



**NACM Governance Committee  
Conference Call Meeting Minutes**

A conference call via telephone and online webinar of the NACM Governance Committee was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 2:00 PM (EST). The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM (EST) by Greg Lambard, Chair. The meeting proceeded as follows:

**I. Roll Call and Introductions**

The following committee members and guests were present:

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| - TJ BeMent     | - Julie Dybas       |
| - Kevin Bowling | - Greg Lambard      |
| - Russell Brown | - Dawn Palermo      |
| - Vicky Carlson | - Rick Pierce       |
| - Mark Dalton   | - Janet Reid (NCSC) |

**II. Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted. Greg thanked Rick Pierce for running that meeting in his absence.

**III. Update on the Voice of the Profession**

The Governance Committee's Voice of the Profession Narrative was briefly discussed by the Board. The first step the Committee had proposed in operationalizing the Voice was to survey the NACM membership on what issues they would like to have NACM use its Voice to highlight and/or advocate for the profession. The Board has approved the development of a survey. Greg asked for volunteers to help craft the survey.

**IV. State of the Profession Sub-Committee update**

The sub-committee has developed a proposed outline for the State of the Profession Address that will be given by Vicky Carlson at the annual conference. The outline was developed starting with the work of TJ BeMent from last year. The outline was favorably received with points noted as follows:

- It was asked whether the stated target audience is too broad. Pointing for example to law enforcement. This led to a discussion on whether we might want to have an abbreviated version created for different audiences. This was discussed for a bit and it was decided to not create an abbreviated version but rather to let folks use all or part of it as they see fit.
- It was asked how long it would run. The decision was to shoot for 15 to 20 minutes.
- It was asked when during the conference would the address be delivered. There were several thoughts, but in general the group thought it should be billed as its' own session, it should be earlier in the week, and that maybe we could follow it with a SIG. Vicky will reach out to Paul DeLosh to discuss placement of the speech on the conference agenda.

## **V. Resolution Sub-Committee Update**

Two CCJ/COSCA resolutions were discussed to see if the Committee would recommend supporting them to the Board. The first encourages that the Principles on Fines, Fees and Bail Practices be incorporated into the training of applicable court staff and judicial officers. The second is a call to continue funding/support for Court Appointed Special Advocate programs. The Committee voted to recommend supporting both resolutions.

An original resolution was discussed that would recognize Dr. Maureen Conner who chaired the Judicial Administration degree and certificate program at Michigan State University (MSU) as well as MSU itself. Finally, it would encourage that some other university fill the void left by the loss of the MSU program. During the discussion there was concern expressed that the call for another university to fill the void left by the end of the program may be ineffective. In part because there would probably not be a great deal of interest on the part of other universities to read a resolution in support of MSU. After more discussion it was agreed to remove the last paragraph of the proposed resolution, regarding the discussion of the "void" and forward the altered resolution to the Board for approval (after the required public review period). In order to address the thought of getting other academic institutions interested in perhaps creating their own judicial administration program it was agreed that when the State of the Profession Address has been delivered, a letter with a URL to the speech could go to universities that would also note the demise of the MSU program and encourage them to consider developing their own program.

## **VI. New/Other Business**

Greg noted that the Operations Sub-Committee has been making some good progress that will be reviewed during the next Governance Committee call.

No other new business was brought forward.

## **VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM (EST). The next meeting of the committee will occur on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm EST via telephone and web.

### **Respectfully Submitted:**

Greg Lambard

Governance Committee Chair