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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 “Media Guide for Today’s Courts” in partnership with the Conference of Court Public Information Officers (CCPIO)
  - Increased presence on social media (Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter)
  - 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 online repository of educational resources

- **Governance Committee**
  - Passed the resolution “In Support of Continuing Efforts to Meet Civil Legal Needs”
  - 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 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion 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
  - Expanded “swag” options for purchase
  - Revamped mentor process

- **Partnerships**
  - Began curricula development for the State Justice Institute funded “#WeToo in the Courts” project on sexual and gender harassment in partnership with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), and technical assistance provider Futures Without Violence
  - Participated in National Center for State Courts’ Just Horizons 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.