

### **Governance Committee Conference call**

### August 21, 2019 Minutes

I. The Governance Committee meeting began at 2:04 p.m. EDT. Attendance was taken with the following committee and board members present.

| Paul DeLosh       | Mark Dalton   |
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| TJ BeMent         | Nicole Garcia |
| Janet Reid        | Peter Kiefer  |
| Jeff Chapple      | Mark Weinberg |
| Jeffrey Tsunekawa | Will Simmons  |

Frank Hardester Angie VanSchoick- Vice Chair Rick Pierce-Chair

**II.** Rick provided a review of the July 24 meeting in Las Vegas and transitioned into a Committee overview.

#### a. Resolutions -

i. TJ attended COSCA conference and will forward their resolutions on to Rick. The Resolutions subcommittee will convene on Thursday September 5 at 2 p.m. EDT to discuss the recently adopted five COSCA resolutions to determine which resolutions Governance may want to draft a supportive resolution.

#### b. Ethics -

- i. Peter reminded the committee that the Ethics subcommittee will meet on 8/22.
- ii. The committee developed a code of ethics catalog, which Pete sent to Jeffrey Tsunekawa. Pete expects this to be an ongoing/expanding list to have posted on NACM site. Will then have a repository to access. Many of the ethics codes are being peeled off the Court Ethics website, as Karl Thoenes is winding up that site. The committee drafted a survey of ethics codes and review boards that was sent to members.
- iii. The Ethics subcommittee will be looking for the Governance Committee to review, comment, and get back to them regarding the various states/courts and collect more information and identify Ethics Review Boards.
- iv. The Ethics committee is also in the process of developing a list of current issues/challenges facing courts involving Ethics. It will be intentionally broad to be noninclusive, so anything that applies to ethics and the courts. The purpose is to give the NACM Model Code of Conduct some content/specific examples.

### c. Voice of Profession -

i. Rick shared the Voice of the Profession Survey results with the committee. This survey was disseminated to the membership through an email and the NACM app at the annual conference in July. The report contained the responses from over 200 members. The results compare closely to what we had last year – public trust and confidence was high again as an area membership wants NACM to be an advocate. Court Security and Technology had strong supporting numbers. The Committee should consider if we want



to do a resolution pertaining to the other 2 items. Rick will send a copy of the survey to the committee. Rick asked the committee to come with thoughts/ideas at the next committee meeting regarding the topics and the type of position the advocacy entails (resolution or other action). Nicole suggested using some of the mentioned topics to drive/shape next year's annual conference to solicit specific speakers. Will agreed that court security was ranked very high and thinks we could make that happen as a topic of interest. TJ agreed and will make sure that Callie receives that information.

# d. State of Profession –

- i. The 2019 address is available online to view. There's also a transcript of the speech. The Governance Committee will draft the third iteration of this address beginning in February.
- ii. Strategic Plan initiative Rick noted to the committee the new plan for 2020-2022 and discussed the priorities of the Governance Committee for the current plan.

# e. National Agenda –

i. Rick and Paul provided historical background on this document, its relevance and the continuation of this document by drafting a new iteration of the National Agenda in the coming year to commence into effect January 2021. The committee members were asked to seek out volunteers for those interested in being one of the authors of the National Agenda. Paul said he will address this task with the Past Presidents Committee as well in an attempt to find volunteers to author this document.

# III. New Business

# a. Records Management Policy -

- i. Frank Hardester reviewed the policy to help address document management in regards to those available to all members, those for the Board, and their location. The policy created because sometimes it was hard to find things internally, as opposed to the website. The policy will help us to organize the storage of where NACM items are located for the Board members. Will help with naming, indexing, and easy to find format for future use and Board members. Some items would not be publically available due to confidentiality concerns. Frank suggested the committee review as an internal use document and offer feedback/comments.
- **b.** October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting Due to a scheduling conflict with another NACM meeting, the October Governance Committee meeting will move to 1p ET one hour earlier than usual.
- **IV.** Adjourn With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m. ET.