



DMCJA Board of Governors Meeting
Tuesday, December 28, 2021, 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Zoom Video Conference

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair, Judge Charles D. Short
Judge Thomas Cox
Judge Anita Crawford-Willis
Judge Drew Ann Henke
Commissioner Rick Leo
Judge Catherine McDowall
Judge Laura Van Slyck
Judge Jeffrey Smith
Commissioner Paul Wohl

Guests:

N/A

AOC Staff:

Stephanie Oyler, Primary DMCJA Staff
Tracy Dugas, Court Program Specialist

Members Absent:

Judge Michael Frans
Judge Michelle K. Gehlsen
Judge Lloyd Oaks
Judge Kevin Ringus
Judge Mindy Walker
Judge Karl Williams

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Charles D. Short, District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) President, noted a quorum was present and called the DMCJA Board of Governors (Board) special meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

DISCUSSION

A. Spring Conference

1. Contract negotiations with Campbell's in Chelan

Judge Short stated that the only way AOC will agree to the Campbell's contract for the Spring Program is if the DMCJA agrees to be responsible for any cancellation fees that may incur.

2. DMCJA cancellation liability

Judge Short stated that the cancellation fees would be just over \$35,000 if cancelled between now and March 6 and just over \$52,000 if cancelled between March 7 and the beginning of the program.

3. Other options

Judge Short opened the discussion for board opinions and other options.

Judge Smith stated that he does not believe AOC would be willing to share the cost for any cancellation and that alternative locations can be explored.

Judge Short stated that if the DMCJA agrees to be the guarantee that there needs to be language that the DMCJA would not be liable if the cancellation is due to a Supreme Court mandate or an AOC decision.

Judge Short stated that a survey was sent to the membership regarding virtual v. in-person attendance and social distancing mandates.

There was a general consensus from the board that the DMCJA should not take responsibility for cancellation fees and that the board should explore additional venues with a more flexible cancellation policy.

Judge Short stated that the committee would continue to attempt to come to an agreement with Campbell's and also research alternative venues.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.