A conference call via telephone and online webinar of the NACM Governance Committee was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 2:00 PM (EST). The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM (EST) by Greg Lambard, Chair. The meeting proceeded as follows:

I. Roll Call and Introductions

The following committee members and guests were present:

- Russell Brown
- Vicky Carlson
- Jeff Chapple
- Sarah Couture
- Mark Dalton
- Julie Dybas
- Peter Kiefer
- Greg Lambard
- Dawn Palermo
- Jessica Parks
- Rick Pierce
- Janet Reid (NCSC)
- Will Simmons
- Cynthia Stoltz
- Jeffrey Tsunekawa
- Ron Truss
- Angela VanSchoick
- Mark Weinberg

II. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the August 16, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

III. Resolutions Sub-Committee Update

Rick Pierce chair of the resolutions sub-committee reported out. A meeting of the sub-committee occurred and several resolutions from COSCA were reviewed. Two of the resolutions will require additional discussion: one regarding encouraging Federal support of pretrial risk assessment efforts and the other regarding Federal support of efforts to combat the Country’s opioid epidemic.

Vicky Carlson posed the question of what would court administrators around the country use these resolutions for? Would they use them in conversations with legislatures, judges, …? Greg reminded everyone of the protocol agreed upon last year where the resolution process is in two-stages. First agreeing to endorse a resolution, edit a resolution, or create an original resolution, and second having the sub-committee suggest a communication plan to the President.
IV. Operations Manual Sub-Committee Update

Julie Dybas chair of the operations manual sub-committee reported out. She said the sub-committee had its first call yesterday. The charge to the committee is to come up with a review cycle for the operations manual to even out the distribution of work over the years.

V. Ethics Sub-Committee Update

Peter Kiefer chair of the ethics sub-committee reported out. The next meeting of the committee will occur on September 28th. He is alternating his calls between discussions of the ethical code and the model code.

They have been reviewing the First Canon. They next will be looking into whether or not a new Canon should be created for problem solving courts. Those on the call had opinions both for and against the creation of a new canon.

VI. The “Voice of the Profession” Continuing Discussion

Greg reviewed the previous discussions of the committee regarding the Voice of the Profession. The questions that came forward centered around the purpose of the Voice and what will we do with this concept. Vicky offered that resolutions provide an opportunity for the Association to be heard, but that we need to figure out how we wish to use the resolutions. It was noted that the Voice could be used to support state court associations. Will Simmons said it might be a good idea for the Governance Committee to have a presence on the State Association Committee in order to facilitate this.

Greg will look for guidance from the Board on the Voice. After attaining that and reorganizing the notes/outline on the Voice the committee will pick this up again. Vicky indicated that it is important to determine what we are going to do implement this concept.

VII. New/Other Business

The committee discussed a State of the Profession Address. T.J. BeMent had started this work last year. This will be, among other things, a National statement regarding the status and direction of the profession of court management. It was decided to create a new sub-committee to focus on this. Julie, Rick, and Angela VanSchoick agreed to serve on the sub-committee.

No other new business was brought forward.
VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 PM (EST).

Respectfully Submitted:
Greg Lambard
Governance Committee Chair