# Governance Committee Minutes

**January 4, 2023 @ 3:00 pm ET via Zoom**

**Chairs:** Angie VanSchoick & Kent Pankey **Vice Chair:** Brandon Kimura

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**Attendees: T.J. BeMent, Stephanie Collier, Kelly Hutton, Peter Kiefer, Theresa Owens, Tina Mattison, Dawn Palermo, Kent Pankey, Rick Pierce, Roger Rand, Mark Weinberg**

1. **Call to order/Introductions-** Kent Pankey opened the meeting at 3pm ET.
2. **December 7 Minutes-** meeting minutes were presented. No changes requested. Minutes approved as presented.
3. **Committees**
   1. Ethics subcommittee – Peter Kiefer reported that the next Question of Ethics video (September) should be posted next week after the editing is complete. The recording for the October discussion can’t be found and may have been lost in the cloud. He’s considering future topics for Ethics discussions and the Court Leaders Advantage podcast. One topic may be homeless courts.
   2. Resolutions subcommittee – Kent Pankey reported that the latest resolutions that came before the Association and were subsequently approved by the Board have been posted to the website. There is a total of 8 supported resolutions for 2022. No originals.
   3. Bylaws subcommittee—Before the meeting, Kent Pankey circulated amendment proposals to the Committee. He asked that comments or suggestions be sent to him, Angie, and Brandon during January. Next committee meeting will include a discussion of the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Amendments must be completed sufficiently early to allow posting for comment 90 days prior to voting by the membership at the Annual Meeting, so the committee would like the draft amendments to be completed by March for appropriate presentation and comment.

Article VIII regarding Nominations Committee – want to change so committee doesn’t meet only once a year but year-round to help identify and develop prospective leaders within the Association in addition to its current role in the nomination of officers and directors. Concern raised about members misreading the proposed language and thinking it’s not worth submitting themselves/others as candidates if those persons aren’t choice of Nominations Committee. Kent requested suggestions or points in writing so he can draft some clarifying language for subcommittee to review.

Another issue being considered is whether there is a need for additional text in the Bylaws or supporting documents to provide sufficient guidance if the Nominations Committee does not feel that there are enough qualified individuals who may be nominated for open officer or director positions on the Board.

* 1. Operations Manual subcommittee – Kent Pankey reported that Brandon Kimura is leading work and will probably discuss next month. Strategic plan section needs to be updated. Committee Chairs have been asked to review their sections. New committees/subcommittees (DEI and Website) and reorganized committees (CORE and Conference Development) will require renumbering of sections within the Manual. All will be presented to the Board in July. The Board would have to approve any changes related to the Bylaws after the members vote (therefore, no sooner than the post-conference meeting in July).
  2. State of the Profession—Nothing new on this item.
  3. Voice of the Profession—Nothing new on this item.

1. **New Business** No new business.
2. **Future Projects** No discussion.
3. **Dates of significance** – Kent announced the conference dates.
   1. Midyear Conference – February 5-7, 2023, Minneapolis, MN
      * The window for conference Hotel rates may change at the end of next week.
   2. Annual Conference – July 9-13, 2023, Tampa, FL
4. **Adjourned –** Kent Pankey adjourned meeting at 3:20pm ET.

Future meeting dates for 2022/2023 NACM year – 1st Wednesday at 3:00p ET:

February 1, 2023

March 1, 2023

April 5, 2023

May 3, 2023

June 7, 2023

July 5, 2023