**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**March 13, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m. ET**

Chair: Dawn Palermo Vice Chair: Nate Mingo and Melinda Brooks

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*The Communications Committee is a standing committee responsible for promoting and maintaining effective communications with NACM members and partners. The Communications Committee promotes NACM’s activities through its website content, publications, and social media.*

1. Welcome and Introductions : In attendance: Melinda Brooks, Andrea Ribando, Andra Motyka, Craig Washburn, Kristie Collier, Carlene Redmond, Joe Fazari, Dawn Palermo, Jeffrey Tsunekawa, Tina Mattison, Kelly Hutton, Erin Carr, Creadell Webb, Roger Rand, Jessica Humphreys, Joseph D’Amico,

Patrick Whitehurst; Rick Pierce

1. Communications Project Updates

a. [Website](http://www.nacmnet.org) – Jeffrey Tsunekawa- working on document library, made adjustments after some challenges; ensuring Board access to Board specific docs; hoping to wrap in the next month or so; cleaning up broken links and duplicate pages; next projects could include updated home page for the site, prioritizing relevant content with initial interaction; NCSC is redoing their website and hoping to launch in May- seeking content via the JTC; adding Governance docs page- open to suggestions for additional improvements; Question of Ethics Podcasts- Peter will relay most recent files to Erin when feasible, Podcasts have taken priority due to expected release schedule.

b. Podcasts - Peter Kiefer March episode out Tuesday- court interactions between cities and local courts; Feb episode well received on trauma informed engagement; avg. over 300 clicks per episode and around 29,000 views/listened to podcasts since beginning. April will be about nexus between AI and screening management candidates.

c. Publications

i. [Court Manager](http://www.nacmnet.org/resources/publications/) – Joe D’Amico and Jessica Humphreys- Winter edition live on 3/6; working on compiling articles for Spring Edition with deadline of 4/8; working on feature articles lineup; please ask committee members for article ideas and submissions.

ii. [Court Express](http://www.nacmnet.org/resources/publications/) - Janet Cornell – Deadline for CE is 3/28; Requesting committee or workgroup updates; next issue to be published late April 2025; Draft audio recording pending final review- THANK YOU Andrea Ribando! Will share first recording with Communications Committee for feedback, Andrea welcomes tips to improve.

iii. [Guides](http://www.nacmnet.org/resources/store/) – AI Guide- latest edition published, next will be in June; likely semi-annual project- working on a way to set a schedule to stay atop of ongoing project; thank you Erin for all of your help!

d. Social Media - Natalie Williams – Sub Committee Chair posting through 3/31- need all the help they can get please send assistance; next meetings are 4/17 4pm EST and 6/19 4pm EST; ; home page has all social media posts linked!

f. Webinars –

i. Review of Court Security webinar – we had over 432 registrants and over 200 participants at one time.

ii. CORE-Operations Management- March 24, 3pm ET – Dawn Palermo and Cheryl Stone/Greg Lambard Hosting

iii. NACM website and products webinar- postponing until Fall when updates are done.

iv. Meeting with Tyler re: webinars set for 3/14 a.m. want one in April and October- aligning with conference themes and editorials; Suggested that we ask Tyler to share updates with AI guide even if video;

1. Other NACM Committee Updates

a. Membership-Federal Courts 3/27 at 3pm ET- open to all to attend and offer support; limited jurisdiction April (mayors, municipal, justice, justice of the peace etc.) 4/17 at 3 pm watch for emails and social media blasts for details; NACM membership scholarships available- please share with colleagues

b. CORE- working on curriculum revisions- Caseflow Extended; Budget and Finance is being updated; Board approved addition of Technology curriculum in the coming year- all are welcome for the experience and input; CORE Unleashed heading to Vermont and Missouri soon, New Mexico, Michigan and Oregon on deck!

c. Conference Development-2025 Annual July 20-24, Omaha! Midyear went very well; 3/18 at 3pm EST; registration opening within the week- page is ready to go live; scholarships available as well as award nominations Award of Merit, Perkins Award and ECP Award (individuals); Enhancing Justice Award (for Court)

d. Governance- started a work group for employee appreciation packet for Courts to use. Formatting after jury appreciation hope to have ready for May’s civil service week; Association Docs Review workgroup- aligns with website document repository project; state of the profession work group to include survey prep and distribution;

e. DEI- continuing to meet third Wed of month; updating attendees with current events/latest; reviewed DEI related sessions at the Midyear Conference, which is now available on the website; Omaha historical markers discussed; non-partisan discussion of EO’s around DEI to support members in navigating that space; encouraged article submissions or participation in other committees; preparing a presentation for Annual

**Next Meetings: April 10, May 8, and June 12 (No Meeting July 2025)**