NACM 36th PRESIDENT 2020-021 Tracy J. BeMent

Board Accomplishments

This year (2020-2021) was a year of new challenges for our profession and our membership. Spring 2020 began the COVID-19 pandemic and national lockdowns and closures. The pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the in-person 2020 annual conference. That event necessitated the first-ever virtual Business meeting in July 2020 followed by a multi-week free educational series in the fall as well as a multi-week educational series in the spring in lieu of an in-person mid-year conference. All Board meetings in the fall and spring were virtual as well. Public health restrictions eased enough to have a limited attendance annual conference in July 2021 as well as the first in-person Board meeting in nearly 18 months.

Board

- Transitioned to fully virtual Board meetings
- Negotiated short-term extension of agreement for Association Services
- Enacted significant budget cuts to maintain solvency of association
 - No Board or President travel
 - Virtual midyear conference
 - Hybrid annual conference
 - Flat funding line items

Communications Committee

- Completed the update to the <u>"Media Guide for Today's Courts"</u> in partnership with the <u>Conference of Court Public Information Officers</u> (CCPIO)
- Increased presence on social media (<u>Facebook</u>, <u>Linked In</u> and <u>Twitter</u>)
- Increased frequency of webinars to include several sponsored webinars



Increased frequency of podcasts including video versions

Education Committee

- Transitioned to virtual and hybrid educational offerings
- Rolled out the new "Core Champion" certificate
- Launched the <u>online repository</u> of educational resources

Governance Committee

- Passed the resolution <u>"In Support of Continuing Efforts to Meet Civil Legal Needs"</u>
- Completed Operations Manual and SOPs review
- Completed the update to the National Agenda for 2021-2026
- Conducted the annual Voice of the Profession survey
- Launched the special committee on <u>Diversity</u>, <u>Equity & Inclusion</u> to look at NACM's efforts resulting in the creation of a standing committee, increased educational offerings and more

• Membership Committee

- Launched online discount shopping portal
- o Expanded <u>"swag" options for purchase</u>
- Revamped <u>mentor</u> process

Partnerships

- Began curricula development for the <u>State Justice Institute</u> funded "#WeToo in the Courts" project on sexual and gender harassment in partnership with the <u>National Council of Juvenile and Family Court</u> <u>Judges (NCJFCJ)</u>, <u>National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ)</u>, and technical assistance provider <u>Futures Without Violence</u>
- o Participated in National Center for State Courts' <u>Just Horizons</u> project
- Attended the National Center for State Courts' Board meetings, webinars and events as the NACM representative
- Attended multiple partner virtual educational events, webinars, etc.