

## NACM Governance Committee Conference Call Meeting Minutes

A conference call via telephone and online webinar of the NACM Governance Committee was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 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:

- Paticia Batley
- TJ BeMent
- Kevin Bowling
- Vicky Carlson
- Mark Dalton
- Nicole Garcia
- Peter Kiefer

- Greg Lambard
- Rick Pierce
- Janet Reid (NCSC)
- Alyce Roberts
- Jeffrey Tsunekawa
- Angela VanSchoick
- Mark Weinberg

#### II. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the February 20, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

#### III. Operations Manual Sub-Committee Update

Greg reported out on the necessary changes to NACM's Articles of Incorporation in order to allow a change in the number of Directors in the By-Laws. The proposed changes will be presented to the Board on the April 2<sup>nd</sup> call. Once in final draft form they will be reviewed by an attorney, and ultimately presented the Association membership in July for a vote.

Angie VanSchoick reported out for the operations manual sub-committee. The work of reviewing the Operations manual has continued but is nearly finished. She will provide an update at the next Governance meeting. The plan is to have a completed review and suggested changes to the Board for a vote in July.

## IV. Resolution Sub-Committee Update

Rick Pierce discussed a proposed original resolution on increasing the public's trust in our courts. This subject was chosen, as it was the highest rated issue on NACM's Voice of the Profession Survey. The committee discussed some wording changes, and approved the resulting revised resolution. The resolution will next be reviewed by the Board

## V. Ethics Sub-Committee Update

Peter Kiefer gave an update on the ethics sub-committee. The revised code of conduct has been out on the website for a while. They are working on creating a conpendum of ethics issues and challenges. A survey is being is being developed to see what states have ethics codes and review boards. Lastly they are exploring an old (now dormant) ethics website to see what if anything should be retained. This will be a long-term project.

# VI. Update on the State of the Profession Address and VOP Survey

The State of the Profession (SOP) Address working group has a deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup> for the first draft of the address minus the ending. It is anticipated that a near final draft will be sent out to this committee for review in early May. The Voice of the Profession (VOP) survey will be administered again at the annual conference. The survey will remain largely the same with a couple of issues added that came from the free form comments members supplied in response to the first survey. Additionally, a question will be added to gather ideas on how to promote public trust in the courts.

Whether or not to hold a shared interest group (SIG) at the annual after the SOP Address was discussed. The consensus is to do so. The intention will be to get feedback on the Address and secondly to have an open strategy discussion on how to enhance public trust in our court system.

Rick said that we need help to work on the content of the two landing pages on our website. One for academics and students, and one for funding authorities and community leaders. Alyce Roberts said that state associations are interested in materials to use with funding authorities and communities. Trisha Batley volunteered to work on this.

### VII. Committee Meeting at the Annual

Whether or not the committee wished to have an onsite meeting during that annual conference was discussed. The consensus was to hold the meeting. If possible we hope to not have the meeting scheduled during the SIGs as that would probably lower attendance.

### VIII. New/Other Business

No new business was brought forward.

# IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 PM (EST). The next meeting of the committee will occur on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm EST via telephone and web.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Greg Lambard Governance Committee Chair