



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. with the following NACM members in attendance: Mark Dalton, Mark Weinberg, Peter Kiefer, Greg Lambard, T.J. BeMent, Will Simmons, Angie Van Schoick- Vice Chair, Rick Pierce- Chair. Minutes from August 21 conference call were reviewed and approved as submitted.
2. Pete Kiefer gave an Ethics subcommittee update. In the report, Pete noted the completion of a survey to be distributed to Ethics Review Boards across the country seeking input on issues and challenges each board experiences. Additionally, Pete thanked Angie for completing the Ethics Code Catalog page on the website found here: <https://nacmnet.org/committees/permanent-committees/governance-committee/ethics-subcommittee/ethics-codes-catalog/>
3. Rick gave an oral summation and recommendations from the Resolutions subcommittee. He presented three COSCA resolutions seeking a supportive resolution from NACM as well as one original resolution. These resolutions are as follows:
 - a. Supportive resolution in COSCA's support for funding of court improvement programs. This supportive motion was moved by Greg and seconded by Will and was unanimously approved.
 - b. Supportive resolution in COSCA's support of the policy recommendations from the National Opioid Task Force. Angie moved to approve and was seconded by Will with a unanimous approval.
 - c. The third resolution was tabled and referred back to the Resolutions subcommittee for the purpose of drafting an original resolution/statement on the matter of usage or prohibition of use of personal electronic devices in court facilities and court rooms. TJ moved to table and refer back to resolutions and seconded by Mark Dalton.
 - d. The original resolution on the use of plain language in courts was presented by Rick, moved by Greg and seconded by Angie with unanimous approval of the



committee. The proposed resolutions will be posted on the NACM website for a minimum of thirty days.

4. Rick gave an overview of the committee's role in the creation of the document known as the National Agenda. He noted the Past President's committee will seek volunteers to join this group of authors and editors. Angie and Greg volunteered to serve as liaisons of this group to the Governance Committee as well as authors of the National Agenda.
5. In new business, the Committee discussed the drafting of a template of a letter for committee members to use for justification and thank you to supervisors and funding authorities in their jurisdictions. Angie created two letters that may be modified slightly by committee chairs to add a personal touch. These letters will be disseminated to the Committee and the Board by the next Governance meeting in October.
6. With no additional business to attend, Rick adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Pierce