# Governance Committee Minutes

**June 7, 2023 @ 3:00 pm ET via Zoom**

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

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1. **Call to order/Introductions**

In attendance were Kent Pankey, Brandon Kimura, Kelly Hutton, Roger Rand, Rick Pierce, Jeffrey Tsunekawa, Angie VanSchoick, Peter Kiefer, Mark Dalton, and Mark Weinberg.

1. **Approve May 3rd Minutes**

The Minutes were approved without revision.

1. **Committees**
   1. Ethics subcommittee – Courtney Whiteside, chair

The subcommittee did not meet in May. It will meet next on June 22. Chairing the meeting for Courtney will be Eric Silverberg. He has prepared discussion topics for the end of the meeting which will be recorded for the subcommittee’s next “Question of Ethics” submission to *The Court Manager*.

* 1. Resolutions subcommittee – Kent Pankey

At its June 6 meeting, the Board voted to support two CCJ/COSCA Resolutions:

* *Resolution 1*: In Support of Promoting the Use of Limited Scope Representation in Civil Court Proceedings and
* *Resolution 2*: In Support of Efforts by State Supreme Courts to Increase Funding for Civil Legal Aid and Related Access to Justice Efforts Through Residual Funds in Class Action Cases
  1. Bylaws subcommittee - Kent Pankey

Proposals to amend the Bylaws were posted for members to review and comment upon from May 1 through June 5. Of the four comments received, all but one related to the proposed amendment to Article I, which states the Association’s mission and vision. The intention of the proposal was to bring the mission and vision stated in the Bylaws into conformity with the new mission and vision statements that the Board had developed during its strategic planning in the fall of 2021. Comments reflected concerns about whether NACM would be giving up or appearing to give up certain goals and values that were stated in the current version of Article I. Although the Board did not necessarily agree with the stated concerns, they did believe that their intentions with respect to the mission and vision could be better stated. The Board agreed to withdraw the Article I proposal and consider how to better amend that article’s language in the coming year.

All of the other proposed amendments will be put forward for a vote by the membership at the Annual Meeting in July.

* 1. Operations Manual subcommittee – Brandon Kimura

Brandon provided a summary of the changes to the manual that will be considered by the Board in July. The Committee focused on a proposed new section, 11, that would specify the process for amending the Operations & Procedures Manual—a topic that is currently not clearly addressed in NACM’s governing documents. Some revisions will be made to the new section per the Committee’s recommendation, e.g., placing responsibility for final approval on the Board rather than the Officers.

* 1. State of the Profession – Kent Pankey and Jeffrey Tsunekawa

Jeffrey has completed 12 of 13 planned interviews. This video content still needs to be edited. Nicole Garcia is drafting text for the segments between videos. Jeffrey is satisfied with the current support that he is receiving.

* 1. Voice of the Profession – Kent Pankey  
     A task group composed of Kent Pankey, Angie VanSchoick, Brandon Kimura, Greg Lambard, and Roger Rand met June 2 to discuss possible changes to the survey instrument. Wording that refers to some topics as “trends” will be changed so as not to suggest that an important long-term issue is like a passing fad. Some questions will be revised to allow better communication of members’ views on issue prioritization. Administration of the survey is still targeted for the timeframe of the Annual Conference.

1. **New Business**

The Committee had no new business.

1. **Strategic Plan priorities**

In an effort to have more mature ideas for the Board to consider by the time of its fall strategic planning, Committee members are encouraged to generate, submit, and discuss ideas over the summer and to communicate them to the Board.

1. **Future Projects**

None was discussed.

1. **Dates of significance**
   1. Annual Conference – July 9-13, 2023, Tampa, FL
2. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 ET.

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

July 5, 2023

A final decision has not been reached as to whether the committee with meet on July 5.