



DMCJA Board of Governors Meeting
Friday, March 14, 2014, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
AOC SeaTac Office

MEETING MINUTES

Members:

Chair, Judge Svaren
Judge Alicea Galvan
Judge Allen
Judge Burrowes
Judge Derr
Judge Garrow (non-voting)
Judge Jahns
Judge Jaspica (non-voting)
Judge Lambo (non-voting)
Judge Logan
Judge Marinella
Judge Meyer
Judge Olwell
Judge Ringus (non-voting)
Judge Robertson
Commissioner Smiley
Judge Smith
Judge Steiner

Guests:

Ms. Aimee Vance, DMCMA
Janene Johnstone, MCA

AOC Staff:

Ms. J Krebs
Ms. Vicky Cullinane
Ms. Michelle Pardee
Mr. Dirk Marler

President Svaren called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. and noted there was a quorum present.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Minutes

M/S/P to approve February 14, 2014, minutes. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

M/S/P to approve the Treasurer's Report. Unanimous vote.

Judge Marinella also reported that DMCJA's corporate status was renewed until October 31, 2014, and the DMCJA Secretary/Treasurer is the agent.

Special Fund Report

Judge Svaren reported that there were no changes to the Special Fund and that at the Board Retreat there will be a discussion on alternative banking options for this fund to make it easier for the custodian of the fund to have access and transfer to the new custodian when time.

Standing Committee Reports

A. Legislative Committee

Judge Meyer reviewed the bills that passed this Legislative session.

B. Reserves Committee

Judge Svaren reported that the Reserves Committee met prior to today's Board meeting and they will provide recommendation to the Board at the April 25-16, 2014, Board Retreat.

C. Education Committee

Judge Burrowes reported that this year's Spring Conference is focused on education related to DUIs. The Education Committee is working towards an education based plan that will work over a 3 year period to reach education goals. Judge Jahns volunteered to assist with the Trial Management plenary.

JIS Status Update

Ms. Cullinane reported on the SC-CMS project and that King County Superior Court has withdrawn from the project. This may possibly shorten the time line for implementation. JISC approved the reprioritization of the CLJ CMS as the next project to start work on. The JABS security enhancements will be coming in May 2014 and several notices detailing the changes will be coming soon.

Action

A. Nominating Committee - Slate of Candidates for 2014-2015 Year

M/S/P to send to the membership at the spring conference.

B. Bylaws Committee - Executive Session Language

M/S/P to send to the membership at the spring conference.

Discussion

A. Trial Court Advocacy Board (TCAB) – Judge Svaren

The draft charter for TCAB was included in the meeting materials. Judge Jahns again expressed his concern over the language on AOC pass through funds that he raised at the February Board meeting. Ms. Vance noted that the TCAB February meeting notes should reflect that DMCMA requested to be voting members of TCAB, instead of non-voting members.

M/S/P to move to action.

M/S/P to approve the TCAB charter.

B. BJA Recommendations for Committees Review – Judge Svaren

The co-chairs of BJA sent a letter to Judge Svaren about BJA's review of 205 committees of associations, boards, and commissions and recommending that the organization that the committees are under examine the committees and workgroups for efficiency and relevance. 200 of these committees are staffed by AOC and reviewing of committees will help AOC focus on how to use staff and resources. This will be up for action at the April 11, 2014, Board meeting.

C. Rules Committee – Judge Garrow

- 1) Proposed WSBA RALJ Amendments
- 2) Proposed Amendments to CrR 8.10 and CrRLJ 8.13.

The Board discussed the proposed amendments and pros and cons for each. This will be up for action at the April 11, 2014, Board Meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

DMCMA- Ms. Vance reported that at their March 11, 2014 Board Meeting Detective Chris Leyba, Seattle Police Department, gave a presentation on electronic warrants. Judge Svaren noted that the same presentation will be given at the April 11, 2014, DMCJA Board Meeting.

MCA – Ms. Johnstone reported that any recommendations that DMCJA had for MCA on GR 31 in regards to evaluation reports were welcome. MCA has had many discussions about the impact of GR 31 being repealed and where to look for guidance for what is protected and what now has to be disclosed.

SCJA – No liaison present.

WSBA – Judge Derr reported that Joanne Moore gave a report on a proposal for caseloads for the new standards for indigent defense and that having Ms. Moore come to a DMCJA Board meeting to present on this topic would be helpful. Judge Ringus discussed the email from the Office of Public Defense (OPD) on workload standards and surveys related to the adoption of Standards for Indigent Defense, including public defense caseload standards.

WSAJ – No liaison present.

AOC – Mr. Marler reported that with the upcoming close of the legislative session AOC is closely watching the budget and its impacts.

BJA - Judge Ringus reported that BJA is working on a legislative report and is focused on budget impacts.

Information

- A. Judicial Needs Estimate Workgroup– Judge Jahns, Judge Burrowes, Judge Logan
The workgroup has met 10 times since October 2013 and is working towards getting all hearing types counted in the judicial needs estimate. Currently bench warrant hearings are not counted. What is needed to capture to reflect a more accurate judicial needs has changed from 12 years ago when the current system was created. A large impact is the addition of photo enforcement ticket and Discover Pass ticket hearings and the significant impact on courts. There is discussion on how to measure and debate of weighted case counting measurement and its pros and cons. The additions of codes may be recommended to help capture VRV (vehicle related violations) and collect data on the photo enforcement, Discover Pass, and parking hearings. There is also a challenge of getting information from courts that do not use JIS. The committee is looking at what a new case management system may also provide to assist in ways to collect and measure information needed to determine judicial needs. Big thanks to Charlotte Jensen for her work with this workgroup.

- B. Update on Public Record Request – Judge Svaren
Settlement negotiations continue.
- C. Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes- for review, no discussion.
- D. Rules Committee Meeting Minutes- for review, no discussion.
- E. Updated 2013-2014 Board Meeting Schedule- for review, no discussion.

Other Business

- A. New Court Association Coordinator for DMCJA
Sharon Harvey starts on March 17th and will be at the next Board Meeting.
- B. Next meeting April 11, 2014, SeaTac, Washington.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:55 p.m.