



# National Association for Court Management

*Strengthening Court Professionals*

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## **NACM State Associations Subcommittee**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – 4:00 PM ET

**Present:** T.J. BeMent (chair), Randall Soderquist (NV), Joy Keller (MD), Rick Pierce (PA), Valerie Wyant (AZ), Alyce Roberts (AK), Janet Reid (NCSC), Kathy Griffin (MI)

The call convened at approximately 4:04 PM. Chair T.J. BeMent welcomed those present and did brief introductions. The topics were introduced, and a summary of the discussion is noted below.

### **NACM State of the Profession**

NACM conducted its first annual state of the profession address in 2018. A Shared Interest Group, or SIG, followed. The question is how the address and a possible guide may be of use to State Association partners.

What information is of most use to our members at the local that will best explain the purpose and benefit of court management and court professionals?

- An understanding of the role of elected vs appointed officials (clerks in particular), especially given recent high numbers of turnover
- What “core” information should new officials know – ethics, role of the courts, political neutrality once in office, shared responsibilities, etc.
- NACM Court Administrator guide
- Loosely-coupled organizations (like hospitals and schools)
- Condensed version of the role of the court manager
- Courts and court managers are not good promoters of our contribution

What is the role for our State Associations to play in sharing the message?

- Provide the local “flavor” of different roles in the courts and who does what
- Ties in to salaries and pay levels
- Add space for local jurisdictions to add their local information

## **Leaders Seminar @ Annual Conference**

- How to effectively deal with turnover
- Fostering inclusion and communication – use of adult education format
- Getting people involved in association management and committees
- Mix of group discussion and table discussion
- Use of NACM Past Presidents or others as mentors
- Must have practical application opportunities

## **Dual Member Partners, State/Regional Chapters & Partnerships**

- Chapter-designation may have some common understanding
  - Promotion of the Core
  - Coordination of NACM news and information
- State pages or descriptions of events on NACM website
- NACM Social Media “push” of events and information
- Speaker suggestions, evaluations and the like

The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. ET.

There being no further business, the call ended at approximately 5:01 PM ET.