



DMCJA Board of Governors Meeting
Saturday, May 14, 2022 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Chelan Chamber of Commerce
Zoom Video Conference

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair, Judge Charles D. Short
Judge Anita Crawford-Willis
Judge Michelle K. Gehlsen
Judge Drew Ann Henke
Commissioner Rick Leo
Judge Catherine McDowall
Judge Lloyd Oaks
Judge Kevin Ringus
Judge Laura Van Slyck
Judge Mindy Walker
Judge Karl Williams
Commissioner Paul Wohl

Guests:

Judge Samuel Chung, SCJA via Zoom
Judge Jessica Giner, Guest
Judge Mary Logan, BJA Representative
Judge Rebecca Robertson, BJA Representative

AOC Staff:

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

Members Absent:

Judge Thomas Cox
Judge Michael Frans
Judge Jeffrey Smith

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) meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND MINUTES

Judge Short welcomed everyone to the May 2022 meeting of the DMCJA Board of Governors.

A. Minutes

The minutes from the April 8, 2022 meeting were previously distributed to the members. Judge Short asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by consensus.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Liaison Reports

1. District and Municipal Court Management Association (DMCMA)

DMCMA President Kris Thompson was not present.

2. Misdemeanant Probation Association (MPA)

MPA Representative Regina Alexander was not present.

3. Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ)

WSAJ Representative Mark O'Halloran, Esq. was not present.

4. Washington State Bar Association (WSBA)

WSBA Representative Francis Adewale, Esq. was not present.

5. Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA)

SCJA President-Elect Samuel Chung briefly introduced himself and noted that he is now the SCJA liaison to DMCJA. Judge Chung shared that he has been pleased to see how well DMCJA and SCJA worked together over the last year and that he would like to continue with strong collaboration between the associations.

6. Board for Judicial Administration (BJA)

Judge Tam Bui was not present.

7. Racial Justice Consortium

Judge Michelle Gehlsen reported that the Racial Justice Consortium is finalizing their report and that the draft will be distributed to members for review and comment.

B. Rules Committee Report

Judge Jeffrey Goodwin was not present.

C. Diversity Committee Report

Judge Karl Williams reported that the Diversity Committee recently completed a survey on electronic home monitoring and that a researcher compiled a report on the survey results, at no cost to DMCJA.

D. Legislative Committee Report

Commissioner Paul Wohl and Judge Kevin Ringus were present but did not report.

E. Therapeutic Courts Committee Report

Judge Laura Van Slyck reported that this will be her last board meeting as she is retiring on June 30, 2022.

F. Public Outreach Committee Report

Judge Michelle K. Gehlsen was present but did not report.

G. Education Committee Report

Judge Jeffrey R. Smith was not present.

H. JASP Report

Judge Mary Logan was present but did not report.

ACTION

A. Adopt 2022-2023 DMCJA Budget

The Board moved, seconded, and passed a vote (M/S/P) to adopt the 2022-2023 DMCJA Budget as discussed during the Board Retreat.

B. Adopt the DMCJA 2022-2023 Priorities

M/S/P to adopt the DMCJA 2022-2023 Priorities as discussed during the Board Retreat.

C. Adopt the DMCJA 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

M/S/P to adopt the DMCJA 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule as discussed during the Board Retreat.

D. Ratification of Bylaws Amendments SurveyMonkey Vote for Annual Meeting Ballot

M/S/P to ratify the previous online vote for inclusion of bylaws amendments on the Annual Meeting ballot.

E. Contracts for Lobbyist and Grant Writer

M/S/P to approve the Lobbyist and Grant Writer contracts as discussed during the Board Retreat.

DISCUSSION

A. Minority and Justice Commission Funding Request for Annual Symposium – Ethics Concerns

Judge Short reminded the board that this item had been previously discussed and that the decision at that time was to provide the financial support requested by the Minority and Justice Commission as long as further review did not reveal any potential ethical concerns with the topic of the symposium. Judge Short reported that staff contacted Tom Creekpauam at AOC to receive an unofficial opinion about ethics concerns, and Tom provided informal guidance that as long as the funding was not going to directly support a legislative position on reparations, the concerns should be minimal. Discussion ensued and the board ultimately decided to continue their financial support of the event.

INFORMATION

Judge Short brought the following informational items to the Board's attention.

- A.** Access to Superior Court Documents – Response from Clerks
- B.** GR 31 and CrR 2.1, Access to Juvenile Records: Joint Letter, Letter from WAPA, Letter from WASPC, Email from Bench Bar Press Fire Brigade, Related Articles, Letter from WAPA, Supreme Court Order Delaying, Email from Bench Bar Press Fire Brigade, Dissent
- C.** Joint Letter regarding GR 9(f)(2)
- D.** Diversity Committee Reports – BJA Strategic Initiative Proposal, EHM/Jail Alternatives Descriptive Analysis of Survey Results, Additional Analyses Report, Seattle Times Article
- E.** Letter from CLJ's regarding OCourt Integration into CLJ-CMS
- F.** Judge David Steiner Memorial Information

OTHER BUSINESS

The next DMCJA Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2022 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.