committee should consider recruiting. The website accurately reflects the current members. It was suggested that if the committee wanted to increase membership, calls could be made to members who work at larger firms, and they could promote membership within their firm. It was noted that the current method of dues collection is not efficient. A motion was made to explore electronic payment methods. The motion was seconded and approved. The treasurer will explore electronic payment options. It was agreed that all district judges should be honorary members of the historical committee, with dues not required. A motion to make all IAND judges ex officio members for 2023 was made and approved. The bylaws will be reviewed to confirm if they need to be amended to reflect automatic judge honorary membership so that a motion does not need to be made every year.

- 4. Treasurer Update (report to Eighth Circuit provided by Tim)**

The treasury report reflects a current balance of about \$4,207.33. The report lists one returned check fee of \$15.90. The check was an annual dues payment that was over 60 days old and had become void.

- 5. Biannual Meetings (finalize the holding of scheduled biannual meetings, rather than scheduled quarterly meetings, and other meetings as needed)**

It was agreed that the committee will hold biannual meetings. Additional meetings may be scheduled if needed, on an ad hoc basis. A motion was made to accept the new meeting schedule and was passed.

## **6. Kidzibits History Center and Kiosk Update**

The Cedar Rapids History Center and Sioux City kiosk are complete, functional, and paid in full.

## **7. Oral Histories Update**

A status report has been sent to committee members. The most pressing oral history subjects remaining are Judge Reade, Judge Scoles, and Judge Edmunds. Rob Phelps is working on a couple of them, and Paul De Young will work with Judge Reade.

The History Center's curator, Tara Templeton, borrowed the Wounded Knee peace pipe for its current exhibit, and has expressed willingness to assist with the oral history project. The History Center has offered to digitize the Court's old media. It was suggested to add Evan Hultman to the oral history subject list. Rich Murphy will attempt to contact him and coordinate Evan Hultman's oral history.

## **8. Foundation 2 Renovation of Witwer Building (obtain photographs of old federal courthouse)**

Photographs have been taken of the interior of the Witwer building. The History Center also maintains a collection of pictures of the building throughout its history. Those renovating the Witwer building intend to maintain, preserve and restore as much as possible.

## **9. Other Discussion**

Rich Murphy suggested a newsletter for the historical society and the larger law community. Hilary noted that the Cedar Rapids branch library issues a regular newsletter to the courthouse, some former employees and interested courts within the circuit. Hilary will forward a recent library newsletter to the committee for its review. The committee may incorporate some of the library's newsletter articles into another newsletter for broader distribution. The committee may also solicit articles from members of the federal bar.

Additionally, the committee discussed putting together a reading list that could be listed on the court's external website or sent out in an email. Books written by judges or attorneys or others who have documented experiences pertaining to our court were mentioned.

## **10. Next meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:51 PM.

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**Meeting Minutes**

**June 1, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.**

*Meeting was held via phone conference.*

**Attendees:** Kevin Collins, Paul De Young, Tim Hill, Melissa Carrington, Misti Michel, Hilary Naab, Emma Barden, Cathy May

**1. Welcome**

**2. Motion to Approve September 1, 2021, Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

**3. Membership Update**

Paul De Young will reach out to current members regarding missing renewals and membership dues, as well as individuals who used to be members to see if they would be interested in re-joining. Additionally, he may reach out to the judges currently not involved to see if they would like to be. Melissa Carrington will update the member email list once Paul De Young confirms the ones that are currently incorrect. The membership list will be updated on the external website. It was suggested that members who have been with the Historical Society for ten years or more be recognized on the external website.

**4. Update on History Center upgrade, Cedar Rapids and Sioux City**

Paul De Young reported that production is complete. The videos, Courtroom 101, and judge-related projects are being worked through. When ready, the videos will be forwarded to the society members for review. Members are encouraged to provide feedback earlier rather than later as it will be more difficult to change them later. The electrical portion of the project has changed due to difficulty reaching the electrical units behind the back wall due to the judges' garage. Monitors will be moved from the back wall to the middle of the room to accommodate the electrical issues. Installation is currently anticipated for August.

**5. Possible Chapter(s) for the Next History Book**

**The suggestion was made to begin to collect thoughts regarding the derecho and pandemic and how those events effected the court. Perspectives from the court, the government, the defense, as well as the civil side, could be provided while they are still fresh in everyone's minds. Examples are the CARES Act, trial facilitation, and court statistics.**

**6. Status of Oral Histories and Next Steps**

It was suggested to circulate a list of the status of oral histories in the district so that there is transparency on whose oral histories are needed, in progress, or completed. Some histories that we do have may need to be updated to new technologies.

**7. Possible CLE Held in Conjunction with NDIA Federal Practice Committee**

This topic was tabled until the next meeting, with the thought of participating in next year's NDIA Federal Practice Committee sessions. The goal is to keep the historical society's name out there as well as showcase NDIA's book and the new history center.

**8. Other Discussion**

No other discussion topics were brought up.

**9. Next meeting**

Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**September 1, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

*Meeting was held via phone conference.*

**Attendees:**

Attendees: Kevin Collins, Robert Phelps, Shelby Mars, Paul De Young, Melissa Carrington, Tim Vavricek, Tim Hill, Rich Murphy, Hilary Naab, Cathy May, Emma Barden

**1. Motion to approve March 10, 2021 minutes**

Tim Hill moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting. All attending members voted in favor of approval, and the minutes were approved.

**2. Election of Treasurer**

Tim Hill moved for Tim Vavricek to be elected as Treasurer. All attending members voted in favor of Tim Vavricek serving as Treasurer.

Kevin thanked Rich Murphy for his years of service and work as Treasurer. Rich has the Historical Society checkbook and files, and he will hand them over to Tim Vavricek.

The Committee addressed the need to send out the invitation to join the Historical Society and to send out the reminder to submit membership dues. Rich stated that he will help Tim Vavricek with the membership renewal reminder and the email to invite new attorneys to become members.

**3. Publication of History Book**

Hilary Naab:

The history book is complete. Hilary thanked everyone who contributed to the book and Rob Phelps for throwing parties in Cedar Rapids and Sioux City. Rob is distributing copies. Extra copies can be purchased through the Clerk's Office for \$50/book. Checks can be made out to the Historical Society.

**4. Update on History Center Upgrade, Cedar Rapids and Sioux City**

Paul De Young:

We have been putting photos and videos into "buckets." It has been slow-going; we are still in the process of collecting and working with Dave Mink and Kidzibits. Neither the

CR display nor the SC display will have audio. A narrative will accompany photos/videos for the introductory video and naturalization video. They will be played in a loop. The Courtroom 101 display includes staged photos. Kidzibits is arranging for a photographer. For the judge/courthouse display, the judge information is being updated by using content from the new history book. Final updates are being made, and the software will be given to Kidzibits when it is completed.

Kevin inquired about whether there was a specific timeline. Rob and Paul are working with Kidzibits and believe they can provide all the information to Kidzibits by the end of September.

Rob and Paul will review the project in the next few days and will email the members if help is needed.

## **5. Other Discussion**

Rob Phelps:

Having established a new Treasurer and new Secretary, the Committee might want to discuss the possibility of electing a new President and a new Vice President.

## **6. Next meeting: December 1, 2021**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:16 PM

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**March 10, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

*Meeting was held via Zoom*

**Attendees:**

Kevin Collins, Tim Hill, Dave Mink, Addie Rosenwinkel, Matthew Cox, Bart Hays, Emma Barden, Cathy May, Robert Phelps, Paul De Young, Hilary Nabb

**1. Kidzibits Exhibit (Dave Mink)**

- a. First step in process is to gather information/pictures/stories for an introductory video and naturalization video. The video will not have audio and will run on a loop in the exhibit area. Kidzibits will put together the videos with direction from the court. Rob will work with the officers regarding themes. Dave will set up a drop box for video data collection. Rob will be the contact. Dave suggested 3-4 weeks to gather information in the drop box.
- b. Dave offered to bring in a photographer for any courthouse pictures. Rob suggested actors instead of public in pictures if permissions are an issue.
- c. Rob will reach out to legal contacts regarding permissions for people in the videos.
- d. Dave estimated physical installation would take a week. The crew will be from Kidzibits. Will need to negotiate work hours and communicate what will be needed prior to crew arrival (electrical, etc.).
- e. The timeline for completion is 20 weeks, beginning with the gathering of video content.
- f. Dave and Rob will follow up regarding moving forward.

**2. History Book (Hilary Naab)**

- a. Hilary reported the book is currently 208 pages. This includes 45 pages of pictures. With appendix, it will be approximately 250 pages. She priced hardcover books using a bindery in Omaha, NE, and a Perfect Bind option from Eagle Book Bindery in Cedar Rapids. Perfect bind is a cardstock cover with glued pages.
- b. Based on 250 pages, 100 books, hardcover price is \$46.90/book. Adding die stamped logo on front changes price to almost \$90.00/book. Perfect bind cost is \$10-20/book using color, \$7-13/book black/white. Changing number of books varies cost by \$0.46/book. This estimate appears to be an industry standard according to Hilary's research.
- c. Rob noted that the previous edition yielded a lot of leftover copies. Hilary estimated that Judge O'Brien's book had 50 copies printed, 5-8 copies remain. It was agreed that 100 books would be an appropriate amount for this History Book edition.
- d. Kevin asked about the intended audience for the book. Rob said he believes most will be given away as gifts to Judges and committee members. Kevin noted that if the intent is giving as gifts, hardcover would look better, but is unsure if the logo is needed on the cover due to the cost. Tim agreed with Kevin. Both agreed that the logo could be the first page of the book instead of on the cover. Paul suggested hardcover copies for the

judges and perfect bind copies for everyone else as an option. Hilary said this is an option but would need to be two separate runs due to formatting.

- e. The issue of color pictures vs. black/white is tabled for now.
- f. Hilary asked about book color preference. Rob and Melissa suggested navy blue with gold lettering. Hilary said Judge Williams would probably agree.
- g. Approximate current pricing is \$5,000 for 100 books. Rob stated there was a couple hundred dollars in the Historical Society account, so he will ask the Court for a Library Fund donation.

### **3. Treasurer**

- a. Hilary asked if Rich Murphy was still Treasurer for the Society. Rob said yes, for the moment. Hilary said Shelby Mars is interested in the position in the event of an opening. Rob will talk with Rich, and Shelby if needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm



**Historical Society  
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa  
Special Meetings**

**September 16 & 23, 2020, at 12:00 PM**

**Attendees:**

September 16, 2020: Timothy Hill, Melissa Carrington, Hilary Naab, Paul DeYoung, Bart Hayes, Dave Mink, Robert Phelps.

September 23, 2020: Judge Williams, Judge Mahoney, Rich Murphy, Kevin Collins, Bart Hayes, Dave Mink, Robert Phelps, Paul DeYoung, and Kelly Kornegor.

Historical Society members held a special meeting with Bart Hayes, independent design contractor and part of the original design team eight years ago, and Dave Mink Production Director from KidZibits of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Bart Hayes gave a presentation on the Historical Center redesign project. Historical Society members were given the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions.

The redesign project proposal consists of four different plans, A-D with cost included for each plan. Plans A and B are one phase and Plans C and D would be completed in three phases. There is ability to mix and match plans. The redesign project proposal includes an interactive kiosk, timeline graphic and artifact case for the Sioux City Courthouse.

Rob Phelps will send out correspondence to Historical Society members asking for comments. Rob will compile a list of wants and needs and work with Historical Society members to pare down the list based on cost.

**Next meeting:**

Another meeting will be scheduled after Historical Society members submit comments on the Historical Center redesign proposal.

**Historical Society  
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa  
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**September 4, 2019, at 12:00 PM**

**Attendees:**

Judge C.J. Williams, Timothy Hill, Rich Murphy, Hilary Naab, Pete Deegan, Kevin Collins, Robert Phelps, and Paul De Young

**1. Motion to approve June minutes**

The June 5, 2019 meeting minutes approved with the following amendments:

- Strike end of June estimated completion date for history book, leave open at this time
- \$2,648.23 bank balance
- Contacts to provide information for history book – Tim recommended John Gray and Rich Murphy recommended Judy Whetstone

**2. Treasurer report**

Rich Murphy reported \$2,648.23 in the bank.

**3. NDIA History Book Updates**

Tim mentioned Melissa Carrington's section is complete and he is expecting a write up from Jim Hodges by Friday, September 6.

Tim plans to conduct an oral history with Jim Hodges on September 19, to go along with the civil section of the book. Tim gave a target date of submission for the civil section of the history book by the week of September 19.

Hilary sent the history book to Chad Marzen and Shelby Mars for editing. Chad should be done in two to three weeks. Judge Williams added Shelby started a new job and he wants to allow time for her to get on her feet before following up.

Hilary additionally noted the flood chapter is complete, she is working on reformatting the appendices, and citations still need to be added. Hilary will do one final edit for formatting before the book is ready for print.

Hilary asked members if the book would cover historical information through the end of 2018. Judge Williams said this was correct with a goal to release the book in 2020.

**4. Coordinating Fall CLE with NDIA Federal Practice Committee**

Tim gave an update on the CLE event scheduled for October 17. Tim is leading off with statistics on civil practice and the decline in jury trials. Tim talked about focus being on effective jury trial presentation when there is a need for effective presentation to the bench. Judge Williams and Judge Strand will present on the bench perspective.

Tim announced there will be a social hour in both Cedar Rapids and Sioux City following the CLE event; Cedar Rapids location is the Black Sheep and Sioux City location is the casino restaurant of Main+Abbey. Rob sent out the CLE announcement to the federal NDIA bar on September 3, 2019

#### 5. **USMS Request for Memorial Plaque Display**

Judge Williams explained the US Marshal's Office requested permission to display a plaque in the history center in the courthouse. Judge Williams brought up the potential of establishing precedence by granting this request and opening the door to display other plaques for any reason.

Rich added the plaque is in honor of a US Deputy Marshal who was killed in the 1970's after someone tried to rob him and a gunfight ensued. The plaque used to be on display in the old courthouse. Rich's preference is not to display the plaque in the historical center; the lobby of the Marshal's Office would be a more appropriate location.

Rob noted there is a display case in the front of the historical center that was meant to be a rotating case. One option would be to display the plaque in the case and return to the marshals after a one-year period.

Rob provided a second option to display the plaque on an easel in the jury assembly room.

Judge Williams suggested displaying the plaque in the historical center case for the time being. With the current redesign, it doesn't make sense to add anything in the space or on the walls. Rich Murphy added the plaque does not fit the intent of the historical center unless it is displayed in the case.

Rob will ask the US Marshal's Office to put together an index card to go along with the plaque.

Rich asked if anyone had other artifacts.

Hilary – federal bowl

Judge Williams – notary seal

Rob – peace pipe and noted a few other archives in the closet next to the history center

#### 6. **Other Business**

Rich Murphy requested a subcommittee meeting for the historical center. Hilary, Judge Williams and Rich were named as current subcommittee members.

Judge Williams announced the court will fund renovations to the historical center. Rob mentioned the rough estimate cost for renovations is \$50,000.

Rich said a lot of the material can be moved to digital touch screen and artifacts on the walls need to be changed and moved.

Judge Williams suggested going back to Split Rock to get a bid/proposal to do the work.

Rob will contact Split Rock and get with Rich to find a time for them to come out to look at the space and give recommendations.

7. **Next meeting**

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 12:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

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**June 5, 2019, at Noon**

**Attendees:**

Judge C.J. Williams, Timothy Hill, Rich Murphy, Hilary Naab, Robert Phelps

**1. Introductions were made**

**2. Motion to approve March minutes**

The March 6, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

**3. Treasurer report**

Rich Murphy reported \$2,648.23 in the bank.

**4. Elect new Secretary (B. Hansen replacement)**

Tabled. Melissa Carrington was recommended by members. Tim will speak with Melissa to see if she has interest in serving as secretary.

Post meeting update: Melissa has agreed to serve as secretary.

**5. NDIA History Book Update**

Judge Williams mentioned the information is currently in different formats and Hilary is working to compile everything into Word.

Tim reported the following information is still needed for the book:

- Magistrate Judge input on civil practice of Northern District
- US Attorney perspective of civil cases
- Pre - Judge Bennett and Judge Reade information

Tim suggested contacting John Gray to provide the Pre - Judge Bennett and Judge Reade information. Rich recommended Judy Whetstine from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Rich presented a list of individuals who served as Assistant United States Attorneys in the district, with highlights on those who have gone on to serve as a judge in some capacity. Rich will email this information to Hilary for historical records.

Rob mentioned he is working on the Nature of Suit Codes updates to provide to Hilary.

Members identified the following oral histories have not been completed: Judge Melloy, Judge Reade, Judge Scoles and Jim Hodges. Rob will speak to Judge Scoles about the oral history.

Rob pointed out the next project after the history book are the updates to the History Center.

Rich suggested having a survey done of the History Center and securing a contractor. Rich mentioned Hilary and Judge Williams are on the committee for this project.

Judge Williams said he will talk to Judge Strand to make sure he is on board with the updates.

Rich asked if the history book would include bankruptcy. Judge Williams noted there is a chapter including judges for bankruptcy. Bankruptcy was huge when Judge Williams was a clerk but very rare now.

Judge Williams additionally noted residence appellate judges have been added to the book.

**6. Coordinating Fall CLE with NDIA Federal Practice Committee**

Tim referred discussion during the May Federal Practice Committee where members decided to collaborate with the CLE to tie together Judge Strand and Judge Williams' law review article.

Judge Williams mentioned targeting the fall CLE to include presentations on civil practice and the decline in trials. Next step is identifying a date and locking it in to the docket. Judge Williams offered to reach out to Judge Strand to speak during the CLE event along with Tim Hill and Judge Williams. Tim will work with Rob Phelps to provide facilities and IT services for the event.

**7. Next meeting**

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at Noon

Meeting Adjourned 12:50 PM

**Historical Society  
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 6, 2019, at Noon**

**Attendees:**

Judge C.J. Williams, Rich Murphy, Hilary Naab, Melissa Carrington, Rob Phelps, Paul DeYoung, Danielle Cripe

Kevin Collins and Timothy Hill were unable to attend, so Rich Murphy led the meeting.

**1. Introductions were made**

**2. Motion to approve September minutes**

The September 12, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

**3. Treasurer report**

Rich Murphy reported \$3,004.83 in the bank.

**4. Update on oral histories and Drake proposal**

Tabled.

**5. NDIA history book update**

Hilary reported that they are waiting on the appendix with staff names from the United States Attorney's office, an appendix from the Clerk of Court on the Nature of Suits and a civil law chapter that Tim and Melissa are putting together.

Melissa reports they have provided an outline on the chapter and have a goal of Mid-May 2019 for completion.

Rich reports there is so much turnover in the staff in the United States Attorney's office they are just putting together a list of Assistant United States Attorneys. Rich reports he is using West Law to research the Assistant United States Attorneys dating back to the 1800s. He anticipates the list would be approximately 80-85 people. They have a draft list and are currently trying to get confirmation from the Department on the dates of service. They will also aim to have the list submitted by Mid-May 2019.

Judge Williams reports the book will be novel size (5 ½ x 8 ½ ) and his Law Clerk, Shelby Mars, has agreed to help edit the book.

## **6. Cedar Rapids history center update status/Sioux City historical display**

Rob reports that his idea for the Sioux City display would be to take the extra materials from the Cedar Rapids display and turn them into a mobile display that can be placed in the hall in Sioux City because they don't have a designated space for a permanent display.

Rich reported he liked the mobile display that is currently set up in the Cedar Rapids history center. He reports the biographies need to be updated including Judge McManus, Judge O'Brien, Judge Bennett and Judge Reade. The 3D images of courthouses don't all include information on what courthouse is depicted, the location and the year the photo was taken. Rich suggested that more signage is needed to direct visitors to the interactive display for more information, as well as more instruction to indicate the display is interactive and how to use it.

Rob reported that there is a sound bar feature on the interactive display, however it is not currently enabled.

Rich also mentioned that while there is information on the flood, it appears to be underrepresented. There is nothing about the courtroom murals in the old Cedar Rapids courthouse or why they were covered up. The City of Cedar Rapids has pamphlets on the murals, and something like that could be incorporated into the history center. Information on the location building cost, the current use, the date it was demolished, etc... could also be included.

Judge Williams pointed out that a new chapter was added to the history book that includes the details on the court locations that can be incorporated into the history center display.

Rich pointed out that there are only a few cases included and it may be worthwhile to add a few more historically significant cases.

Rob reported the original cost of \$200,000 was covered by the Library Fund and the update will likely cost \$50,000 - \$100,000. Permission would have to be granted by the Chief Judge in order to designate the library funds to the History Center update. The next step would be hiring a consultant.

Judge Williams, Hilary and Melissa will join the sub-committee to update the History Center.

Rob will pull the original paperwork, so bids can be obtained. Rob will also send an e-mail out to the Historical Society membership to seek volunteers to assist or join the sub-committee.

## **7. Membership**

Rich reported there are 32 paid members as of January.



#### **8. Historical Society webpage on the new website**

Rob reports the new Northern District of Iowa website is live and includes a page for the Historical Society, although the membership page needs to be updated.

#### **9. New business**

Judge Williams reports that he has reached out to Judge O'Brien's family to determine how many copies the family wants. However, he has not received a final count. The family received 4 copies gratis.

Rich reports that Judge Bremer has ordered a copy and has sent a check.

The committee agreed that the order should be whatever the O'Brien family wants plus 10. If the family wants more than 2 additional books they will be charged \$15 per book. If the family is only requesting 2 additional books they will be complimentary. If Judge Williams does not receive word from Judge O'Brien's family an order of 15 will be placed.

Beth Hansen, committee secretary, has not been replaced. Notice will be given that nominations are being sought and a new secretary will be elected at the next meeting.

Rich pointed out that other members of the court family, such as the Federal Public Defender and the United States Probation officer, are not included in the History Center even though they've been an integral part of the court functions.

Hilary suggested that the timeline might be converted to the interactive display because the physical one is so quickly outdated.

Rich mentioned that cases such as the Honken/Johnson case and the Victor Feguer case, the last federal inmate from Iowa put to death, may be noteworthy cases to be included in the display for their historical significance to the district.

Rob pointed out that the committee may need the court's blessing to include cases because there was previously a concern with including cases that are recent and have living participants.

#### **10. Next meeting**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Noon**

Meeting Adjourned 12:49 PM

**Historical Society  
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa  
Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2018, at Noon**

**Attendees:**

Judge C.J. Williams, Timothy Hill, Rich Murphy, Judge Kelly K.E. Mahoney, Hilary Naab, Rob Phelps, Paul DeYoung, Andrea Freeman, Danielle Cripe

**1. Introductions were made**

**2. Motion to approve June minutes**

The June 6, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

**3. Treasurer report**

Rich Murphy reported \$2,694.83 in the bank. There was an \$80.19 expense for the Judge Donald E. O'Brien poster at the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference. Dave Mullin has paid for a book and the check has been cashed. There is an order for four (4) books from the Eighth Circuit Library and one (1) order from a private attorney that need to be filled.

**4. Judge Donald E. O'Brien books**

Judge Williams reports that a family member of Judge O'Brien had requested additional books, however, he is waiting for a final confirmed count. Hilary Naab reports the original publishing cost was approximately \$26 per copy and 40 books were printed in the first batch. Rob Phelps reported that he will be going to Sioux City and will take a mobile stand with him with order sheets. Hilary Naab will get the price point for printing additional books in quantities of 25, 30 and 40. Judge Williams reminded the committee that the Historical Society would bear the cost of the books for the family. Rich Murphy questioned if there was a limit to the number of free books the Historical Society will provide to the family. Judge Williams will verify how many books the family received. There are currently four (4) books printed and available. Hilary Naab will deliver Dave Mullins' copy to Sharon Mullin. Rich Murphy will provide the name of the private attorney so Rob Phelps can either mail or deliver a copy of the book to the attorney. The remaining two (2) copies will be provided to the Eighth Circuit Library, and Hilary Naab will let them know the other two (2) books they ordered will be delivered after the next round of printing takes place. The order to print books will wait for the order from Sioux City and the confirmed order from Judge O'Brien's family. Hilary Naab reported that the Eighth Circuit Historical Society site has added a notation about the memoir of U.S. District Court Judge Donald E. O'Brien and a link to the book order form.

**5. Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference Discussion**

Judge Williams provided an update on the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Des Moines. There was a Historical Society meeting and they discussed the update to the Cedar Rapids history center and the creation of a display for Sioux City. Judge Williams reported that he heard the courthouse in

Minnesota has an impressive interactive screen for their history center. Hilary Naab reports the Minnesota District Court is also doing a timeline history.

#### **6. Update on oral histories**

Rob Phelps reports that Judge Linda Reade and Fran Haas are making progress on Judge Reade's oral history and they have a script ready. Judge Jon S. Scoles has agreed to sit down with Rob Phelps. Judge Paul Zoss is enthusiastic about participating; however, he is in Indianapolis, Indiana. Rob Phelps reports he will update the spreadsheet and disburse to the committee.

#### **7. NDIA history book update**

Hilary Naab reports she and Judge Williams have files on every Judge but Judge Mark Roberts and he has promised to provide it. Rich Murphy provided a written draft for the United States Attorney's office that includes information on the history and the role of the office. Judge Williams reported that he had spoken with Sean Berry, who had expressed some concerns with including all staff of the United States Attorney's office. Rich Murphy stated the United States Attorney's office was inclined to include only the United States Attorneys, and full time Assistant United States Attorneys, who were Department of Justice employees for at least a year. Federal Public Defender Jim Whalen also provided a draft that includes a list of current and former Federal Public Defenders. Rob Phelps said he will provide a history on the Clerk's Office.

Judge Williams reports he will be meeting with Mark Stoffer Hunter from the Cedar Rapids History Center, to clarify the history of courthouses in Cedar Rapids. The Eighth Circuit website might need to have the courthouse section updated as well.

Judge Williams reports the goal is to have a draft by the end of October for review and edits and the book published by the end of the year.

Hilary Naab reported she has drafted a section for the United States Marshal Service and had them edit it.

Tim Hill reported he will draft a section on the history of civil practice and will reach out to Rob Phelps on stats and the section will include the Department of Justice.

Judge Williams referenced a book on the History of the United States Federal Courts and changes in case types and suggested including something about the decline in the number of civil trials and how the types of cases have changed in both civil and criminal including foreclosures. Rob Phelps mentioned that the electronic court files go back to 1996, but he will check out the book to see what sources they may have used at the Administrative office.

Tim Hill reports he will talk to Judge Bennett regarding civil procedure.

Judge Williams suggested including a line mentioning the existence of the federal bar association and any notable civil attorneys or civil law that originated in the Northern District of Iowa. The expectation is for the excerpt to be about four (4) pages in the book.

Hilary Naab and Judge Williams reported that they had discussed a section on the Historical Society and believe it would be best included on the preface update saying the book is a project created and funded by the Historical Society. The participants concurred.

#### **8. Cedar Rapids history center update status/Sioux City historical display**

Rob Phelps reports that the Cedar Rapids History Center needs to be updated and would like volunteers to look and make suggestions on changes for the center. Once a scope of the work is decided, they can get estimates for a contract.

Rob Phelps suggested that the display materials removed from Cedar Rapids could be turned into a portable or freestanding display for the Sioux City courthouse.

Rich Murphy and Kevin Collins had previously agreed to serve on a sub-committee to update the History Center. Rob Phelps will e-mail the Historical Society membership and ask volunteer committee members to serve on the sub-committee.

#### **9. Membership**

Tim Hill reports that he plugged the Historical Society at the annual Iowa State Bar Association meeting and Linn County summer outing.

Rich Murphy reports that the e-mail regarding annual dues should go out in the next few weeks.

Rob Phelps handed out pamphlets on the Historical Society of the Iowa Northern District. Hilary Naab took some pamphlets for the library and Rob Phelps will take some to Sioux City.

Rich Murphy will follow up with Pete Deegan to see if he has talked to Jim Whalen. If necessary Judge Williams will talk to Jim Whalen and Mike Lahammer to promote membership in the Historical Society by the defense bar, who appear to be underrepresented. Judge Mahoney will speak with Pat Perry in Sioux City.

Judge Williams asked whether another social should be planned. Tim Hill suggested that the last one was held in connection with a CLE suggested that it could be used as a way to solicit ideas on how the history center can be updated.

#### **10. Historical Society webpage revisions**

Rob Phelps reports the webpage needs information on photos and suggested tying the updates into the contract for the company that makes the updates to the History Center.

## **11. New business**

Rich Murphy reports that because of conflicts a commemoration to the flood of 2008 was not accomplished, but questioned if it should still be pursued. Hilary Naab confirmed that there would be a section on the flood in the History book and Rich suggested that if we did not want to take up too much space in the book photos could go on the Historical Society website.

Tim Hill reported that the stories Judge Reade shared on the flood at the Federal Practice Seminar were well received. Rich Murphy will talk to Judge Reade to see if she will present on the flood. Rob Phelps reported he could put together a slide and invites to a flood commemoration event. Participants agreed that speakers from the United States Attorney's office and the Federal Public Defender's office in addition to Judge Reade would be of interest to the bar and each speaker could be 10 – 15 minutes. Rich Murphy suggested a 4:00 PM presentation with a social event to follow at Dublin. Judge Williams will talk to the Federal Defender's office and Mike Lahammer to see if the Federal Public Defenders office or the CJA panel attorneys are interested in participating. Judge Williams suggested holding the event within 30-60 days.

Rich Murphy recommended checking out the city museum in Sioux City, which includes a display on Judge O'Brien. Rich Murphy suggested that we might want to work with the local museums to share information on the Historical Society. Judge Williams will talk to Mark Stoffer Hunter about the idea when he meets with him.

## **12. Next meeting**

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at Noon**

Meeting Adjourned 1:12 PM

**Historical Society  
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa  
Meeting Minutes**

**June 6, 2018, at Noon**

**Attendees:**

Chief Magistrate Judge, C.J. Williams, director, Timothy Hill, vice president, Rich Murphy, treasurer, Hilary Naab, Pete Deegan, Robert Phelps, Andrea Freeman

**1. Introductions were made**

**2. Motion to approve March minutes**

The March 7, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

**3. Treasurer report**

Rich Murphy reported \$2,724.00 in the bank.

**4. Federal Practice Committee CLE activity and Historical Society promotion**

Tim Hill stated the Iowa State Bar Association (ISBA) is hosting their annual meeting June 18-20, 2018 in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Linn County Bar is hosting an outing on July 12, 2018. Tim said both events will provide an opportunity to advertise the Historical Society, and Tim volunteered to mention the Historical Society at both events. Tim also volunteered to reach out to Judge Jackson of the Southern District of Iowa (SDIA) to confirm there is a SDIA Historical Society. Hilary Naab volunteered to reach out to Dick Lyford to confirm as well and will email Tim. Rob Phelps confirmed he will update member information on the Historical Society flyer to show Judge Williams as a director. Rob will also print the flyer in landscape and let Hilary know of any formatting issues. Rob agreed to provide Tim with a box of flyers by Monday, June 11, 2018 so Tim can distribute at the aforementioned events.

**5. Update on oral histories**

Tim stated Judge Scoles will not sit for an oral history and requested tips to persuade Judge Scoles to interview. Rich stated Aaron Shileny might have ideas, and Rob agreed to contact Aaron. Rob stated Fran Haas is working on Judge Reade's oral history and Judge Bennett's oral history is complete. Judge Williams suggested assigning someone to complete Judge Deck's oral history. Rob volunteered to make calls while in Sioux City June 12-14, 2018, and mentioned he can talk to Judge Bennett and Judge Strand to see if they have contact with Judge Deck. Judge Williams suggested contacting Judge Deck's son to see if he will interview his dad. Hilary confirmed Judge Collins completed Judge Hansen's oral history. Rich Murphy suggested including Judge Hodges on the list. Judge Williams asked if anyone has reached out to interview Judge Jarvey in the SDIA, and Hilary said she would ask Dick Lyford when she calls to discuss the SDIA Historical Society. Judge Williams suggested contacting Lisa Stephenson to complete Judge Jarvey's oral history in the event Dick Lyford has no information. Rob volunteered to reach out to Judge Zoss since he will be traveling

through South Bend, Indiana this summer. Rob made a note to include Judge Mahoney's investiture ceremony on the oral history list, as well as, Judge Reade's chief judge ceremony.

#### **6. NDIA history book and history center status**

Tim Hill confirmed Ray Scheetz has not been involved in the NDIA history book. Judge Williams agreed to work with Hilary on the history book. Judge Williams suggested meeting with Hilary and her intern later this week to divide judges between the three of them and submit the updated histories to those judges for approval. Rich Murphy agreed to look over Judge McManus's history. Judge Williams proposed including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Federal Practice Committee, and the Historical Society into the history book. Judge Williams requested Pete Deegan and the U.S. Attorney's Office prepare a historical piece, and requested Rob update the section devoted to the Clerk's Office. Hilary Naab said she will reach out to Judge Collins for history of the Bankruptcy Court, and John Zielke for history of the Probation Office. Judge Williams and Rich agreed that all parties should have 30 days to submit their updated versions. Judge Williams and Hilary suggested including Judge Kelly in the history book, and Rob and Rich agreed she should be included. Hilary asked what other format the history book is available in besides PDF, and Rob confirmed it is in Word Perfect. Rich asked if the history book includes information on the history of civil practice and how it evolved. Tim volunteered to work with Rob to obtain civil practice statistics, and Rob mentioned he might be able to access stats back to 1993.

#### **History center status and Sioux City historical display**

Rob requested members start thinking about what they want done to the history center since the judgeships are known. Rob suggested looking at everything on the wall to determine what to keep and what to take down to possibly use for a mobile display in Sioux City. Rob also stated the touch screen in the history center will have to be completely updated. Rob will send an email to society members requesting one or two volunteers to join Rich Murphy and Kevin Collins on the sub-committee created to update the history center.

#### **7. Increasing membership**

Pete Deegan stated the Criminal Defense Bar is underrepresented in the Historical Society, and volunteered to reach out to Jim Whalen. Rob agreed to have the Historical Society flyers ready for the Federal Public Defenders CLE on Friday, June 8, 2018. It was suggested to host a social to unveil the new history center display, and Rich suggested a social to start planning the changes to the display. Tim Hill and Pete both agreed that there should be a social once or twice a year to engage members of the Historical Society. Pete suggested hosting a Historical Society CLE with a social to increase participation. Rich suggested asking senior members or retired members of the bar to speak at a CLE event. Pete suggested hosting an event to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the flood. Rich agreed by stating there would be a lot to discuss regarding the court and how it was affected by the flood. Rich volunteered to contact Judge Reade to speak at the event. Rob mentioned he has a PowerPoint slide with information about the flood that is 10 to 15 minutes long. Rich stated the event should be for the bar and provide CLE credit. Rob stated he can put together an agenda to get 1-hour CLE credit, and volunteered to contact John Zielke to speak on behalf of the Probation Office. Rob will communicate with I.T. in order to broadcast the event to Sioux City. Tim and Rich suggested the event start at 4:00, followed by a social at Blacksheep.

**8. Historical Society webpage revisions**

It was agreed to put the webpage revisions on hold until the history book and history center are complete.

**9. Other business**

The table with Judge O'Brien's book will not be staffed at the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference. The table will include the Historical Society flyers.

**10. Next meeting**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at Noon**

Meeting Adjourned 1:15 PM



**Historical Society  
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 7, 2018, at Noon**

**Attendees (telephonic):**

Timothy Hill, vice president, Beth Hansen, secretary, Jake Nelson, Joe Peiffer, Robert Phelps, Andrea Freeman

**1. Introductions were made**

**2. Motion to approve December minutes**

The December 6, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

**3. Treasurer report**

Rob Phelps checked with Rich Murphy after the meeting. Rich reports \$2,724.00 in the bank. The court's Library fund provided \$1,200.00 for printing for Judge O'Brien's book. Judge O'Brien's book is now published and there will be copies at the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Des Moines. Rob agreed to send Beth Hansen an email with information on how to pre-order the book. Rob mentioned a price for the book has not been settled yet.

**4. Federal Practice Committee CLE (April 5, 2018 in Cedar Rapids and Sioux City)**

Tim Hill stated the CLE will be on April 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. This is a one hour CLE followed by a social. The Cedar Rapids social will be at Black Sheep, and the Sioux City social will be at Bodega. Judge Williams and Judge Mahoney are going to present at the CLE. Judge Williams will present in Cedar Rapids on the history of the magistrate judge position within the Northern District of Iowa and discuss the authority of magistrate judges. Judge Mahoney will present in Sioux City on the new direct assignment administrative order and discuss how magistrate judges manage cases. Tim confirmed he will make an announcement at the beginning of the CLE to promote the Historical Society. Tim will discuss information about membership, dues and encourage people to join, as well as, hand out the flyer Hilary Naab created. Rob sent a copy of Hilary's flyer to members and encouraged comments be sent to him. Tim asked if an announcement will be sent regarding the event, and Rob confirmed an email blast will be sent with the invite and social flyer.

**5. Update on oral histories**

Rob agreed to check on the latest oral history status and send an update to members. Rob will also include a reminder that the court has the necessary audio/visual equipment to complete the project. Tim volunteered to complete Judge Scoles' oral history.

**6. NDIA history book and history center status**

Tim recalled Ray Scheetz and Hilary Naab were taking the lead on the NDIA history book, and Tim volunteered to contact Ray to get an update. Rob advised the NDIA will have a new district judge

and magistrate judge this summer in Cedar Rapids. Rob suggested starting the update project in earnest after the dust settles this summer.

#### **Sioux City historical display**

Rob suggested using the excess displays from the history center update in Cedar Rapids to create a temporary display in Sioux City. Rob reiterated that the Society may not want to update the history center in Cedar Rapids or create a permanent display in Sioux City until the judgeships are settled this summer.

#### **7. Increasing membership**

Tim suggested posting meeting minutes sooner, as well as, the next meeting date and time. Rob suggested posting the draft meeting minutes instead of waiting for the next meeting to obtain approval for the final minutes. Tim made a motion to post the draft meeting minutes, and all in attendance approved the motion. Rob confirmed the draft meeting minutes will be sent to members to review. If Rob does not hear of substantive revisions from members after three days of sending the minutes, the draft meeting minutes will be posted on the Historical Society webpage. Tim requested Rob maintain the topic on the agenda so the discussion can continue at the next meeting.

#### **8. Historical Society webpage revisions**

Rob reminded the group that there had been previous discussion about editing oral histories down to 60 to 90-second video clips to post on the Historical Society webpage. Rob suggested sending out an email to request volunteers to complete the edits. Rob agreed to send out the meeting minutes to members, followed a week later by an email, requesting volunteers for oral histories, and followed another week later by an email, requesting volunteers to edit the oral histories that are completed. Tim volunteered to edit Judge Bennett's oral history if Judge Williams approves. Rob agreed to check with Judge Williams when he is available. Tim requested Rob maintain the topic on the agenda so it can be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

#### **9. Other business**

Rob confirmed Judge O'Brien's book will be on display at the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Des Moines. The freestanding booth will not need staffed. If staff is needed, Rob will ask members of the Clerk's Office.

#### **10. Next meeting**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at Noon**

Meeting Adjourned 12:27 PM

**Historical Society  
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa  
Meeting Minutes**

**December 6, 2017, at Noon**

**Attendees:**

Judge Williams, Judge Mahoney (via phone), Kevin Collins, president, Timothy Hill, vice president, Rich Murphy, treasurer (via phone), Peter Deegan, Hilary Naab, Robert Phelps, Andrea Freeman

**1. Introductions were made**

**2. Motion to approve March minutes**

The March 3, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

**3. Judge Donald O'Brien book**

Hilary Naab stated the book made it to printing. There were issues with the payment process, but she recently received communication that the book is scheduled to be completed by next week. The book will have a maroon and gold book cover. We ordered 40 copies. Each book cost \$25.12 and there is a flat \$17.00 shipping charge. Judge Williams stated a number of former law clerks want copies, and thought the Historical Society will give approximately 24 free copies to former law clerks, society members, clerk's offices and staff, and family members. Judge Williams volunteered to take on the responsibility of shipping and handling of the books, and getting copies out to family members.

Rich Murphy suggested making a motion to authorize payment for publication of the book. Kevin Collins made the motion and all in attendance approved the motion.

Timothy Hill questioned whether 40 copies is enough and if the Historical Society wants copies available at the 2018 Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference. Kevin and Judge Williams agreed the Historical Society should have copies at the conference. Hilary confirmed there is the option to order more copies if needed. Rob and Judge Williams suggested the Historical Society could distribute copies to the Clerk's Office in Sioux City and Des Moines to sell.

Rich asked if the court would reimburse the printing of Judge O'Brien's book out of the Library Fund. Judge Williams stated the court approved reimbursement in the full amount. Judge Williams also mentioned that the Historical Society should set the price of the book below the cost so the Historical Society is not making a profit. Rich suggested the Historical Society appoint someone to set the price and create an order form. Rob volunteered to create an order form. Judge Williams suggested \$15.00 for individuals who join the Historical Society and \$25.00 for non-members. Kevin made a motion to sell copies at \$25.00 per copy and \$15.00 per copy for individuals who join the Historical Society. All in attendance approved the motion. Judge Williams nominated Hilary and Rich to be a part of the committee to obtain book orders.

#### **4. 2018 Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference (August 15-18, 2018 in Des Moines)**

##### **a. Dick Lyford letter seeking authors**

Kevin said he needs to get more information from Mr. Lyford about the available space for authors. Judge Williams volunteered to contact Mr. Lyford to get more information. Rob advised that past conferences have had both staffed and unstaffed tables. Judge Williams and Judge Mahoney mentioned they could provide staff to supervise the tables. Peter Deegan suggested having a display table instead of selling the book at the conference.

#### **5. Update on oral histories**

Rob stated there are no recent updates. Hilary said Frances Haas is still working on scheduling a time with Judge Reade. Tim suggested circulating the document on oral histories to members to refresh our recollection on assignments.

#### **6. NDIA history book status**

Hilary said she, Ray and Rob had a form of questions and worked on obtaining responses. Hilary has received responses from Judge Williams, Judge Scoles, Judge McManus, Judge Strand, Judge Bennett, and probation. Rob stated the history book would need to be updated again in a year once judges are on board. Hilary asked Rob if the history book is in another format besides PDF. Rob confirmed we have it in a word processing format and he will send to Hilary. Jami Gollhofer also has a copy of the word processing format. Hilary suggested the book be formatted down before making edits. Kevin stated the society should follow up in six months on the progress of the book.

#### **7. Historical Society webpage revisions**

Rob stated the webpage has been updated with current officers. Rich said he would send Rob an updated list of members. Rob stated there is no sub-committee currently working on the webpage, however, there have been ideas in the past of adding snippets of historical information to the webpage. Rob suggested that the 30 to 40 current members become involved by reviewing oral histories and choosing small pieces to include on the webpage. Rich suggested the attendees of Historical Society meetings pick members to assist with certain projects instead of asking for volunteers. Judge Williams agreed and suggested the next meeting should involve assigning members to projects. Hilary asked if information on the Historical Society is accessible on the public website. Rob confirmed the Historical Society tab can be accessed through the external website. A copy of the history book is also included under the tab and it is possible to include Judge O'Brien's book on the website. Kevin reiterated obtaining an updated list of members in order to start updating the webpage and the oral histories. Hilary agreed to send samples of the Eighth Circuit digital archive to members, suggesting it may generate ideas for the Historical Society webpage.

#### **8. Networking / panel presentation**

Rob said the Historical Society is working with the Federal Practice Committee on making promotional presentations at CLE events. Tim stated that at the last Historical Society meeting the group decided to hold off on implementing presentations to more CLE events, but will bring it up at the next Federal Practice Committee meeting on December 20, 2017. Rich suggested creating a pamphlet to hand out at events. Hilary advised she is a part of a national working group that can create a promotional tool for the Historical Society to use. Judge Williams suggested Hilary start the

process of filling out the necessary forms to create a promotional piece. Rich discussed collaboration with the Cedar Rapids History Center and Kevin reiterated how excited the History Center was about collaborating with our Historical Society. Judge Williams said he will bring up the Historical Society at the Federal Practice Committee meeting on December 20, 2017 as well. Rob and Hilary suggested asking sponsors of CLE events if the Historical Society can put promotional items on tables. Kevin mentioned creating a 60-second presentation to present at the next Iowa Bar Association Federal Practice Seminar.

#### **9. Other business**

Judge Williams suggested the society come up with a regular meeting schedule in order to complete agenda items. Judge Williams also suggested the society complete an annual newsletter to let members know what is going on. Kevin agreed that it is hard to point to accomplishments without regular meetings, and suggested quarterly meetings. All in attendance agreed meetings would be held the first Wednesday of every third month at noon. Hilary suggested an updated member email list so all members are included on email notifications. Rob agreed to work with Rich on a cohesive list.

Rich suggested circulating meeting minutes to all members shortly after each meeting. Rob agreed to send out the minutes quickly and to make sure minutes and the next meeting agenda are sent out together.

Kevin asked if there are any requirements the Historical Society needs to follow up on in order to maintain its tax status. Rob advised the NDIA Historical Society is under the umbrella of the Eighth Circuit.

#### **10. Next meeting**

**March 7, 2018, at Noon**

Meeting Adjourned 1:03 PM

**Historical Society of the  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa**

**March 3, 2017, at 2:00pm**

Meeting Minutes

1. In attendance were Tim Hill, Vice President; Beth Hansen, Secretary; Chief Magistrate Judge C. J. Williams, Rich Lipman, Robert Phelps, and Laura Harberts
2. Chief Magistrate Judge C. J. Williams briefed the members on Judge O'Brien's book. Judge Williams stated he and Hilary Naab worked on the document making slight modifications to the book to get it ready for publication. They footnoted any changes they had made. Judge Williams believes the book will be approximately 200 pages, and requests limited quantities to be published. Robert Phelps suggested the funding could come from the Library Fund account. Robert believes there is a minimal amount in the Historical Society account. Judge Williams suggested using the Library Fund first and saving the Historical Society account's money for other purposes.

Robert Phelps said he would reach out to Hilary Naab next week to inquire about a publisher. Step 1 Find a publisher, step 2 Obtain cost estimates, and step 3 Request from Chief Judge Strand approval to allocate the expenses from the Library Fund.

3. NDIA History Book Update; Robert Phelps stated there was a stand still on the History Book. Existing Biographies were sent to judges to be updated and only a few judges responded. Robert Phelps will re-send to see if get gets any additional feedback. Judge Williams offered to reach out to judges and see if they would respond to him.
4. Oral Histories: Tim Hill requested a status report. Robert Phelps confirmed Judge Hansen's has been done and is being edited. Judge Collins will pass that along when it is complete. Tim Hill asked about Judge McManus and Judge Bennett, Robert Phelps confirmed those are done and he has the DVDs. Regarding Judge Reade, Fran Haas is coordinating with Judge Reade to get this completed. Judge Williams stated he could reach out to Judge Bennett to see if he is willing to do Judge Zoss' oral history. Robert Phelps said he will draft an e-mail and send to the officers before sending out to the members. Tim Hill recommending adding Leon Spies to the list, and possibly other prominent attorneys. Robert Phelps said he would talk to Doug Stillwell about doing Judge Melloy's oral history interview. Robert Phelps said judges are a priority, but no one is standing in line so if someone else gets theirs done first it will not slow anything down. Robert Phelps reminded the group that the Clerk's office can provide the video cameras.

5. Historical Society Web Page: Robert Phelps said he is working with Bryan Woodward to extract 2 to 5-minute snippet sized items or quotes to add to the website and said it is still in progress.
6. Historical Display: Robert Phelps said the display on the first floor of the Courtroom needs updated. Everyone agreed that updates were needed but that it could wait until this summer or fall in case more changes occurred.
7. Beth Hansen brought up a project she would like the Historical Society to consider. Currently the bulk of our efforts are only appealing to lawyers and judges. She would like to reach out and appeal to the public in general. Beth suggested an intern research old newspaper articles on historic old cases and present them as stories or vignettes. The effort would get people interested in the law and show them the good side of lawyers and the court. Robert Phelps brought up that our old files are stored at the Federal Records Center in Kansas City with court files possibly dated back to the 1800's. Laura Harberts will reach out to Case Administrator Karen Yorgensen regarding an index of our files that are stored in the National Archives, she will pass the index along to Beth Hansen. Rich Lipman suggested talking with Judge McManus to get cases ideas. Robert Phelps said he could reach out to colleges to see if anyone has interest in doing this type of project. If we had to hire an Undergrad or Graduate student, it would possibly be paid for out of the Library Fund. It would have to be a structural program with deliverables at the end. A funding request would need to be presented to Chief Judge Strand for approval. Rich Lipman suggested another idea of highlighting the Naturalization ceremonies. Tim Hill suggested we could feature a certain person that got naturalized and present their story. Beth Hansen suggested using Twitter so we can reach a broader audience. Robert Phelps said he believes there are a few courts with Twitter accounts, he will reach out to get information on the guidelines to having a Twitter account. Robert Phelps said we can also share these on the website, e-mail it out and display on the first floor interactive display of the Cedar Rapids courthouse.
8. Tim Hill and Robert Phelps discussed member involvement. There are currently 30-40 members that pay their dues, and it would be productive to get as many as possible involved in Oral Histories or other projects. Robert Phelps suggest collaborating with the Federal Practice Committee. Tim Hill said since he is part of both committees he would be happy to collaborate. There is a CLE on April 11<sup>th</sup> and Tim said he would do a plug for the Historical Society at the beginning of the meeting.
9. Meeting adjourn 2:50pm

Historical Society  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa  
Noon – December 7, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

A. Projects:

1. Oral Histories – There needs to be a new list created of what oral histories have been completed, which are realistically in the pipeline, and what needs to be coordinated.

2. History Book Update – Ray Schetz and Hilary Naab are working on this project.

3. Additional Content to Web Page – Need to look at adding the oral histories to the website, or short clips/vignettes, and other possible content so the bar can better see the work of the Historical Society.

4. Historical Display – The Cedar Rapids Historical Center will need to be updated with the addition of federal judges. This should be considered a year from now after all the changes and moves have settled. Excess content from the display may be considered for a mobile display for the Sioux City Courthouse.

B. Membership

1. Getting members involved in projects should be the first priority.

2. Adding members should be a future consideration.

C. Collaboration with Federal Practice Committee on projects. The Society might consider opportunities to market the projects through CLE offerings of the Federal Practice Committee, the Federal Public Defender, or other entities that provide federal CLE.





**Historical Society of the  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa**

October 20, 2015

Minutes

1. In attendance were Rich Murphy, Treasurer; and Kevin Collins, Secretary; Robert Phelps, , Hillary Naab, Tim Hill, CJ Williams, Steve Swift, and Rich Lipman.
2. Rich Murphy will e-mail the latest report and membership list to all.
3. The template developed by Hilary Naab and Ray Sheetz will be distributed by Rob Phelps to all judges to gather information to update the history book.
4. CJ Williams has complete the interview og Judge Bennett for the oral history project. Paula Roby has done Judge McManus and is planning to do Judge Kilburg. Fran Haas is planning to do CJ Reade.
5. Paula Roby recommended holding a social event, such as a ball, to raise the profile of the Historical Society and increase membership.
6. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should meet at least once a month and the entire membership should meet quarterly. The first meeting for the entire membership will be Thursday, Nov 13, at noon in the Cedar Rapids Courthouse.

## MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2015

A meeting of the Historical Society of the USDCND Iowa was held on August 25, 2015.

The meeting commenced at 12:05 p.m. and adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

President Paula Roby was absent and Vice President Ray Scheetz called the meeting to order and after introductions of the officers and staff in attendance, (Ray Scheetz Vice President; Rich Murphy Treasurer; Kevin Collins Secretary; Rob Phelps US District Court Clerk), a roll call was conducted.

Those in attendance in person in Cedar Rapids for the meeting were Hilary Naab, and Richard Lipsman.

No one attended by phone.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendment.

### President's Report

The Presidents Report was deferred as the substance was covered later in the agenda.

### Treasurer's Report

Rich Murphy reported that there are currently 54 members of the Northern District Historical Society and that the current bank balance is \$1,790.

### Old Business

1. Updating History Book – Ray Scheetz and Hillary Naab are working on an updated format for each judge to provide biographical information. The updated form will be circulated to the committee for a 2-week comment period. If no amendments are proposed within 2-weeks Ray and Hilary will forward the new biographical information form to the judges with a request that each judge respond within 30 days.
2. Updating Cedar Rapids Historical Display – As indicated in the March 2015 Minutes the update of the historical display will be deferred for approximately 12 months.
3. Creating Sioux City Historical Display – As indicated in the March 2015 Minutes creation of the Sioux City historical display will be deferred for approximately 12 months in light of other priorities discussed later in the minutes.
4. Oral Histories – There was a discussion about the need to move forward with capturing the oral histories of our judges and lawyers. Rob Phelps reported that Paula Roby conducted a 1-hour interview of Judge McManus within the last 30 days. The raw digital

data will be forwarded to Paula Roby who will meet with Wes Nygren to finalize the interview. Paula will contact Rob Phelps who would like some brief segments for use in the historical display.

The following oral histories will be scheduled with the following interviewers:

Judge Bennett – to be interviewed by CJ Williams

Judge Melloy - to be interviewed by Michael Lahammer

Judge Kilburg – to be interviewed by Paula Roby

Paula Roby will be meeting with the interviewers and developing a final template for the interviews. It is anticipated the interviews will be 2-3 hours with the final edited history to be no more than 60 minutes.

It was previously agreed the interviewee will be provided a copy of the interview outline in advance. The interviewee will have the opportunity to approve the final version before distribution.

John Lane provided a report indicating Wes Nygren has a single HD camera for interviews.

Wes Nygren charges \$110 for the first hour and \$60 for every hour after, plus sales tax. Interview will be burned to DVD

Editing charges are \$50 per hour. Closed captioning is available.

Travel is \$35 per hour.

### *New Business*

1. Priorities – Establish the order for the remaining oral histories. Kevin Collins and Rob Phelps are 80% finished with the preparation of a spreadsheet with the names of remaining judges to be interviewed and proposed order based on years of service and age.

### *Action items*

Oral History Interviews to be scheduled

Judge Bennett – to be interviewed by CJ Williams

Judge Melloy – to be interviewed by Michael Lahammer

Judge Kilburg – to be interviewed by Paula Roby

Judge Hansen – Judge Collins will speak with Judge Hansen about scheduling an interview

Linda Reade/Jon Scoles

- a. Provide this committee the name of the requested interviewer for their respective oral history and possible dates for interview.

Paula Roby

- a. Meet with interviewers to prepare template/outline for oral history interviews.
- b. Meet with Beth Hansen, Chair of the Federal Practice Committee to discuss joint seminar and other projects.

CJ Williams

- a. Draft material for History Book relating to Judge Bennett and significant milestones.

Kevin Collins/Rob Phelps

- a. Finalize and distribute spreadsheet of judges to be interviewed for oral history and proposed order of interviews.

Ray Scheetz/Hilary Naab

- a. Ray Scheetz and Hilary Naab to work on drafting and circulating updated form for biographies to the judges.
- b. Rob Phelps commented that the library fund may be a source for funding for this historical project.

Rich Murphy

- a. Update Membership Roster
- b. Dues notices to be circulated

### *Next Meeting*

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2015 at Noon at the US District Courthouse in Cedar Rapids, IA.

## MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2015

A meeting of the Historical Society of the USDCND Iowa was held on May, 21, 2015.

The meeting commenced at 12:05 p.m. and adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

President Paula Roby called the meeting to order and after introductions of the officers and staff in attendance, (Paula Roby President; Ray Scheetz Vice President; Rich Murphy Treasurer; Kevin Collins Secretary; Rob Phelps US District Court Clerk), a roll call was conducted.

Those in attendance in person in Cedar Rapids for the meeting were Chief Judge Linda Reade, Judge Jon Scoles, Hilary Naab, CJ Williams, Richard Lipman, John Lane, Timothy Hill and Stephen Swift.

Those in attendance by phone were Judge Leonard Strand, Tom Boyd and Mike Lahammer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendment.

### President's Report

The Presidents Report was deferred as the substance was covered later in the agenda.

### Treasurer's Report

Rich Murphy reported that there are currently 42 members of the Northern District Historical Society and that the current bank balance is \$1,730.

### Old Business

1. Updating History Book – Ray Scheetz and Hilary Naab reported the book has not been updated in the last 13 years. Roy Scheetz, Hilary Naab and Rob Phelps are working on updated drafts of the judicial biographies. The plan is to have updated drafts circulated to the judges for review and comment within 60 days.
2. Updating Cedar Rapids Historical Display – As indicated in the March 2015 Minutes the update of the historical display will be deferred for approximately 12 months.
3. Creating Sioux City Historical Display – As indicated in the March 2015 Minutes creation of the Sioux City historical display will be deferred for approximately 12 months in light of other priorities discussed later in the minutes.
4. ~~Increasing~~ Membership – No new members have been recruited since the last meeting.
5. Oral Histories – There was a lengthy discussion about the need to move forward with capturing the oral histories of our judges and lawyers. Contacts with various judges have

been made and it was agreed the following oral histories will be scheduled with the following interviewers:

Judge Bennett – to be interviewed by CJ Williams

Judge McManus – to be interviewed by Rich Murphy

Judge Melloy - to be interviewed by Michael Lahammer

Judge Kilburg – to be interviewed by Paula Roby

Hilary Naab previously circulated templates for oral interviews. Paula Roby will be meeting with the interviewers and ~~creating~~ developing a final template for the interviews. It is anticipated the interviews will be 2-3 hours with the final edited history to be no more than 60 minutes.

It was resolved to engage Wes Nygren, Court Reporter to handle the videography and editing in Cedar Rapids. A western Iowa videographer will be engaged for the Sioux City interviews.

A general discussion ensued about the mechanics of the interviews including the advisability of using multiple cameras in order to create a visually appealing final product and to allow the insertion of photographs and other memorabilia in the final edited version.

It was agreed the interviewee will be provided a copy of the interview outline in advance. The interviewee will have the opportunity to approve the final version before distribution.

### New Business

1. Priorities – Establish the order for the remaining oral histories. Kevin Collins and Rob Phelps will prepare and distribute a spreadsheet with the names of remaining judges to be interviewed and proposed order based on years or service and age.
2. Recruiting – It was reported that the Federal Practice Committee has offered time at its seminars for a brief informational presentation of the Society and the benefits of membership. A local Bankruptcy Bar subcommittee was established with Dan Childers as chair and members include Wes Huisinga, Eric Lamb and Joe Peiffer. Paula Roby will make a brief presentation at the bankruptcy bar summer outing in July to recruit additional members. Rob Phelps reported the Court has materials including poster boards that can be borrowed for presentations.
3. Cedar Rapids Historical Display – Although a full scale renovation will not likely occur for at least 12 months, John Lane reported he is assembling materials and soliciting other

CJA attorneys for materials to create a CJA display.

Action items

Oral History Interviews to be scheduled.

Judge Bennett – to be interviewed by CJ Williams

Judge O'Brien – to be interviewed by CJ Williams

Judge McManus – to be interviewed by Rich Murphy

Judge Melloy – to be interviewed by Michael Lahammer

Judge Kilburg – to be interviewed by Paula Roby

Linda Reade/Jon Scoles

- a. Provide this committee the name of the requested interviewer for their respective oral history and possible dates for interview.

Paula Roby

- a. Meet with interviewers to prepare template/outline for oral history interviews.
- b. Meet with Beth Hansen, Chair of the Federal Practice Committee to discuss joint seminar and other projects.

CJ Williams

- a. Draft material for History Book relating to Judge Bennett and significant milestones.

John Lane

- a. Contact Wes Nygren about hourly rates for videotaping oral histories and hourly charge for editing;
- b. Contact Wes Nygren for name of videographer to record oral histories in Sioux City.

Kevin Collins/Rob Phelps

- a. Prepare and circulate spreadsheet of judges to be interviewed for oral history and proposed order of interviews.

Ray Scheetz/Hilary Naab

- a. Ray Scheetz and Hilary Naab will attempt to determine the cost to publish and print a new edition of the History Book.

- b. Ray Scheetz and Hilary Naab to work on drafting and circulating updated biographies to the judges.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting is scheduled for July\_\_, 2015 at Noon at the US District Courthouse in Cedar Rapids, IA.





**Historical Society of the  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa**  
**E x e c u t i v e   M e e t i n g**

October 30, 2014

Minutes

1. Paula Roby, President; Ray Scheetz, Vice President; Rich Murphy, Treasurer; and Kevin Collins, Secretary; were on the teleconference, as well as Robert Phelps, Clerk of Court.
2. Rich Murphy reported there were 42 paid memberships, including six members from the Sioux City area and two from out of state. Kevin Collins suggested that personal telephone calls to key individuals within the federal bar would go a long way towards increasing membership across the district. Paula Roby suggested everyone review the membership rules (bylaws) and consider a plan to reach out to influential members of the bar.
3. Paula Roby recommended the top priority of the Society should be obtaining and updating oral histories. We should also investigate the possibility of placing snippets of the histories on the interactive display in the Cedar Rapids History Center and on the court's website. A working group should be formed to pursue this project. Also seek approval to use snippets of documentary films that feature judges or attorneys from the district.
4. Ray Scheetz suggested posting pictures of the Society members on the Historical Society website to increase visibility and raise the profile of the Society.
5. Paula Roby recommended holding a social event, such as a ball, to raise the profile of the Historical Society and increase membership.
6. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should meet at least once a month and the entire membership should meet quarterly. The first meeting for the

entire membership will be Thursday, Nov 13, at noon in the Cedar Rapids Courthouse.

7. Possible Projects for the Historical Society

- a. Oral Histories
- b. Update the History Book (last updated in 2002)
- c. Increase Membership
- d. Update Website
- e. Update Cedar Rapids History Center
- f. Create a Sioux City Historical Display
- g. Annual Award for longevity/significant contributions to the federal bar

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

**Minutes from meeting on October 31, 2008,  
at temporary federal courthouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

<b>Persons Present:</b>	Leonard Strand, President	Ray M. Scheetz, Secretary
	Beth Hansen, Vice President	Richard L. Murphy, Treasurer
	Honorable Linda Reade, Director	Mark A. Roberts
	Honorable Jon S. Scoles	Richard S. Fry
	Webb L. Wassmer	Mark L. Zaiger
	Stephen J. Holtman	Timothy L. Vavricek
	Aaron Shileny	Paula L. Roby
		Jeffrey A. Stone

**Business:**

1. Meeting called to order by Leonard Strand, President.
2. Minutes from August 22, 2008, meeting approved.
3. Presentation by Mr. David McCartney, Archivist of the University of Iowa libraries.
  - a. discussed collection, preservation, and providing public access to items
  - b. suggested items of public interest: exhibits used in prior trials, oral history interviews of judges, attorneys
  - c. suggested putting collection on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor or higher
  - d. suggested working with Linn County Historical Society and/or Mt. Mercy College archivist
  - e. Judge McManus has collection of writings with U of Iowa
4. Report on Historical Society's Finances
  - a. \$190.00 in bank
  - b. 19 current members

5. Updates on Possible Society Projects
  - a. Rich Murphy – reported on viewing histories of other federal courthouses on United States GSA website
  - b. Paula Roby – reported on viewing Robert Redford documentary “Incident at Ogallala”
  - c. Webb Wasmer – reported on working on interviews of Judge Melloy and Judge Hansen during their time on bench during farm crisis bankruptcies in late 1980s and early 1990s
  - d. Steve Holtman – discussed interviewing practitioners
  - e. Ray Scheetz – discussed Society making presentations to public regarding Northern District’s prior cases of interest/notoriety
  - f. Members – discussed creating committees on (1) prior interesting cases; (2) buildings; and, (3) judges’ oral histories
6. Adjournment
  - a. Meeting adjourned

# 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