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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 8, 2018 - 4:00 P.M. ET

Teleconference: 800-503-2899 | 2591537; International Call Number: 303-248-0817

[Committee Web Page](#)

Chair: Alyce Roberts

Vice Chair: Frank Hardester

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call

Present:

Andra Motyka

Charleston Carter

Frank Hardester

Johnny Tse

Michelle Dunivan

Tasha Ruth

Theresa Ewing

Aurora Zamora

Danielle Rosete

Janet Reid

Leah Huff

Paul DeLosh

Tina Mattison

Vicky Carlson

Carlene Redmond

Dorothy Howell

Jeffrey Tsunekawa

Maria Elena Arvizo-Knight

Peter Kiefer

Steve Thomas

2. Members approved the October 11, 2018 meeting minutes.



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3. Committee Member Spotlight – Matching Faces with Names and Voices



October marked my 5-year anniversary as the Clerk of Court for the Superior Court of Guam, but I have been with the Judiciary for 15 years in other court management positions. As the Clerk of Court, I oversee the clerk's office, jury operations, language access office, and court reporter unit. Being a NACM member since 2015 has been a great experience and has tremendously helped me in my current position. Court leadership can be rewarding and challenging, but I am passionate about the work of the court and believe that NACM's Core curriculum is a valuable resource. I truly enjoy being part of a great organization and meeting other court leaders, even if it means I have to travel far distances to make new connections.

Danielle T. Rosete, Esq.

Clerk of Court, Superior Court of Guam
Guam Judicial Center



Steve Thomas

District Court Administrator
Caldwell, Comal, and Hays Counties, Texas

My name is Steve Thomas and I am the District Court Administrator for Caldwell, Comal and Hays Counties in Texas. I have been the Administrator for approximately 8 years and I simply love it. I oversee all non-judicial functions of the courts, which includes supervision of employees, budgets and all administrative matters. I have a background in law enforcement and was in the military. I love the law and the legal institution as a whole. I am passionate about football but the love of my life is my wife, Anya and my son, Bohdey. Everything I do is for them!!

I have been a member of NACM since 2015. I enjoy being a member because I get to learn how other courts work and function in addition to the ideas and issues that face courts across the nation.

4. Publications Updates

a. *Court Manager*, Editor Tasha Ruth

Tasha expressed appreciation and thanks for the following committee members who submitted an article for the winter edition of the *Court Manager*:

- Jeffrey Tsunekawa – Conference Summary
- Dorothy Howell – Exhibit Show
- Randy Short – Social Event
- Barbara Marcille – Procedural Fairness and Roger Rand for responding to our desperate call for articles by asking Barbara to submit an article in short order.

The winter edition of the *Court Manager* will post on December 17; the article submission deadline for the spring edition is Friday, January 11. Tasha invited members to submit articles. Tasha also let members know that if they do not have time to submit an article, they should still notify her of any newsworthy events that might be of interest to the membership so she can assist with the drafting of an article about said events.

Paul shared that Georgia passed a constitutional amendment to expand business courts throughout the state and suggested that Tasha consider this as a possible article topic. Paul agreed to send Tasha related contact information.

b. *Court Express*, Editor Jeffrey Tsunekawa

Jeffrey reported that the next edition of the *Court Express* will be sent out on November 28. The copy deadline for this issue is TODAY but because he is light on content for this edition, he invited members to submit content within the next couple of days.

The copy deadline for the February edition is February 8; distribution is scheduled for February 28.

5. Domestic Violence Guide Webinar Recap – November 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET, Alyce

Alyce shared that although there were technical difficulties associated with the DV Guide Webinar, there was much interest in the webinar and the presenters and moderator did a great job presenting the content. Because a number of registrants were unable to participate in the live webinar due to an issue with NACM's GoToWebinar account, NACM is making a recording of the webinar available to members and non-members free of charge. Evaluation results for the webinar will be shared at the December 13 meeting.

6. Plain Language Guide Update, Plain Language Guide Chair Aurora Zamora

Aurora shared that December 6 is the next and final meeting for the Plain Language Guide Subcommittee. All sections are complete and the final review is in progress. We are ready to go.

7. Social Media Update, Alyce for Social Media Coordinator Kevin Lane

Alyce shared that Social Media Coordinator Kevin Lane and Janet Reid have been posting content to NACM's Facebook and Twitter accounts every weekday during the past month and they have several planned for the upcoming week or two. Kevin is concerned regarding the amount of posts and thus wants to conduct some research in the coming month. "Is there such a thing as Facebook inundation?" Kevin has read some related articles and it may be something for people to think about until next time. On Kevin's behalf, Alyce sought volunteers to form a subcommittee that will work on drafting proposed social media guidelines. Roger Rand, Dorothy Howell, and Danielle Rosete agreed to serve on this subcommittee. Many thanks to all of you!

Alyce asked members to make a point to visit NACM's social media pages between this meeting and the next to review the posts, consider the quantity of posts, and the topics covered so that all can be prepared for discussion on this topic. Also, please consider liking, retweeting, or commenting on the content to encourage engagement from other members.

8. Website Update, Website Coordinator Jeffrey Tsunekawa

Jeffrey said that there were no updates to offer. Theresa Ewing thanked Jeffrey and others involved in the website redesign for their great work noting that it is much easier to find content on the website now.

9. Volunteer Opportunity – Membership Committee Chair Michelle Dunivan

Membership Committee Chair Michelle Dunivan informed committee members of a new volunteer opportunity. Michelle shared that in addition to NACM's efforts to communicate with new NACM members via a series of emails prepared by Jeffrey Tsunekawa, NACM would like to expand its outreach efforts to include personal contact by telephone. Michelle noted that there are many opportunities to talk to new members and recruit new members post-webinar and post-conference. She also noted that NACM wants to reach out to those who do not renew their membership to learn the reasons why. Because there are hundreds of contacts that NACM will need to make, Michelle said that the plan is to divvy up the contact list to a number of volunteers. In order to do this, a script must be developed and protocol established for these contacts. To that end, Michelle asked for a volunteer from the Communications Committee to serve as a co-chair from the Membership Committee to get this project underway. Leah Huff volunteered to serve as a co-chair. Thank you, Leah!

10. Next Meeting: December 13, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyce Roberts
Chair