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SKAMANIA LODGE MEETING PLACE FOR THE NCACC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By Marilyn Graves (WI), President NCACC

The NCACC Executive Committee held its Fall Meeting on Saturday, November 16, 1996, at Skamania Lodge, the site of the 1998 Annual Meeting. You will not want to miss the Conference in this beautiful Pacific Northwest area. In a separate article in *The Docket*, our 1998 Host, Scott Crampton (OR), sets forth the flavor of the area for you. Be there for the 25th Annual Meeting-it is going to be great!

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ARTICLE CORRECTION

The lead article of the October issue of *The Docket* regrettably omitted to mention that **Jane Sanchez** of the **Bureau of National Affairs** was also honored by receipt of the **Morgan Thomas Award** presented at the 1996 NCACC Annual Banquet in Des Moines.

Please accept our apology for the omission and our congratulations for recognition of your contributions to the NCACC.

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FACTS, FICTION AND FOOLISHNESS

If you will recall from the last exciting edition, we are exploring other professions to prove the legal profession does not have a monopoly on the inane.

Here are more excerpts from test papers submitted to science and health teachers around the world.

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*The skeleton is what is left when the insides have been taken out and the outsides been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to.

*The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana.

*The tides are a fight between the earth and the moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

*A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is.

*Equator: A manageric lion running around the Earth through Africa.

*Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone bloodshot.

*To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose.

*For drowning: Climb on top of the person and move up and down to make artificial persperation.

*For fainting: Rub the person's chest or, if a lady, rub her arm above the hand instead. Or put the head between the knees of the nearest medical doctor.

*Liter: A nest of young puppies.

*For dog bite: Put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered then kill it.

*The pistol of the flower is its only defense against insects.

*Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away.

With the last one, I will take my momentum and go. In the next edition, we will examine print media.



By Leslie Steen (AR)



A "PREVIEW" OF THE 1998 NCACC ANNUAL MEETING SITE

By Scott J. Crampton

Just a few miles east of Portland, Oregon, lies one of nature's most unique and naturally beautiful settings: The Columbia River, site of the 1998 NCACC Conference. Recognizing the special significance of the Gorge, the 99th U.S. Congress passed an act in 1986 creating the 292,000-acre Columbia River Gorge National Scenic. The Area is an environmentally protected combination of mountains, rivers, forests and waterfalls.

In 1993, an agreement was reached with the National Forest Service to allow private construction of an equally unique facility, Skamania Lodge, on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River. The lodge combines small resort (only 193 rooms) ambiance, a state of the art conference center, "modern rustic" charm and luxurious appointments. Features include an on-site championship golf course, miles of hiking trails, horseback riding, a breathtaking view of the Columbia River and unparalleled service. Immediately adjacent to Skamania Lodge is the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center. Completed in May of 1995, the center is a historical museum and educational center devoted to preserving the natural and cultural history of the Columbia River Gorge. Surely the perfect balance between serious business and serious leisure pursuits !!

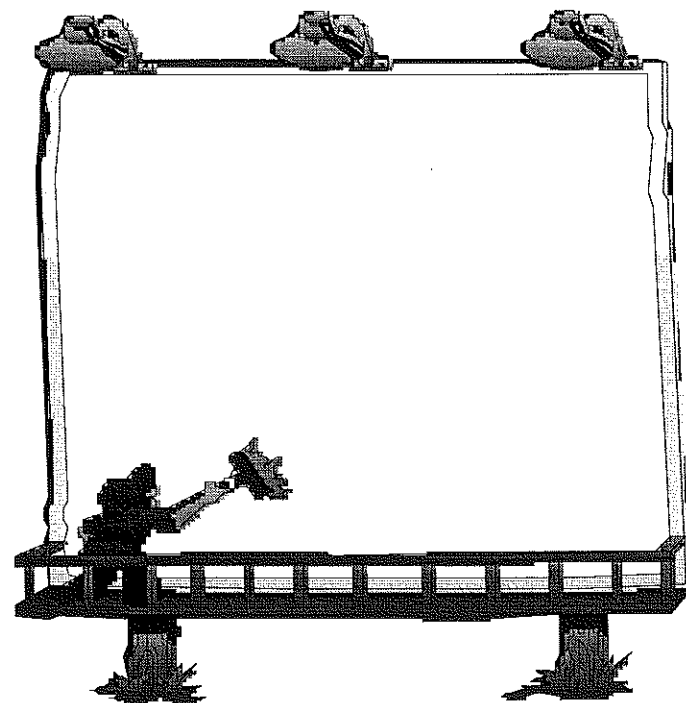
The Columbia River, the passage way of explorers Lewis and Clark, slices between Oregon and Southwest Washington, producing a forested canyon that stretches from Idaho to the Pacific Ocean. The area, referred to simply as the Gorge by Northwesterners, is truly a site to behold. Within a few minutes drive members and guests will find over 80 waterfalls, panoramic vistas, historical museums, "refreshing" wineries, wind surfing, fishing, hiking/biking or just plain relaxing in the sunny,

humidity-free Northwest summer.

I hope all members and guests can allot some time, either before or after the conference, to visit some of the other areas within the region. Within two hours drive from Skamania Lodge choices include; the spectacular, untamed Oregon coast, with over 300 miles of publicly accessible beaches; the Cascade mountains, with golf, rafting, and yes, even snow skiing in August; the bountiful wineries and fertile farmland of the Willamette Valley; and the urban sophistication of Portland, The Rose City.

For travelers with more time available, Seattle and the Puget Sound, with the famous San Juan Islands are only 200 miles north of Portland. Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia are easily accessible from Seattle via air or ferry. Thus, the only problem may be deciding in which direction to head !!

So, start saving vacation time and your allowance, for the 1998 Conference will provide a unique opportunity to experience one of North Americas most natural and diverse settings: The Pacific Northwest !!



NCACC Executive Committee (Continued from page 1)

Committee members arrived in Portland throughout the day on Friday, the 15th. Scott had kindly arranged for the seasonal rains to cease on that day so members were able to enjoy some nearby sites including the Bonneville Dam, Multnomah Falls, and the absolutely beautiful drive along the Columbia

River Gorge with many wonderful lookout points and vistas that were indeed breathtaking. That evening Scott had arranged for the group to partake in a feast--the regionally famous dinner buffet served at Skamania Lodge. O.k., so maybe Past-President David, who arrived at Portland in the evening, sort of lost track of miles and where Skamania Lodge was located, and maybe he did put a few extra miles on his rental car, and maybe he was a little late for dinner, but he insists he was not in Idaho! After the feast, everyone left the dining room relaxed and energized, ready to settle in and face the next day's work.

By 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, the Executive Committee meeting was underway. Each committee report was presented leading to a thorough discussion of many topics and issues. It was a very productive meeting. The Executive Committee also received a tour of the Skamania Lodge and found it to be a great facility that will certainly meet our Conference needs. There is a championship golf course, tennis courts, acres of hiking trails, a library, indoor swimming and exercise facilities, a panoramic view of the Columbia River and much more. It's warm and inviting. Again, you will not want to miss the 1998 Conference.

After a full meeting day, Scott had arranged for the Executive Committee to dine Saturday evening at the beautiful Columbia River Gorge Hotel, located in Hood River, Oregon. It was a very elegant setting and the food was exquisite. A nice relaxing way to end a busy day!

Departures began early Sunday morning but some members took a little extra time to soak in some additional scenery. The Executive Committee left Portland anxious to return in 1998, or sooner, to experience more of the great Pacific Northwest.

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NOTICE!

NCACC AND NCSC TO UPDATE KRAMER'S BOOK ON APPELLATE PROCEDURES

Remember the Kramer book?

It was last published by Wil Kramer and NCACC in 1983. Many clerks and other appellate court staff still use the old volume to find out what appellate practices and procedures are used in other courts. It's a big help to know who is using what and then to contact them with your questions. But wouldn't it be really helpful if there were a more contemporary book available?

The State Justice Institute has awarded a grant to the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to update this valuable book. Within the next year all appellate court clerks will be contacted and asked to fill out two surveys--one will be an inventory on *technology* and the second on appellate court *procedures*. These surveys will take up some of your valuable time, but the end result should be worth it. So please take time to respond to these surveys and return them to NCSC, when requested.

NCSC is still soliciting advice and ideas for the book. If you have any suggestions, or have questions call:

Carol Flango
National Center for State Courts
(757) 253-2000

WHAT'S NEW!

After many years working for the Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District, **Jennifer Casados** on October 1st joined the clerk's office team under the direction of **Ron Barrow at the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District**. Jennifer began working for the courts in 1984 for the Clerk of the Court Richard Eyman at the Sixth Appellate District.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING INPUT FOR OFFICERS

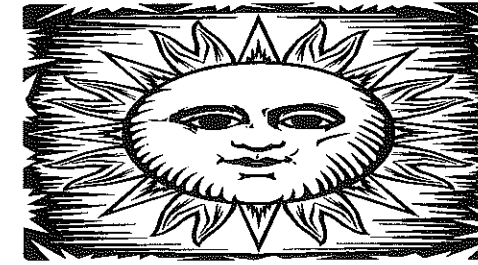
By Ella Williams (MI), Chair

A New Year is upon us, and it is time we look to the future of the NCACC and submit names for vice-president, treasurer and three names for the executive committee. In the event you missed the information in the last newsletter, the treasurer is currently Danielle Schott* who is eligible for re-election. The three members leaving the executive committee are: Kenneth deBlanc, Noel K. Dessaint, and Michael Yerly. Please use the form inserted in this edition of the newsletter and forward your suggestions to:

Ella Williams
Nominations Chair
Michigan Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 30022
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Suggestions should be mailed no later than February 28, 1997. Thank you for your participation!

*Please note that while Danielle Schott is eligible to run, she is not seeking re-election due to other responsibilities.



DES MOINES DISSIDENTS ARRIVE AT FAIRHOPE

By Louise Livingston (AL)

In 1894, some dissidents from **Des Moines, Iowa**, settled **Fairhope, Alabama**. History is repeating itself and another group is arriving in Fairhope by way of Des Moines; however, exit poll results fail to reveal even a single dissident among those having attended NCACC's 23rd annual conference in Des Moines! A hard act to follow, but the following is offered to help you plan ahead and maximize the use of your free time on the Eastern Shore - so much to do, so little time, unless you are arriving via Atlas Van Lines.

Fairhope, Foley, and Gulf Shores may just be names on a map to you now, but will take on new meaning for those attending our 24th annual conference as many wonderful memories are made there.

Fairhope is located about 3 miles north of The Grand Hotel and is about as pretty a southern town as you can find. There's a walk, jog, or bicycle path extending from Fairhope along the beach to The Grand Hotel (about 7 miles round trip) or a scheduled hotel shuttle to take. Once in Fairhope, it's an easy walk to see "downtown." Flower beds and hanging baskets are everywhere, including on the tops of trash receptacles. No property in the 4,000 acres of Fairhope is owned by individual citizens; rather, it is leased for 99 years which pays ad valorem taxes. Fairhope is the only single tax community in the country. This has enabled Fairhope to retain its charm and limit its growth (which suits the locals just fine.) Fairhope is fun - you will find an impressive selection of upscale

boutiques, specialty shops, galleries, restaurants, and don't miss a walk on the Pier.

Foley located 18 miles from The Grand Hotel where U.S. 98 and Hwy. 59 intersect is where you will find the Riviera Centre Factory Stores - all 120+ of them. You name it - from ADOLFO II to SACS to WEST POINT PEPPERELL - it's there. Plenty of places to eat there, but you may consider planning your shopping frenzy around a stop for a traditional Southern Buffet at The Gift Horse Restaurant (located on U.S. 98 just before it intersects with Hwy. 59).

Gulf Shores is located on the Gulf of Mexico just 17 miles south of the Riviera Centre Factory Stores where Hwy. 59 terminates at Hwy. 180. Located at this intersection is the public beach and your easy access to the sand and surf, Waterville U.S.A. Water Park, and Zooland. You will love it!

CAVEAT - Mobile and Pensacola flights fill quickly. You cannot make your flight reservations too early, so start making your plans to attend this 24th NCACC annual conference today and alert your travel agent to make your reservations at the earliest possible moment for best fare and most convenient flight reservations. Per Sandy Roos, you may want to take advantage of the special ABA travel rates - see info in this issue of The Docket.) Shuttle service to The Grand Hotel is available from both airports and needs to be arranged 24 hours in advance of arrival and departure. You will be reminded of this again, but you will need to tell The Grand Hotel folks at the time you register by phone or by registration blank if you need shuttle service, and it will be arranged for you. Check in time at The Grand Hotel is after 4:00 p.m., check out time is before 12:00 noon, and our NCACC rate is \$110 a day based on single or double occupancy. The number of rooms blocked is limited, so you will want to make your reservation as soon as you receive your registration packet.

Ah do declare; I've filled the whole DOCKET; mo later; lot's mo later.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Postmark your completed application by **March 1, 1997**.
- B. Send the application to:
- Ms. Shelly Rockwell
National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks
c/o National Center for State Courts
300 Newport Avenue
Williamsburg, VA 23185
- C. The following are the selection criteria for the award of scholarships as contained in the Scholarship Committee Guidelines:
1. Membership in the NCACC in good standing (a prerequisite for applying);
 2. The amount of Court funding available for the applicant's attendance at the annual meeting;
 3. The amount of Court funding expended on other educational programs for the applicant since the last annual meeting of the NCACC;
 4. The number of employees in the applicant's office who will attend the NCACC's annual meeting with court funding;
 5. The nature of the applicant's position;
 6. The location of the applicant's court;
 7. Whether the applicant has previously received a scholarship award; and
 8. Whether any employee of the applicant's court has previously received a scholarship award.

NCACC AWARDS COMMITTEE REQUESTS YOUR SUGGESTIONS

Presented by the Awards Committee: Noel K. Dessaint (AZ), Chair
Tom Granahan (DC)
Bob Liston (CA)
Bill Suter (DC)
Steve Townsend (NJ)
Mike Yerly (CA)
Gail Haney (NJ)

Now is the time for you to submit your suggestions to the Awards Committee for the person or persons you wish considered for the **J. O. Sentell Award** at the next Annual Conference in Point Clear, Alabama. Although our guidelines do not require solicitation of suggestions for the Morgan Thomas Award, we are, nevertheless, asking for your ideas.

The **J. O. Sentell Award** is given to recognize distinguished service by a member of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks who has contributed substantially to the objectives of the conference. Our objectives according to Article II of our By-Laws include improving skill and knowledge through conferences, seminars or other educational programs; promoting and improving the contribution of appellate court clerk offices within the area of effective court administration; and collection and dissemination of information and ideas concerning the operation and improvement of the offices of appellate court clerks. According to Senator Heflin's tribute entered into the Congressional Record, James Oscar Sentell, Jr. was born in Alabama in 1909. He practiced law in Alabama. In 1967, he was appointed deputy clerk of the Alabama Supreme Court. A year later he became clerk of that court, serving until 1982. He was one of the founders and first president of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks. According to Senator Heflin, Mr. Sentell made immeasurable contributions to Alabama's judicial system as clerk of the Supreme Court of Alabama. Senator Heflin further described J. O. Sentell as a great public servant possessing a keen and analytical mind with perceptive insight and integrity beyond reproach.

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Past recipients of the J. O. Sentell Award, the year of the award and the place are as follows:

J. O. SENTELL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>CONFERENCE YEAR</u>
J. O. SENTELL	ALABAMA SUPREME COURT	MONTEREY, CA	1979
RONALD L. DZIERBICKI	MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS	ORLANDO, FL	1980
WILFRIED J. KRAMER	CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL THIRD DISTRICT	JACKSON HOLE, WY	1981
MORGAN THOMAS	GEORGIA COURT OF APPEALS	BOSTON, MA	1982
LEWIS CARTER	KANSAS SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS	NEW ORLEANS, LA	1983
MARY ANN HOPKINS- YOUNG	ARIZONA SUPREME COURT	SEATTLE, WA	1984
ALEXANDER L. STEVAS	SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES	LEXINGTON, KY	1985
LUELLA DUNN	NORTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS	AUSTIN, TX	1986
JEAN KENNETT	SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	HARTFORD, CT	1987
JOHN SCOTT	KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS	HELENA, MT	1988
JOLINE WILLIAMS	GEORGIA SUPREME COURT	CHARLESTON, SC	1989
FRANS LaBRANCHE	LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT	TUCSON, AZ	1990

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shall provide that the Treasurer will direct the applicant's reimbursement to the extent of the award after the conclusion of the annual meeting on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the payment of the covered expenses and the applicant's attendance at all sessions of the educations and business portions of the annual meeting. Any absences in attendance must be noted and satisfactorily explained.

K. No applicant shall receive more than two scholarships in any four-year period.

L. Members of the Executive Committee and the Scholarship Committee shall not be eligible for scholarship award.

Scholarship Assistance-Selection Criteria:

The actions of the Scholarship Committee and the Executive Committee in respect of scholarships, full or partial, shall be based on an evaluation of the following criteria:

1. Membership in the NCACC in good standing. (Failure to meet this requirement shall result in the automatic rejection of the application.)

2. The amount of court funding available for the applicant's attendance at the annual meeting. (Applicants who have no funding available shall have a preference over those who are eligible for partial or full funding.)

3. The amount of court funding expended on other educational programs for the applicant since the last annual meeting of the NCACC. (This includes programs such as ICM seminars and meetings of other professional organizations. Applicants who have had no opportunity to participate in educational programs at court expense shall have a preference over those who

have.)

4. The number of employees in the applicant's office who will attend the NCACC's annual meeting with court funding will have a preference over those who have one or more fellow workers attending the NCACC meeting at their court's expense.)

5. The nature of the applicant's position, (To the extent practicable, scholarships shall be awarded to a mix of clerks, deputy clerks, and other eligible members of the NCACC.)

6. The location of the applicant's court. (To the extent possible, scholarships shall be awarded to individuals in a manner that reflects the geographical diversity of the organization.)

7. Whether the applicant has previously received a scholarship award. (Applicants who have never received assistance shall have a preference over those who have.)

8. Whether an employee of the applicant's court has previously received a scholarship award. (Applicants from court who have never received a scholarship shall have a preference over those who have.)

DON'T MISS THE CONFERENCE

**See Scholarship Application
Instructions at Page 12 of this
Issue of *The Docket*.**

**Complete the Scholarship
Application Form included as an
insert in this issue.**

**Scholarship Applications must be
completed by March 1, 1997.**

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES

By Leslie Gradet (MD), Chair

A. Pursuant to Article VII, Section 3(k), of the Bylaws, the Scholarship Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the Executive Committee. In addition, the members shall serve for a term of one year. They may be reappointed. The president shall designate the Chairperson.

B. Scholarships shall be awarded as a means of promoting attendance at annual meetings of the NCACC by members who would otherwise be unable to attend due to limitations in Court funding. The personal financial resources of an applicant shall not be considered in the awarding of a scholarship.

C. The Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee the award up to \$3,750.00 in scholarships annually. No individual scholarship may exceed \$750.00. The scholarship award shall be allocated as the recipient deems appropriate. A scholarship recipient is responsible for paying the registration fee for the annual meeting.

D. Scholarship funds shall not be applied to defray the cost of membership in the NCACC.

E. The membership shall receive annual notice of the availability of scholarship funds. Interested members shall obtain application materials from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) as Secretariat of the NCACC. Applications shall be filed with the NCSC, no later than April 1 of each year. The NCSC shall forward copies of all applications to the Scholarship Committee for its consideration.

F. Applicants shall be responsible for

providing the Scholarship Committee with reasonable estimates of the cost of travel. Reimbursement for air or rail transportation shall be based on "coach" or reduced fares. Travel by automobile shall be reimbursed for the direct distance between the applicant's home and the meeting site (round trip) at the per mile rate set by the federal government for business and travel by government employees.

G. The Scholarship Committee shall review all applications in light of the criteria set forth in these Guidelines. Supplemental information may be required from applicants should the Committee deem it appropriate. The Scholarship Committee shall report its conclusions and recommendations in respect of all applications to the Executive Committee through the President by May 1st. Recommendations that are not unanimous shall be identified as such.

The Executive Committee shall designate, in its discretion and consistent with these Guidelines, those who are to be offered scholarships and the amounts to be received. The Executive Committee shall not be required to expend all budgeted funds to award the maximum number of scholarships.

H. The Secretary shall, within two weeks of the decision of the Executive Committee, notify each applicant in writing in respect of the action taken by the Executive Committee. Copies of the correspondence shall be forwarded to the President and Treasurer.

I. The Executive Committee may relax the deadlines for receiving and processing scholarship application if, in its discretion, it determines that the scholarship program and the membership at large will benefit from such action.

J. Successful applicants shall be informed of the amount of their award. Further, the notice

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<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>CONFERENCE YEAR</u>
JILL ENGEL	SOUTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT	ST. LOUIS, MO	1991
REBA MIMS	SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS	WASHINGTON, D.C.	1992
STEVE TOWNSEND	NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT	NASHVILLE, TN	1993
PEGGY STEVENS McGRAW	MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS	SAN DIEGO, CA	1994
KEVIN SWANSON	CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL FIFTH DISTRICT	SAN ANTONIO, TX	1995
GLEN D. CLARK	ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS, DIVISION ONE	DES MOINES, IA	1996

The Morgan Thomas Award is for recognition of an individual other than a regular member of the NCACC who has made distinguished contributions to enhancing professionalism and supporting the goals of the NCACC as a body and of its members individually. The award need not be given each year. Past recipients have been:

MORGAN THOMAS AWARD RECIPIENTS:

1990	Charles Nelson	West Publishing Co.
1992	Justice James Duke Cameron Justice Harry A. Spencer Justice William A. Grimes	(AZ) Retired, (NE) Retired, and (NH) Retired
1995	Sandra M. Roos	American Bar Assoc.
1996	Jane Sanchez Lew Tippet	Bureau of National Affairs Lexis/Nexis

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Please provide your suggestions to us today by completing the separate insert and mailing it to:

Noël K. Dessaint
Clerk of Court
Arizona Supreme Court
1501 W. Washington, Suite 402
Phoenix, AZ 85007

If you do not have time to do it today, please do it tomorrow, but at least by **Valentine's Day**, February 14, 1997.

COSCA UPDATE

By Steve Kelly (CA)

I attended the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) 1996 Midyear Meeting on December 5-7 in San Francisco on behalf of our President Marilyn Graves. This is a brief report to you all. Our COSCA friends meet twice a year, one with the Chief Justices of each members respective Supreme Court, the midyear conference is held with a representative of each states top court administrator. President Hugh M. Collins from the Great State of Louisiana made me and the representatives present feel warmly welcomed and all the top State court Administrators went out of their way to make us feel welcomed. Judge Roger Warren, recently retired from the Sacramento consolidated Superior Court, and now President of the National Center of State Courts, was one of the honored guests and presented the strategic directions of the National Center. The midyear Conference offered an interesting perspective of our court system from a state management level, and we all should be very proud of the professional and dedicated men and women who hold these very difficult positions in our states. Bravo to COSCA from NCACC!

POINT CLEAR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

By Ed Smith, Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court

The 1997 Educational Program Committee has designed a good, solid program for our Conference at Point Clear, Alabama. This is in keeping with the outstanding tradition of high quality educational programs sponsored by the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks. I am very pleased with the help and support that I have received from the Program Committee, our President Marilyn Graves and the Executive Committee. Everyone has been actively involved in coordinating this big responsibility. Thank you all for volunteering!

Here is a sneak preview of what you can now tentatively expect to see. This year's theme will be entitled The Renaissance Clerk. Our program will have four general sessions devoted to: Technology Building, Professional Development, Personnel Administration and one General Session.

Each one of the sessions will be comprised of segments with different speakers. Technology Building will focus on a States Survey, Planning Process for New Technologies, Vendors and New Technologies, Records Management-new age approaches and Court TV Effective Public Writing segment followed by our mandatory Ethics Act, Interviewing Techniques, Employee Performance Reviews and Facilitator Training/Team Development. The General Session will be devoted to Court Statistics, Appellate Court Clerks Office Security Update, Disciplinary Procedures for Attorneys, and a Moderated Question and Answer segment followed by our annual Business Meeting.

Speakers are beginning to be secured by various Program Committee members and I am pleased with the selection so far. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 406-444-5705. I look forward to giving you a final report in the Spring issue of the Docket. Look out Alabama, the Clerks are coming.

NCACC LEADERS FORGE WAY TO POINT CLEAR!



From left to right: Joyce Goldsmith, Jean Kennett and Louise Livingston