



**DMCJA Board of Governors Meeting
Sunday, June 8, 2014, 9:37 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA**

MEETING MINUTES

Members:

Chair, Judge Svaren
Judge Alicea-Galvan
Judge Allen
Judge Burrowes
Judge Derr
Judge Garrow (non-voting)
Judge Jahns
Judge Jasprica (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:

Associate Chief Justice Charles W. Johnson
Judge Marilyn Paja
Judge Kimberly Walden
Ms. Suzanne Elsner, DMCMA

AOC Staff:

Mr. Dirk Marler
Ms. Vicky Cullinane
Ms. Michelle Pardee
Ms. Sharon R. Harvey

President Svaren called the Board of Governors (Board) meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. and noted there was a quorum present.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Minutes

The Board motioned, seconded, and passed a vote (M/S/P) to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated April 26, 2014.

Treasurer's Report

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

Special Fund Report

M/S/P to approve the Special Fund Report. Judge G. Scott Marinella is now the custodian of the Special Fund account.

Standing Committee Reports

The Therapeutic Courts Committee provided the Board with a copy of its Meeting Minutes dated September 23, 2013. There were no reports, oral or written, from any other Standing Committee.

JIS Status Update

Ms. Vicky Cullinane reported that the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Case Management System (CLJ-CMS) Project Steering Committee had its first meeting on June 3, 2014 and voted to approve the DMCJA nominations of Judge Patti Connolly Walker, Judge R.W. Buzzard, and Judge Donna Tucker to represent the DMCJA on the CLJ-CMS Court User Work Group (CUWG). Both Judge Connolly Walker and Judge Buzzard

are voting CUWG members. Judge Tucker will be a non-voting CUWG member if the Judicial Information System Committee (JISC) votes to amend the CUWG Charter to include a non-voting DMCJA member. Ms. Cullinane further reported that the Judicial Access Browser System (JABS) is going as usual.

Associate Chief Justice Charles W. Johnson Request

Supreme Court Associate Chief Justice, Charles W. Johnson, joined the DMCJA Board meeting and requested that the new DMCJA President and Board consider creating a policy for district courts and municipal courts to review and clean up local rules in order to reduce the size of Volumes for Local Rules.

ACTION

A. General Rule (GR) 30

M/S/P to make this discussion topic an action item. M/S/P for DMCJA Board to write a letter to Detective Chris Leyba, Project Manager for Electronic Law Enforcement Interface (ELIAS), regarding the official position of the DMCJA relating to ELIAS implementation.

B. Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) / Ignition Interlock Device (IID)

M/S/P to make this discussion topic an action item. M/S/P for Judge Ringus to represent DMCJA at the House Public Safety Meeting on June 23, 2014. The location is to be determined.

C. Future of the Technology Committee

M/S/P to make this discussion topic an action item. M/S/P to put Technology Committee on hiatus, for such time as needed to review the needs of DMCJA, but for no longer than one year.

D. Future of the Salary and Benefits Committee

M/S/P to make this discussion topic an action item. M/S/P to request DMCJA volunteers for the Salary and Benefits Committee.

DISCUSSION

A. General Rule (GR) 30

1. Memorandum from Judge David Larson
2. Substitute Senate Bill 6279

M/S/P for GR 30 issue to become an action item at this meeting. The Board discussed concerns regarding ELIAS relating to (1) a provision that would allow judges to comment on the reason for a search warrant rejection, and (2) the system's ability to track judges' performance statistics surrounding search warrants.

B. Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM)/ Ignition Interlock Device (IID)

1. Upcoming House Public Safety Meetings

M/S/P for the EHM/IID issue to become an action item. The Board discussed whether to send Judge Ringus to represent DMCJA at a House Public Meeting on June 23, 2014 that relates to EHM.

C. Future of the Technology Committee

M/S/P for the future of the Technology Committee to become an action item. The Board discussed whether to place the Technology Committee on hiatus during the CMS project.

D. Future of the Salary and Benefits Committee

M/S/P for the future of the Salary and Benefits Committee to become an action item. The Board discussed whether to reinstate the Salary and Benefits Committee in light of upcoming legislation that will affect the retirement benefits of DMCJA judges.

LIAISON REPORTS

DMCMA – Ms. Suzanne Elsner reported that the District and Municipal Court Management Association (DMCMA) had a successful Conference this year. Also, DMCMA representatives for the CUWG are in place.

SCJA – Judge Steiner, DMCJA Liaison to the Superior Court Judges Association (SCJA), informed that he would attend the SCJA Board meeting on June 15, 2014 and provide a report to the DMCJA Board.

WSBA – Judge Derr reported that the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) had its Conference at the same time as the DMCJA Spring Conference and, therefore, Judge Derr was unable to attend the WSBA event.

AOC – Mr. Dirk Marler reported that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is solely focused on case management system (CMS) initiatives relating to trial courts.

BJA – Judge Ringus, Member Chair of the Board for Judicial Administration (BJA), reported that the next BJA meeting is June 20, 2014. The BJA is moving forward with GR 31.1, *Access to Administrative Records*.

INFORMATION

A. DMCJA National Leadership Grant Award Recipients

Judge Paja provided the Board with information regarding her leadership activities and how the DMCJA National Leadership Grant Award has greatly assisted in her endeavors.

B. 2014-2015 DMCJA Board Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the 2014-2015 DMCJA Board Meeting Schedule.

C. 2014-2015 DMCJA Budget

The Board reviewed the 2014 -2015 DMCJA Budget.

D. *West v. Washington State Association of District and Municipal Court Judges, et al.*

DMCJA President, Judge Svaren, informed the Board that the Motion for Summary Judgment hearing will be held on June 20, 2014. The trial is scheduled for July 7, 2014.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Next Board of Governor's Meeting will be held on July 11, 2014 at the AOC Office in SeaTac, Washington.

ADJOURNED at 11:50 am.