

**APPROVED MINUTES
JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE**

May 24, 2002

Members Present:

Justice Bobbe Bridge, Chair
Judge C. Kenneth Grosse, Vice Chair
Mr. Greg Banks (by teleconference)
Mr. Richard Carlson
Ms. Patricia Crandall
Mr. N.F. Jackson
Ms. Mary McQueen
Judge Dale Ramerman
Judge Michael Trickey, Ex Officio
Ms. Siri Woods
Judge Thomas J. Wynne

Members Absent:

Ms. Cathleen M. Grindle
Judge James R. Heller
Ms. Virginia Kirk
Judge Vance W. Peterson
Judge Clifford L. Stilz
Chief Mike Vandiver

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian Backus
Mr. John Bell
Mr. Tom Clarke
Ms. Kathy Kuriyama
Ms. Kathie McClure
Mr. Victor Moore

Guests Present:

Ms. Bev Hempleman, Office of Financial
Management
Mr. Donald Horowitz, Access to Justice Board
Ms. Diana Kramer, WNPA
Mr. Laird Hail, Seattle Municipal Court

CALL TO ORDER

Justice Bridge called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

Motion: The March 29, 2002 minutes were approved as written.

INFORMATIONAL

JIS Budget Update – Victor Moore & Tom Clarke

Dr. Clarke reported that in making budget cuts he had three objectives: 1) make the cuts in such a way that there was no perceptible drop in service levels to customers, 2) maintain momentum to the new JIS as much as possible, and 3) minimize maintenance done on legacy systems.

Victor Moore noted that traffic citation filings are down, causing both Public Safety and Education Account (PSEA) and JIS revenue to decrease. All organizations, including the AOC, which are funded from the PSEA, had to take reductions. While the Washington State Patrol is writing more traffic citations, many local law enforcement agencies are writing less due to staff reductions and an increased use of deferrals.

Siri Woods asked about measures to ensure that what's assessed is collected. Mary McQueen replied that the AOC is undertaking a study determine how monies are being distributed and should have better information in time for the retreat.

Plans for JIS Retreat – Tom Clarke & Kathie McClure

Kathie McClure reported that the retreat will be held on August 2, 2002 at the Best Western Wesley Inn in Gig Harbor. She has received only a limited number of RSVPs so far. Dr. Clarke announced that the meeting is planned as a working meeting and the agenda will include the electronic filing court rule, the strategic funding plan, and the JIS migration plan.

Electronic Filing Court Rule – John Bell

Mr. Bell reported that the philosophy of the ad hoc JIS subcommittee was to create a rule that dealt with the technology no more than necessary, provided statewide uniformity and gave local jurisdictions maximum flexibility for the different pilot projects.

The two areas that generated the most discussion were signatures and the time when a document is deemed filed. Working groups drafted proposed language on each of these issues. Concerns by the Bar and prosecutors over signatures were satisfied by a requirement for retention of original documents by filers. The draft rule also recognizes a filing only during normal business hours, regardless of when a document is actually received. It allows a local court rule to specify otherwise.

Don Horowitz expressed concerns about whether allowing filing outside of business hours might give an access advantage to people who have computers or who have 24 hour staffs (the larger firms versus the individual practitioners of smaller firms). Judge Ramerman and N.F. Jackson also expressed concerns.

Justice Bridge asked that the members be prepared to discuss the rule at the retreat, so that a recommendation can be made then. She also plans to request adoption by the Supreme Court via the Rules Committee on an emergency basis. Mr. Bell asked for comments to him within 30 days.

DISCUSSION

Strategic Funding Plan – Brian Backus & Victor Moore

Mr. Backus reported on AOC's plan to educate the legislature about the JIS migration plan and the need to fund it in the coming biennium. The Department of Corrections successfully funded their similar OMNI project by emphasizing the same areas we want to stress: public safety, reduction of liability, data sharing and projects that benefit more than one agency, including the strategic position of JIS within the Justice Information Network. The AOC plans presentations to key members of the budget committees and to the legislative members of the Information Services Board. The first presentation is scheduled for mid-June with Representative Laura Ruderman, who is a member of the ISB and has expressed interest in seeing the JIS. This item will be discussed further at the JISC Retreat.

JIS Migration Plan – Tom Clarke

This item will be discussed at the JISC Retreat.

Superior Court Administrator JIS Access – Brian Backus

The Data Dissemination Subcommittee successfully resolved the issue, so no discussion is required.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Data Dissemination Subcommittee

Judge Grosse reported that work on several controversial sections of the new Public Access court rule has been farmed out to subcommittees of stakeholders to draft proposed language. He hopes to present a complete draft rule to the JIS Committee in September.

JIS Advisory Committee

The committee has not met since the last JISC meeting.

RMAC

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tribal Court JIS Access

N.F. Jackson asked about the status of Tribal Court access to JIS. Mary McQueen noted that Senator Jeri Costa proposed a resolution in support of contracts between the tribal courts and the JIS Committee, but the proposal did not pass. AOC is working with an ad hoc committee on a proposal to allow access to domestic violence order data under contract.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next JIS Committee meeting will be the JIS Retreat – August 2, 2002, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Best Western Wesley Inn, Gig Harbor, WA.

The next JIS Data Dissemination Subcommittee meeting will be on July 12, 2002, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at Two Union Square, Room 1606, Seattle, WA.

The next JIS Advisory Committee meeting will be on June 20, 2002, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, at Two Union Square, Room 1606, Seattle, WA.