

JCA Board Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2010 Meeting
Meeting Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Meeting Location: Judicial Education Center

Attendance

Members Present: Hon. Eddward Ballinger, Lisa Deane, Prof. Linda Demaine,
Hon. Michelle Lue Sang, Hon. Colleen McNally,
Hon. Richard Smith

Members Present by Telephone: Hon. Karen Adam, Hon. Gilberto Figueroa

Members Excused: Paul Ahler, Hon. John Ore

Members Absent: Justice Bales, Hon. Jack Peyton, David Rosenbaum,
Hon. Eric Jeffrey

Staff Present: Krista Chapman, Gabriel Goltz, Leslee Garner, Paul Julien,
Jeff Schrade, Maria Urbietta

- I. **Call to Order** 1:05 pm
- II. **Welcome and Introductions** Judge Ballinger
- III. **Approval of Minutes from 8/13/10 Meeting**
 - a. One update was proposed adding Judge Lue Sang's name to the minutes.
 - b. The minutes were approved with the update of Judge Lue Sang's name.
- IV. **Judicial College Staff Updates**
 - a. Tara Duncan resigned and has been replaced by Kristin Moyé Pruszynski, currently a Law Librarian at the Phoenix School of Law. She holds a J.D. from the Phoenix School of Law and an LL.M from Pepperdine.
 - b. Krista Chapman will be taking the lead on orientation related programs. Kristin will be focusing on the technology aspects of JCA's work.
 - c. We have two positions open on the Board: a Superior Court position and Justice Court position. Chief Justice Berch has or will have the nomination packets. We will have two new Board members for the next JCA Board meeting.
 - d. The new members will be replacing Judge Dana Hendrix and Judge John Ore.
- V. **Judicial Conference 2011**
 - a. The Planning Committee is very close to finalizing the agenda.
 - b. The conference theme is Focus on the Future.

VI. Domestic Violence 101 for Judges Computer-Based Training

- a. The third computer-based training has been released on Domestic Violence in Arizona.
- b. The training includes the basic dynamics, statutes related to Domestic Violence, and the characteristics of victims and abusers.
- c. Gabriel Goltz proposed that the Domestic Violence 101 computer based training for judges be included with the other CBT trainings required for new judges to complete.
- d. Judge Lue Sang moved to approve the addition of the Domestic Violence 101 for Judges to the New Judge Orientation computer based training requirements.
- e. Judge McNally seconded the motion.
- f. The motion was approved.
- g. Judge Adam moved to have the Board endorse the current position of the General Jurisdiction New Judge Orientation planning committee that domestic violence be a part of the curriculum at every new judge orientation.
- h. Judge McNally seconded the motion.
- i. The motion was approved.
- j. Judge Smith reported that Domestic Violence Top 10 Questions and Domestic Violence 101 for Staff have been uploaded on Wendell for judges to view.
- k. There are also COJET units on Access to Justice, Concepts panels, Domestic Violence, Veterans issues and homeless courts available for viewing in order to earn COJET credit.

VII. Probate Committee Recommendations

- a. Jeff Schrade reported on the Probate Committee Recommendations.
- b. Chief Justice Berch appointed Judge Timmer to lead a committee to develop some recommendations on strengthening the work of probate courts.
- c. Twelve recommendations were made and presented to the Arizona Judicial Council in October.
- d. The Arizona Judicial Council accepted recommendation Six in concept and referred the matter to COJET to further develop a strategy for implementation.
- e. The recommendation most aligned with JCA is to develop a training program and bench book for judicial officers.
- f. There would be a specific requirement and code or certification process for judges hearing probate cases to receive initial instruction and training in probate cases.
- g. In addition judges should receive refresher courses every five years.
- h. The Probate Committee has started the process to create a bench book.

VIII. Arizona Code of Judicial Administration Revisions

- a. Jeff Schrade reported on the Code Revisions.
- b. COJET Code §1-108 defines COJET Committees and sub committees including JCA.
- c. §1-302 pertains to standards and accreditations for committees.
- d. There are key changes to §1-108 which corresponds to JCA. This section defines the purpose of JCA as well as the membership in the organization.
- e. The Chair of the committee will be able to create or disband subcommittees as needed.
- f. Judge Lue Sang move to have revisions approved as submitted.
- g. The motion was approved.

IX. Recently Completed Programs

- a. Traffic Issues for the 21st Century**
 - i.** 74 judicial officers from throughout the state attended the program held September 2nd and 3rd.
 - ii.** The evaluations ranged ratings of very good to excellent and included good written feedback.
 - iii.** Some of the finest statewide experts presented during the conference.
- b. September General New Judge Orientation**
 - i.** 20 participants attended the September 13-16, 2010 program and the overall rating for the program was a 4.65.
 - ii.** The program will be revised back to a four and a half day program.
- c. October Civil Traffic Hearing Officer Training**
 - i.** 33 participants attended the October 4-6, 2010 program and it received a 4.77 overall score.
- d. October Mental Health Program**
 - i.** October 24-25, 2010, the Mental Health Program was held in Tucson for mental health professionals who conduct Rule 11 hearings on behalf of the court to assess competency for trial or civil commitment.
 - ii.** Mental health professionals are required to take this program only once.
 - iii.** Participants can receive continuing medical education credit.
- e. November Small Claims Hearing Officer Training**
 - i.** The November 15-16 program received an overall score of 4.95.
 - ii.** Fifteen participants attended the program.
- f. Arizona Law for Admission on Motion**
 - i.** The final program for 2010 is scheduled for December 3, 2010.
 - ii.** This program has been a tremendous success under Paul Julien's guidance.
 - iii.** 72 people are registered for the December program.
- g. Families in Arizona's Courts 2010/Family Law Conference**
 - i.** The conference was held October 14-15, 2010 and it received a 4.69 overall score.
 - ii.** Participants were encouraged to sign up for just one day or the whole conference.

X. Upcoming Programs

- a. December Juvenile Issues and Dependency 102 Training**
 - i.** Currently 25 judges are registered for the November 30/December 1, 2010 program.
 - ii.** Judge Pat Escher will be presenting the opening plenary for the second day on cross-over youth
 - iii.** Judge Armstrong and Betty McIntire will also be presenting on juvenile domestic violence on the second day.

- b. December Transportation Conference**
 - i.** This conference is scheduled for December 8, 2010.
 - ii.** 75 people are currently registered for this program.
 - iii.** Sessions are offered from the Judicial Branch and Arizona Department of Transportation.
 - iv.** The Game and Fish Department will be discussing new laws related to off-road vehicles.
 - v.** Proposition 203 and sentencing particulars and issues that it raises for traffic cases will also be presented.

- c. January Limited New Judge Orientation**
 - i.** 40 participants are expected to attend since it is an election year.

XI. Discuss 2011 Meeting Dates

- a.** The following dates were proposed and approved for the year 2011: 2/11/11, 5/6/11, 8/19/11, 11/18/11.

XII. Call to Public/Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Maria Urbieta
