

**APPROVED MINUTES  
JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE**

**September 8, 2000**

**Members Present:**

Judge C. Kenneth Grosse, Vice Chair  
Judge Dale B. Ramerman  
Judge Clifford L. Stilz  
Ms. Mary McQueen  
Mr. Michael Planet  
Ms. Cathleen M. Grindle  
Ms. Virginia Kirk

**Staff Present:**

Dr. Tom Clarke  
Mr. Victor Moore  
Mr. Brian Backus  
Ms. Jennifer Peters  
Ms. Kathy Kuriyama

**Members Absent:**

Chief Justice Richard Guy, Chair  
Justice Bobbe Bridge, Supreme Court  
Judge James R. Heller  
Judge Vance Peterson  
Judge Thomas C. Warren  
Judge Thomas J. Wynne  
Ms. Siri Woods  
Mr. David Ponzoha  
Mr. Gary Riesen  
Mr. David Reynolds

**Guests Present:**

Ms. Bev Hempleman, OFM  
Mr. Rowland Thompson, Allied Daily  
Newspapers  
Mr. Laird Hail, Seattle Municipal Court  
Ms. Diana Kramer, Washington Newspaper  
Publishers Association  
Mr. Dennis Hausman, DIS

**Call to Order**

Judge Grosse called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The minutes of the May 26, 2000 retreat were approved as written.

**Old Business**

**JIS Budget**

Dr. Clarke introduced Victor Moore, OAC's new Management Services Director, who will be taking over the duty of the budget and the legislature. Dr. Clarke reported that the JISC Budget Committee met at the end of July and approved it for presentation to the Supreme Court Budget Committee. A 01/03 Biennial Funding Summary was included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Moore is developing a strategy to use with the legislature that does not compete against other public programs.

**Digital Justice**

A briefing paper on Digital Justice was also included in the meeting packet. Digital Justice envisions "one-stop shopping" for court customers via the Internet.

Judge Ramerman added that it will improve the quality of decision making and that that aspect should be added to the document. If it were not added, then we would only be talking about "administrative" efficiencies.

## **Pro Se Project**

Dr. Clarke passed on a thank you letter he received from the Access to Justice Board regarding this project.

## **New Business**

### **Deferred Traffic Findings**

Judge Stiliz raised this issue because of implications for both limited jurisdiction courts and JIS funding. He thinks that a legislative fix is needed. In response to this issue, a white paper was drafted, recommending that OAC conduct a study to determine a fair level for the local administrative costs, amend RCW 46.63.070(5)(a) and amend RCW 2.68.040(2).

**MOTION: Judge Grosse proposed that the committee amend 46.63.070 and NOT 2.68.040. There were no objections to this motion. Motion passed to amend only RCW 46.63.070(5)(a), to provide for sharing administrative costs between the local courts and the JIS.**

### **Open-Source Electronic Filing**

Dr. Clarke mentioned that we are allowing some money from the budget to participate in the Legal XML effort to establish a national standard and develop an electronic filing application. ***This topic was tabled until next meeting, when more members will be present to participate in the discussion.***

### **JIS IT Portfolio (Plan)**

Dr. Clarke included a copy of the draft JIS Portfolio in the meeting packet for review by the members. ***This topic was tabled until next meeting, when more members will be present to participate in the discussion.***

### **OAC Security Policy**

In response to concerns about de minimis use of the Internet by judicial officers, Dr. Clarke presented a copy of the new OAC policy on computer use. A discussion ensued about the proper forum to rule on this issue.

**ACTION: Ms. McQueen agreed to request an opinion from the Ethics Advisory Committee. [That committee issued an opinion on October 5, 2000 permitting de minimis use by judicial officers of state supplied telephone and email services.]**

## **Committee/Subcommittee Reports**

### **RMAC**

No report.

### **Data Dissemination Subcommittee**

Judge Grosse reported that the Data Dissemination Committee did not reach a conclusion on GR15 amendments (access to public records).

Ms. McQueen reminded members that the (courts) promised Senator Costa that they would come up with a solution to this problem.

**ACTION: The committee agreed to defer to the CMC decision to come up with a solution within six weeks and make a recommendation to the JISC.**

### **Future Meetings**

The next JIS Committee meeting will be on October 27, 2000, at Two Union Square, Room 1606, Seattle, WA.

The next JIS Data Dissemination Subcommittee meeting will be on October 27, 2000, at Two Union Square, Room 1606, Seattle, WA – following the JISC meeting.