

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

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 \$2,638.23 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

Tim provided an estimated completion date of the history book by the end of June.

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

Rich suggested contacting John Gray to provide the Pre - Judge Bennett and Judge Reade information.

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