



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

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair, Judge Alicea-Galvan
Judge Ahlf
Judge Burrowes
Judge Gehlsen
Judge Jahns
Judge Lambo (non-voting)
Judge Marinella
Judge Meyer
Commissioner Noonan
Judge Olwell
Judge Ringus (non-voting)
Judge Robertson
Judge Smith
Judge Staab
Judge Steiner
Judge Svaren

Guests:

Ms. Linda Baker, DMCMA
Karen Campbell, Esquire, NJP
Eric Dunn, Esquire, NJP
Ms. Deena Kaelin, MCA
Judge Mary C. Logan

AOC Staff:

Ms. Vicky Cullinane
Ms. Sharon R. Harvey
Ms. Charlotte Jensen
Mr. Dirk Marler
Ms. Regina McDougall
Mr. Dexter Mejia

Members Absent:

Judge Garrow (non-voting)
Judge Jasprica (non-voting)

Judge Alicea-Galvan, District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) President, noted that a quorum was present and called the DMCJA Board of Governors (Board) meeting to order at 12:35 PM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes

The Board motioned, seconded, and passed a vote (M/S/P) to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated September 21, 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.

Standing Committee Report

Judge Meyer, DMCJA Legislative Committee Chair, presented three Legislative Committee proposals to the Board, namely, (1) Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (CLJ) Fee Parity, (2) District Court Civil Jurisdiction Monetary Limits, and (3) Employment Security Department Subpoenas. M/S/P to make this issue an action item.

Judge Meyer informed the Board that Judge Glenn Phillips will represent the DMCJA at the driving while under the influence of intoxicants (DUI) Workgroup meeting. Judge Ringus will represent the DMCJA at a public

hearing regarding electronic home monitoring (EHM). Judge Meyer also reported that a legislative bill is being proposed that would allow twenty-five percent (25%) of Discover Pass revenue to be deposited into the county current expense fund to fund local courts and seventy-five percent (75%) of the revenue to be remitted to the State Treasurer.

Trial Court Advocacy Board (TCAB) Update

Ms. McDougall informed the Board that the TCAB has drafted a letter that would connect local judges to local legislators. This letter will contain the name and contact information of either a Presiding Judge or a Judge who volunteers to speak with their local legislator. The purpose of the letter is to create a meet and greet between judges and legislators.

LIAISON REPORTS

DMCMA – Ms. Baker, District and Municipal Court Management Association (DMCMA) representative, informed the Board that in December 2014 the DMCMA will have a retreat relating to core competencies.

MCA – Ms. Deena Kaelin, Misdemeanor Corrections Association (MCA) representative, reported that it had its Regional Training on October 27, 2014. Judge Jahns informed the DMCJA Board that the MCA Regional Training, which included such topics as domestic violence, was successful.

SCJA – Judge Clark III, Superior Court Judges Association (SCJA) representative, stated that the SCJA is moving forward with the Superior Court Case Management System (SC-CMS) project.

WSBA – Judge Svaren, Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) representative, reported that the WSBA had a meeting on the same date as the DMCJA Board meeting on Friday, November 14, 2014.

AOC – Mr. Marler, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) representative, informed the Board that the Presiding Judges' (PJ) Conference will be held from November 16-18, 2014 at the Suncadia Lodge.

BJA – Judge Ringus, Board for Judicial Administration (BJA) representative, reported that the BJA is working on governance essentials. The BJA will discuss General Rule (GR) 31.1 and will vote on a schedule at its next meeting.

DISCUSSION

Driver's License Restoration Presentation

The Northwest Justice Project (NJP) representatives, Karen Campbell, Esquire and Eric Dunn, Esquire, discussed the challenges relating to driving while license is suspended in the third degree (DWLS 3rd). According to NJP, DWLS 3rd, which is codified in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.20 and RCW 46.23, creates diversity among collection agencies and, therefore, results in payments to multiple parties. In order to resolve the multiple jurisdiction issue, the NJP sponsored a Relicensing Summit that included judges, prosecutors, and public defenders. The Relicensing Summit produced (1) the idea of a program in which the driver's license is received upon payment of the DWLS fine, and, (2) community service and work crew options for the truly indigent. The Board discussed the possibility of taking this DWLS 3rd issue to the Legislature because it is the appropriate branch to resolve issues relating to DWLS 3rd.

DMCJA Rules Committee

M/S/P to make an action item the issue regarding proposed amendments to (a) Superior Court Criminal Rules (CrR) 3.2, Release of Accused, and (b) CrR 6.2, Jurors' Orientation and whether the DMCJA would like to amend corresponding CLJ Rules.

2015 Judicial Institute DMCJA Sponsorship Request

M/S/P to make the 2015 Judicial Institute DMCJA Sponsorship Request an action item.

Campaign for Equal Justice

The Board discussed whether to provide monies to the Campaign for Equal Justice. The Board decided to send a letter to the DMCJA membership with an Annual Dues request form stating that DMCJA members are welcome to support the Campaign for Equal Justice. The DMCJA Board will not, however, send monies from its budget to the Campaign for Equal Justice. The Board has not provided money to the Campaign for Equal Justice in four years.

ACTION

Trial Court Security Committee's Proposed General Rule 35

M/S/P to adopt Proposed General Rule 35. Judge Ringus noted, however, that the Rule will need a new number because the number thirty-five has been taken.

Adult Static Risk Assessment (ASRA) Oversight Committee Funding Request

M/S/P to approve funding under two conditions, namely, (1) the SCJA approves funding the committee, and (2) if the SCJA approves funding the ASRA Committee, then, the DMCJA will fund the Committee for one year.

TCAB Funding Request

M/S/P to comply with the TCAB request that the DMCJA Treasurer submit to the SCJA a payment of five thousand dollars (\$5000) for expenses related to the Trial Court Advocacy Board.

Judicial College Donation Request

M/S/P to approve funding the Judicial College at the requested amount of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500). The Judicial College had requested a one thousand dollars (\$1,000) donation in sponsorship of the Association Reception, and a five hundred dollars (\$500) donation toward social events.

YMCA 2015 Annual Campaign Funding Request

M/S/P to approve funding the YMCA 2015 Annual Campaign in the amount of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600), which is the amount the DMCJA has offered in past years.

Annual Review of Association Dues

M/S/P to approve that the DMCJA Annual Dues amount remain the same as it was in 2014.

Judicial Information System (JIS) Report

Ms. Cullinane reported that the Judicial Information System Committee (JISC) made three important decisions regarding the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Case Management System (CLJ-CMS) project, namely, the (1) Rule 13 Amendment, (2) JIS General Policies, and (3) JIS Data Standards. Ms. Cullinane disseminated information regarding public access information and channels to share input relating to the CLJ-CMS project. In order to update the Board on the CLJ-CMS project, Mr. Mejia, Court User Workgroup (CUWG) project leader, presented on the progress of the CUWG. Ms. Jensen, AOC Court Business Administrative Coordinator, provided the Board with a presentation regarding the Judicial Information System.

Seattle Municipal Court's Information Technology Governance (ITG) Request

M/S/P to deny the endorsement regarding the Seattle Municipal Court ITG Request.

DMCJA Legislative Committee Proposed Legislation

The Board voted to make an action item the DMCJA Legislative Committee's proposed legislation. M/S/P to be placed on the DMCJA Legislative Agenda, the issues of (1) CLJ Fee Parity, (2) Court Jurisdiction Monetary Limits, and (3) Employment Security Department Subpoenas.

DMCJA Rules Committee

The Board voted to make an action item the amendments to Superior Court Criminal Rules CrR 3.2 and 6.2. M/S/P to send the matter to the Rules Committee to determine whether to revise corresponding CLJ Rules.

2015 Judicial Institute DMCJA Sponsorship Request

The Board voted to make the 2015 Judicial Institute DMCJA Sponsorship Request an action item. M/S/P to approve five hundred dollars (\$500) for the 2015 Judicial Institute.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, December 12, 2014, 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM, at the AOC SeaTac Office Center in SeaTac, Washington.

ADJOURNED at 3:47 PM.