

**APPROVED MINUTES
JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE RETREAT**

July 12, 2001

Members Present:

Judge C. Kenneth Grosse, Vice Chair
Judge Thomas J. Wynne
Judge James R. Heller
Judge Dale B. Ramerman
Judge Clifford L. Stilz
Ms. Cathleen M. Grindle
Ms. Mary McQueen
Ms. Patricia Crandall
Mr. N. F. Jackson
Ms. Virginia Kirk
Mr. Dean Logan
Ms. Siri Woods
Mr. Greg Banks
Mr. C. Mel Jewell

Members Absent:

Justice Bobbe Bridge, Chair
Judge Vance Peterson
Chief Mike Vandiver

Staff Present:

Dr. Tom Clarke
Ms. Janet McLane
Mr. Gil Austin
Ms. Jean Du
Mr. Alan Erickson
Ms. Emily Heenan
Mr. Randy McKown
Ms. Jennifer Peters
Mr. Dan Sawka
Ms. Ann Sweeney

JIS Advisory Members Present:

Judge Michael Trickey
Mr. Jeffrey Amram
Mr. Joe McGuire

Guests Present:

Mr. Laird Hail, Seattle Municipal Court
Mr. Dennis Hausman, DIS
Ms. Bev Hempleman, OFM

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Grosse called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Randy McKown demonstrated JABS in detail and talked briefly about LECS. Dan Sawka demonstrated the new ACORDS. Emily Heenan demonstrated the new extranet. All of the demos were well received. Tom indicated OAC is working on a common look and feel for all applications in conjunction with application architectural standards. The committee clearly grasped the concept of a court portal and supports it strongly.

JIS MIGRATION PLAN

Alan Erickson and Tom Clarke presented an overview of the plan. The committee accepted the plan and the recommendation to execute it.

STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC FILING STANDARDS

The committee accepted the draft technical standards and approved the next step in the process (public review), with the proviso that we first permit the Bar and the prosecutors to conduct a review. The two issues of note, transaction fees and electronic filing of criminal cases with prosecutors, do not directly affect the technical standards themselves.

FUTURE TECHNOLOGY

Tom Clarke presented a brief presentation on the value of time and how it now drives the success of organizations. A lively discussion ensued about the extent to which the courts are affected and what appropriate responses might be.

The minutes of April 6, 2001 were approved as written.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m., and was to resume again the following morning at 9:00 a.m.

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Mr. Alan Erickson
Mr. Victor Moore
Ms. Jennifer Peters
Ms. Ann Sweeney

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Guests Present:

Chief Justice Gerry Alexander
Mr. Laird Hail, Seattle Municipal Court
Mr. Dennis Hausman, DIS
Ms. Bev Hempleman, OFM
Mr. Rowland Thompson, Allied Daily Newspapers

CALL TO ORDER

Justice Bridge called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

CURRENT FUNDING

Victor Moore reviewed the recent growth rate of the JIS Fund and illustrated the impact of several different growth rate assumptions on available revenue. Uncertainties in the growth rate may account for shortfalls as large as \$4 million over the next six years. A moderately optimistic growth rate exhausts the available spending authority from the legislature.

CURRENT REQUIREMENT

Assuming a mildly pessimistic 3% growth rate in the JIS Fund, the current biennial budget incurs a shortfall of about \$1.4 million. To balance the budget, the Enterprise

Data Warehouse project will be delayed. OAC will request the necessary funding in the supplemental budget. Roughly \$10 million of new funding will be required in each of the following biennia to complete the JIS Migration Plan.

FUNDING OPTIONS

Current statute allows the courts to impose a \$10 JIS fee on mandatory appearances in certain civil cases and another \$10 assessment on time pay cases for infractions. The committee rejected the mandatory appearance fee as impractical, but the Committee approved a recommendation to the Supreme Court that the statutory JIS fee for time payments be imposed and tasked OAC staff to evaluate how to implement the new fee.

Although a \$5 increase in the base JIS fee on infractions would make up the funding shortfall, Chief Justice Alexander reported that the Supreme Court would not allow it and Judge Stilz believed that the District and Municipal Judges Association would oppose it. After considering arguments for and against JIS fee increases, the committee reviewed arguments related to requesting state general fund dollars and/or Public Safety and Education (PSEA) dollars. The committee discussed whether the costs of the judicial system should be borne by all taxpayers or just by users of the court system. Victor Moore recommended that the remaining funds needed to be requested out of a new General Fund appropriation instead of a new PSEA appropriation. The committee supported this recommendation.

FUNDING STRATEGY

Victor Moore recommended several steps for a JIS funding strategy, including a strong problem statement, a clear description of the consequences of inaction, and a show of broad support at the local level. The committee agreed that an action plan needed to be developed immediately by a work group with recommendations to the full committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next JIS Committee meeting will be on September 28, 2001, *10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.* at Two Union Square, Room 1606, Seattle, WA.

The next JIS Data Dissemination Subcommittee meeting will be on September 28, 2001, *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 December 20, 2001, *9:00 a.m. to Noon*, at Two Union Square, Room 1606, Seattle, WA.