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CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

President Rory Perry, through Secretary Sherry Williamson, and pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 5, of the Bylaws, hereby issues the call for the annual meeting of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks to be held at the Seattle Renaissance Hotel, Seattle, Washington, beginning Sunday, August 4, and continuing through Friday, August 9, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Williamson



Celebrating 40 Years !

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From the President's Desk

Rory Perry (WV)

An effective appellate court clerk not only understands court process and procedure, but must also be able to communicate clearly about the system used in his or her court. This skill requires an adept understanding of the audiences we face in situations like: answering a "quick question" from a Justice; writing a memo to the administrative office; giving a speech to lawyers; answering an e-mail inquiry about procedure; answering a letter from a pro se litigant; being asked to weigh in on a point of procedure by a law clerk or staff counsel; telling a lawyer that he is wrong, or late; working with a committee on drafting rules; providing feedback on business process to a technology developer; teaching a new staff member about your system; and, as we will all practice often in Seattle, explaining your system to a colleague who has a different system.

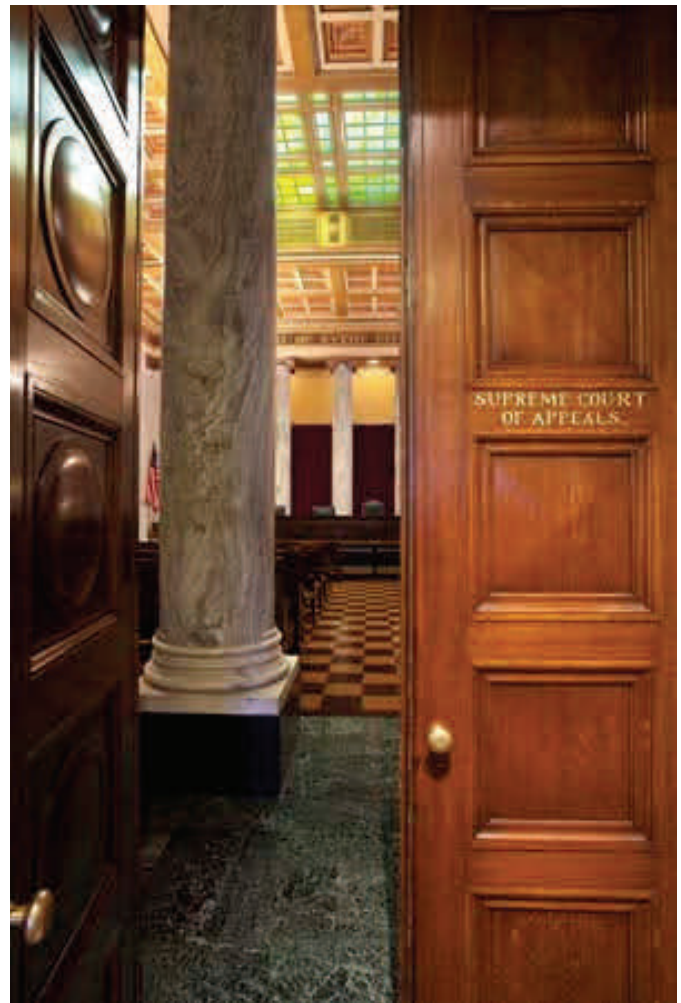
I believe there is a lot of value in the practice of explaining your system to someone else. Let's say you have a cabin on the river that is big enough to share with friends. It's remote, but you've driven there a hundred times while finishing the place. The first time you give directions to your friend from out of town, what seemed so familiar to you is quite hard for your friend to follow. Your friend arrives late, all in a bluster, saying, "Why didn't you tell me about that creek crossing!" So you refine your directions. You later learn to change them for winter because the scenery is different. All the while, you and your friends become experts in finding the cabin no matter the weather or season.

These days, being able to describe your system clearly is a very important skill. Due to the level of increasing refinement in technology and automation, many of us are spending more time in meetings going over long lists of document types, event types, workflow diagrams and the like. During this process, it can feel like you are giving directions to someone from out of town who has never seen a car, doesn't know the rules of the road, and thinks he's headed for



the swimming pool rather than a garage on the other side of town. That's one reason why we all need to practice this skill.

Every year since 1973, in wonderful locations around the country, the NCACC has provided appellate court professionals with a singular forum to practice this skill. Please come to the conference in Seattle with an issue you are working on. During the conference, find someone from another jurisdiction, with a different system, and tell them about your issue. Listen carefully while they respond with an insight about their own system. If you do this enough, you are sure to have an "a-ha" moment. It happens for me every year.



Seattle Scene!

NCACC's Fortieth Annual Meeting will be held August 4 - 9, 2013, at the Seattle Renaissance Hotel. It's a very nice hotel in a great location, close to restaurants, shopping, and sights. The room rate of \$137.00 a night (plus taxes) is available three days pre- and post-conference. We have our own dedicated online reservation page: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_gi_new&groupID=16491333, or call toll free (877) 901-6632 or local (506) 474-2009. If you have any problems making your hotel reservations, please feel free to contact Vickie VanLith at vanlithv@flcourts.org or (850) 922-5215.

The hotel does not provide a shuttle service from the airport, but there are a couple of services available. Shuttle Express (\$31 roundtrip) set up a webpage for our group so you can schedule your shuttle service ahead of time. The web address is <http://shuttleexpress.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=NCACC&LOGON=GO>. Cab fare from the airport is about \$40 one way.

Online registration is available at: www.regonline.com/ncacc40th or you can register by completing the paper registration form and returning it to Vickie VanLith. The online registration process is fun and easy. Please note that if you elect not to receive a paper copy of the conference materials, you'll be automatically entered in a drawing for an iPad mini!

What to wear: Bring comfortable active wear. Early August in Seattle should be very pleasant. The average high is 76 degrees, average low is 56. And there is normally less than an inch of rain in August! Downtown is hilly, so bring comfortable walking shoes.

Don't forget to bring an item or items for the Education Fund auction. It's a good cause and a lot of fun.

It's going to be an enjoyable and instructive conference; a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Your Florida and Alaska hosts look forward to seeing you there!

Tom Hall (FL)
Vickie VanLith (FL)
Marilyn May (AK)

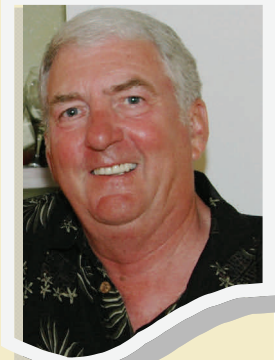


Facts, Fiction, and Foolishness

Les Steen (AR)

As I was lying around pondering the problems of the world, I realized that at my age I really don't give a rat's a** anymore. If walking is good for your health, a postman should be immortal. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, and is still fat. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives 150 years. And, you tell me to exercise?? I don't think so. I tried to exercise, but I was allergic to it. My skin flushed, and my heart raced. I got sweaty and short of breath. Dangerous.

Just grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to remember the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference. Now that I'm older, here's what I have discovered.



1. I started with nothing and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
3. I finally got my head together and now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.
5. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.
6. If all is not lost, where the heck is it?
7. It is a whole lot easier to get older than to get wiser.
8. Some days you are the top dog; some days you are the lamppost.
9. I wish the buck really did stop here; I could use a few of them.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The world beats a path to your door when you are in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
16. It's not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.
17. The only difference in a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days I'm thinking a lot about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something and I wonder what I'm "here after."
19. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.
20. HAVE I PUBLISHED THIS ARTICLE BEFORE?!?!?!?

Happy trails. See you in Charleston.

Ladies, if a man tells you he will fix it, he will. There is no reason to remind him every six months or so.



SPRING 2013 Treasurer's Report

By Irene Bizzoso (PA)

REVENUE	Proposed 2012	Actual 2012	Variance 2012	Proposed 2013
General Operations Total NCACC	23,365.00	23,340.88	(24.12)	21,360.00
Education Fund Total NCACC	16,700.00	10,406.35	(6,293.65)	8,750.00
Annual Meeting Total NCACC	98,850.00	124,779.77	25,929.77	111,205.00
Total Revenue NCACC	138,915.00	158,527.00	19,612.00	141,315.00
NonRestricted Total**	122,215.00	148,120.65	25,905.65	132,565.00
EXPENSES				
General Operations Total NCACC	17,692.00	13,279.00	(4,413.00)	18,157.00
Education Fund Total NCACC	4,950.00	3,782.64	(1,167.36)	4,925.00
Annual Meeting Total NCACC	95,530.00	119,010.41	23,480.41	98,480.00
Total Expenses NCACC	100,480.00	122,793.05	22,313.05	103,405.00
GAIN/LOSS				
General Operations	5,673.00	10,061.88	4,388.88	3,203.00
Education Fund	11,750.00	6,623.71	(5,126.29)	3,825.00
Annual Meeting	3,320.00	5,769.36	2,449.36	12,725.00
Total NET	20,743.00	22,454.95	1,711.95	19,753.00
* Accounting year January 1st through December 31st.				
**General Operations & Annual Meeting				
INVESTMENTS/ASSETS As of April 2013: 233,552.80				
General Operations Total NCACC		121,091.19		
Education Fund Total NCACC		93,287.29		
CATO Total NCACC		18,377.32		
		232,755.80		
accrued fees/income		797.00		
		233,552.80		



A more detailed breakdown of income and expenditures will be presented at the annual meeting.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF APPELLATE COURT CLERKS
THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
Charleston, South Carolina
Sunday, July 29, 2012 through Thursday, August 2, 2012

Call to order:

President Marilyn May called the Thirty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks to order at 12:25 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, 2012. She welcomed everyone to the conference, and introduced the host of the conference, Dan Shearouse. Dan welcomed everyone to Charleston, and shared comments about the planned activities for the week. He then introduced his staff, whom he thanked for their help and hard work in getting everything ready for the conference. David Beach (VA) was introduced as the parliamentarian for the meeting, and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Gavel:

Marilyn held up the NCACC gavel and shared the history with the membership:

“This gavel and sounding block was made by Paul W. Mims of Longleaf Heart Pine Wood which was from the desk of the South Carolina Supreme Court. This desk was located in the State Capitol Building prior to 1886.

Presented to Frans J. Labranche, Jr., and all future Presidents of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks at the 1987 Annual Conference, Hartford Connecticut, by Reba D. Mims, Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals, and member of the Executive Committee of the NCACC 1985-1987.

Paul W. Mims passed from this life on April 15, 1989. Reba W. Mims hosted the conference in Charleston, South Carolina August 6-11, 1989.”

Roll Call of States:

Secretary Sherry Williamson (TX) called the roll of states, recognizing each person registered and present. President May then welcomed the new members in attendance.

Introduction of Officers:

President May introduced the officers and members of the Executive Committee.

Approval of minutes:

Colette Bruggman (CA) moved that the minutes of the 2011 Annual Business Meeting in Annapolis, Maryland be approved; Joe Lane (CA) seconded the motion; motion carried.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee: Steve Lancaster (IN) reported that the awards were ready and would be announced at various times during the week. He requested nominations for the Trailblazer Award, which would also be announced at the banquet.

Bylaws Committee: Danielle Sheff (IN), on behalf of Joe Stanton, Chair (MA), introduced and thanked members of the committee: Penny Miller (ND), Fritz Ohlrich (CA), James Pelzer (NY), Doug Robelen (VA) and Kevin Smith (IN) (Executive Committee Liaison). She congratulated Fritz Ohlrich (CA) on his retirement, and thanked him for his years of dedicated service on the Bylaws Committee. Danielle reported that last year the membership had voted: 1) to expand regular membership to include tribal and international appellate court administrators; and 2) against retired members serving on the Executive Committee. Both proposals were published in the April 2012 issue of The Docket. The Bylaws Committee is proposing three amendments to the Bylaws:

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1) To strike certain language in Article III, §1(b) for the purpose of making the language consistent with the 2011 amendments to paragraphs (a) and (c). Specifically, the proposal is to strike the phrase “in any federal, state, commonwealth, or District of Columbia court system, and in the court systems of United States territories and possessions.” If amended, the Bylaw Article III, § 1(b), would read:

(b) Retired members. Retired membership shall be open to all retired clerks, assistant clerks or deputy clerks, or other similar positions bearing different titles of courts of last resort or intermediate appellate courts. ~~in any federal, state, commonwealth, or District of Columbia court system, and in the court systems of United States territories and possessions.~~

2) To change the name of the “Contract Committee,” as it appears in Article VII, § 3(c)(16), to “Contracts Committee.” If amended Article VII, § 3(c)(16) would read:

(16) Contracts Committee. The purpose of this committee is to review any contract referred to it by the President or the Executive Committee. The committee shall report its recommendation to the President and the Executive Committee.

3) To delete the language “and the Public Relations Committee” from Article VII, § 3(c), second sentence. If amended Article VII, § 3(c) would read:

(c) Composition. Except as noted in (2), (3), (4), (6), (10) and (12) of this subsection, standing committees shall consist of no more than nine members, one of whom shall be designated by the President as the Chairperson. The membership of the Program Committee shall also include a Vice-Chairperson appointed by the President-Elect. The term of the members, the Chairperson and, when applicable, the Vice-Chairperson, of a standing committee shall be one year. The Executive Committee, upon request of the President or the committee Chairperson, or upon its own initiative, may remove a member of a standing committee for good cause.

Marilyn May brought the amendments to the membership for a vote:

1) Article III, § 1(b) -- Kevin Smith (IN) moved to accept the amendment; Steve Lancaster (IN) seconded; motion carried.

2) Article VII, § 3(c)(16) -- Jim Pelzer (NY) moved to accept the amendment; Sandra Skinner (MO) seconded; motion carried.

3) Article VII, § 3(c) -- Terry Lord (MO) moved to accept the amendment; Rex Renk (MT) seconded; motion carried.

Colette Bruggman (CA) called a point of order, and requested that the minutes reflect these amendments were previously published in *The Docket*.

Convention Assistance Committee: Deena Fawcett (CA) thanked the members of the committee: Polly Brock (CO), Tom Hall (FL), Petra Hulm (ND), Matt Kiernan (NY), Penny Miller (ND), Kevin Smith (IN), Les Steen (AR), Renee Townsley (WA) and Ruth Willingham (AZ). Deena offered special recognition to Les Steen (AR) for his continued efforts in putting together the Hospitality Suite for the conference. Deena reported that the volunteer schedule was finalized to assist the host throughout the conference; the committee members assembled the binders and bags for each conference attendee; assisted with registration, the art auction, loading the buses for the excursions, and anything else that is needed during the conference.

Contracts Committee: Bill DeCicco (DC), on behalf of Chair Kris Frost (OH), reported that the committee had reviewed the host contracts for Richmond 2014 and Snowbird 2015. The committee’s recommendations have been submitted to the hosts and to the Executive Committee.

Education Fund Committee/Finance and Investment Committee/Treasurer’s Report: Irene Bizzoso (PA) reported that the Treasurer’s Report was published in the June 2012 issue of the *The Docket*, but also had updates which were available on each table. She stated that through all the concerted efforts of the membership, Executive Board, last year’s vendor chair, and the current President, there is a reported net gain of \$41,422.69. Of this net gain, approximately fifty percent came from the fundraising efforts for the Education Fund, and the successful vendor show last year also contributed largely to the increase in funds. There is a large amount of cash in the account, and the Executive Committee voted to transfer a portion of the cash to a Certificate of Deposit and this will be transferred soon. Irene stated that NCACC is fiscally sound and is doing better than it has in several years, and thanked everyone for their efforts in making this happen. Terry Lord (MO) inquired about the CATO funds that were still showing in the NCACC funds. Irene deferred to Blake Hawthorne (TX), because he has been doing research on the best method to remedy this situation. Blake stated that the cy pres doctrine does not apply, because NCACC is a 501(c)(3) organization, but CATO is not. Blake stated that this is an odd situation, because CATO does not have its own legal identity and cannot legally dissolve. He sug-

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gested sending out a notice to the CATO members that NCACC would be using these funds for educational purposes, since CATO is defunct. Blake does not feel that anyone is due a refund. Marilyn May stated that the Executive Committee is still reviewing the option and will work to resolve the situation. She reported that there is \$18,000 in CATO funds.

Membership Committee: John Moyer (PA) thanked the members of the committee: Susan Clary (KY), Chris Crow (LA), Eileen Fox (NH), Joseph Lane (CA), Terry Lord (MO), Mark Neary (NJ), Danielle Schott (LA), and Eileen Fox (NH) (Executive Committee Liaison). John reported that the committee met by email this year, and worked closely with other committees: Publications – worked to bring the members’ pages current in the NCACC directory; Public Relations – worked on the plan of expanding the membership to include tribal and international appellate court administrators; The Docket -- several articles have been written about members retiring and about new members. The National Center sends out monthly reports on the membership, and the current total is 197. There are still several states that do not have any members in NCACC, and this is fertile ground for recruitment. He suggested that this would be a nice effort for next year’s committee.

Nominating Committee: Trish Harrington (VA) thanked the committee members: Debbie Autrey (TX), Irene Bizzoso (PA), Susan Clary (KY), George Geoghegan (KY), Joseph Lane (CA), Amy Reitz (OH), Mike Richie (OK), Christie Cameron Roeder (NC), and Blake Hawthorne (TX) (Executive Committee Liaison). Trish reported that the Committee is offering the following nominations and introduced each one:

Vice-President – John Olivier (LA)
Secretary -- Sherry Williamson (TX)
Executive Committee Members -- Eileen Fox (NH)
Tracie Lindeman (NV)
Heather Smith (IN)

The pictures and biographies of each nominee were published in the June 2012 issue of The Docket. Membership will vote on Thursday.

Past Hosts Committee: Tom Hall (FL) reported that the committee is working on preparing either a standardized contract or a Request for Proposal, which will be used in negotiating hotel contracts for future conferences. He stated that the contracts the hotels are offering are extremely detailed and give no concessions that are needed for the conference. The committee did have two Requests for Proposal for previous conferences that were submitted to the Executive Committee for review. Next, Tom reported that the committee has been asked to review the possibility of the Past Hosts Committee becoming a permanent committee, and if so, what guidelines should be implemented. It has been recommended that this committee should assist the host prior to the conference, and then the Convention Assistance Committee would take over assisting the host as the conference starts. No formal action has been taken on this proposition, and Tom requested that it be carried over for next year’s committee.

Past Presidents Committee: Bill DeCicco (DC) reported that the committee was tasked with two projects this year:

1) Redesigning and updating the NCACC website – The committee submitted a request to the National Center for State Courts for a grant. The cost for this project was estimated to be \$34,000. The State Justice Institute grant would provide 50% of this cost, while NCACC would provide the other 50%, with 80% being in-kind services and 20% in cash (around \$3,400). He stated that NCSC should provide an answer within the next week. Bill commended Rory Perry (WV) on his assistance in drafting the technical computer language that was needed for the request.

2) A complete review and re-write of the Officers’ guidelines -- The guidelines are rewritten, being approximately twenty pages long and outlining specifically the duties for each officer.

Pictorial Directory Committee: Chair Kelly McNeely (LA) reported that the NCACC directory has been distributed to the membership. He stated that every committee reviewed its Bylaws and guidelines, and several changes were made to bring them current. Kelly mentioned that if any member does not have his/her picture in the directory, or if you need a new one, Deena Fawcett (CA) has her camera and will take it for submission to the NCACC directory. Rory Perry (WV) gave the address of NCACC website, where the directory is duplicated online in the “Members Only” portion.

Program Committee: Colette Bruggman (CA) reported that the program schedule is in the conference binder. She thanked Marilyn May for giving her the opportunity to serve as Program Chair, and also thanked the members of the committee: Amy Reitz (OH), Vendor Chair; Irene Bizzoso (PA), Greg Block (DC), Karen Bramblett (PA), Kristen Brown (PA), Eydie Gaiser (WV), Carolyn Taft Grosboll (IL), Mark Neary (NJ), Catherine O’Hagan Wolfe (NY), and Rory Perry (WV) (Executive Committee Liaison). Each member worked as the liaison for a speaker on the program and wrote an article for The Docket. Colette also thanked the

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members who agreed to be a speaker for the conference: Tom Hall (FL), Tiffany Shropshire (TX), Blake Hawthorne (TX), Kevin Smith (IN), and Irene Bizzoso (PA); Chris Crow (LA) and Deena Fawcett (CA) for moderating the round-table discussions, and to Jack Simpson and Bernie Bruggman, non-members, for their endless hours of assistance. Colette then reported that there had been a problem with the "Paper on Demand" session to be presented by ImageSoft, Inc. on Monday afternoon. At the outset of planning this session two years ago, the guidelines were laid out to the vendor that this was a plenary session, and no marketing could be involved. Marketing during the education program is against all policies and limited to the vendor showcase session. However, it became apparent that the vendor was still trying to include some marketing techniques in the presentation. The vendor even compiled its own email list and sent out a marketing brochure, wherein the NCACC logo was used. During a conference call the previous day between Marilyn, Colette, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, NCACC panel member, and the vendor, parameters were again laid out regarding the importance of this being an education program and no marketing would be permitted during the session. After the call, it appeared that all issues were resolved. Colette reported that there are two programs that will be videotaped and placed on the NCACC website. Additionally, the materials in the conference binder have been provided electronically and will be posted in the "Members Only" portion of the NCACC website. She encouraged each conference attendee to complete the evaluation for each session and place them in the appropriate boxes. Colette stated that the vendor show will have the passport format again this year.

Publications Committee: Rory Perry (WV), on behalf of Les Steen (AR), reported that all issues of The Docket were published on time and all requirements were met. He thanked the committee members: Paula Garcia (CA), Trish Harrington (VA), Kevin Lane (CA), Judy Pacheco (WY), and Joe Stanton (MA). Rory specifically thanked Lillian Richie (LA) and Brenda Stephens (LA) for their hard work and assistance in preparing each issue of The Docket.

Public Relations Committee: Kevin Lane (CA) thanked the members of the committee: Karen Bramblett (PA) and Rachelle Resnick (AZ). The committee had two major accomplishments this year: 1) Two of the sessions during the conference will be videotaped and placed on the NCACC website. When the segments are running on the website, an email will be sent out on the listserv and notification placed in The Docket as well; 2) Amendments were made to the Bylaws regarding the recruitment of new members of the tribal and international appellate court administrators. A new brochure has been developed for this purpose.

Special Awards: Marilyn May stated that she and the Executive Committee would like to give special recognition to members who contribute to NCACC year after year doing somewhat thankless jobs. The members who received the special awards are:

David Beach (VA), Parliamentarian
Chris Crow (LA), NCACC "CLE Wrangler"
Carol Green (KS), NCACC Listserv Coordinator
Kelly McNeely (LA), Chair of Pictorial Directory Committee and Editor of NCACC directory
Rory Perry (WV), NCACC Webmaster and Technical Guru

Deena Fawcett (CA) made a motion that the meeting be adjourned until Thursday, August 2; Steve Lancaster (IN) seconded the motion; motion carried.

President May announced at 1:40 p.m. the adjournment of the meeting until Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Business Meeting resumed at 11:10 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2012, with a call to order by President May (AK). David Beach (VA), the Parliamentarian, noted the presence of a quorum.

Nominations: President May introduced the following members and stated the positions for which they are nominated:

Vice-President -- John Olivier (LA)
Secretary -- Sherry Williamson (TX)
Executive Committee Members -- Eileen Fox (NH)
Tracie Lindeman (NV)
Heather Smith (IN)

She opened the floor for further nominations, but there were none. Ed Smith (MT) made a motion to approve the slate of nominations offered by the Nominating Committee; Bill DeCicco (DC) seconded; motion carried.

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Resolutions and Memorials Committee: Tracie Lindeman (NV) read the language for the resolutions awarded to the following:

39th Annual Meeting Host

Dan Shearouse (SC); Chief Justice Jean H. Toal; Justice Costa M. Pleicones; Jenny Abbot Kitchings, Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals; Brenda F. Shealy, Chief Deputy Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina; Betsy Stevenson, Deputy Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina; Thomas Timberlake, Director of Finance and Personnel; Staff of IT Services of the South Carolina Judicial Department, Joan Assey and Kathy Ellis; and IT Services, John Reynolds.

Program Committee Chair

Colette Bruggman (CA) and members of the Program Committee: Amy Reitz (OH), Vendor Chair; Irene Bizzoso (PA); Greg Block (DC); Karen Bramblett (PA); Kristen Brown (PA); Eydie Gaiser (WV); Carolyn Taft Grosboll (IL), Mark Neary (NJ), Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (NY), and Rory Perry (WV) (Executive Committee Liaison); and Jack Simpson, Judicial Secretary for California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District (clerical assistance).

Vendor Show Coordinator

Amy Reitz (OH)

Convention Assistance Committee Chair

Deena Fawcett (CA) and members of the Committee: Polly Brock (CO), Tom Hall (FL), Petra Hulm (ND), Matt Kiernan (NY), Penny Miller (ND), Kevin Smith (IN), Les Steen (AR), Renee Townsley (WA) and Ruth Willingham (AZ).

The Docket Publication Committee

Les Steen (AR), Chair and Editor and Brenda Stephens, Assistant Editor (LA).

Mills House Hotel Personnel

John Edwards; Tripp Hays; Jayne Long; Tom Zingerella; Jasen Jones; Diane Montgomery; Alan Webb; Bill Montgomery; Kenneth Campbell; Reggie Youg; and Arcady Raykhlin.

South Carolina Aquarium

Kevin Mills and Bryan Kowert.

Hamby Catering & Events

Megan Renszel and Leah Stoudenmire.

Absolutely Charleston

Robert Sullivan

SpiritLine Cruises and Fort Sumter Tours

Senator Chip Campsen; Rick Mosteller; Stan Seckenger; Richard Campsen; Dawna Molton; Laura Fuentes; and Joyce Lowe.

Eclipse Global Transportation

Kim Schulteis

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South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

Chief Mark Keel; Assistant Chief Ben Thomas; Lieutenant Bobby Brown; and Lieutenant Sandy Templeton.

Charleston Police Department

Captain Chip Searson; Lieutenant Mike Thomas; and Lieutenant Jason Emanuele.

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

Captain Gentry Thames

National Center for State Courts

Education Program Speakers

Jennifer Thompson; Mary C. McQueen; Thomas D. Hall; Hon. David L. Baker; Matt Berg; Lisa Hall; Tiffany J. Shropshire; Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe; Scott Bade; Michelle Telecky; Thomas F. Lorito; Gregory S. Gordon; Sandra Schulberg; Jason M. Mayo; Lisamaria Martinez; Blake A. Hawthorne; Rory L. Perry; Charlie Carpenter; Kevin S. Smith; Irene M. Bizzoso; Hon. M. Kathleen Butz; Hon. Joan V. Churchill; and Hon. Kaye G. Hearn.

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Thomson Reuters

Tom Leighton; Bob Smits; T.J. Murphy; Darin Rasmussen; Manoj Jain; Jamison Sarno; Jarrod Note; and Diane K. Rice.

LexisNexis

Nikki Daugherty

Bloomberg BNA

Karyn Bowie

JAVS

Shelly Knopf

Wolters Kluwer

Sharon Kube and Crystal Bryant

AMCAD

Gary Egner

ImageSoft, Inc.

Scott Bade

Justice Systems, Inc.

Dan Clark

Tracie Lindeman (NV) made a motion to approve the resolutions as read; Deena Fawcett (CA) seconded; motion carried.

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Scholarship Committee: Ruth Willingham (AZ) thanked the members of her committee: Debbie Autrey (TX); Julio Castillo (DC); and Sherry Williamson (TX), (Executive Committee Liaison). She reported that four applications for scholarships were accepted and reviewed. Upon the review being completed, two scholarships were awarded. Ruth encouraged everyone to apply for financial assistance for the future annual conferences.

Site Selection Committee: Marilyn May stated that Matthew Kiernan (NY) was the original chair of the committee, but changed jobs. At that time, Vickie Van Lith (FL) became chair. The other members of the committee are: Debbie Autrey (TX); Susan Clary (KY); Paula Garcia (CA); Carolyn Taft Grosboll (IL); M. C. Hackney (NC); Donna Humpal (IA); Kelly McNeely (LA); Dan Shearouse (SC); and Laura Roy (MO), (Executive Committee Liaison). The site selected for the 2015 conference is Snowbird, Utah. Lisa Collins (UT) will be the host, and is working on getting the contract finalized.

Strategic Planning Committee: Karen Bramblett (PA) served as chair, and members of the committee were: Bill DeCicco (DC); Steve Lancaster (IN); Penny Miller (ND); Rory Perry (WV); and Deena Fawcett (CA), (Executive Committee Liaison). This committee did not have any charges this year. They reviewed the Bylaws and guidelines, with no recommended changes.

Technology Committee: John Olivier (LA) thanked the committee members: Kris Frost (OH); M.C. Hackney (NC); Kevin Lane (CA); Susan Davis Morley (FL); Danielle Sheff (IN); Joe Stanton (MA); Renee Townsley (WA); and Blake Hawthorne (TX), (Executive Committee Liaison). He reported that the committee was charged with the following:

1) To create a survey for those attending the conference and also those who cannot attend the conference, obtaining feedback upon viewing the videos of presentations and other conference materials, which are posted to the NCACC website –

John stated that the first job is to make sure people are aware the website has the information posted. Next, the committee is reviewing a couple of methods to create the survey. One option to be considered is to have the NCACC logo appear on the survey without being required to pay a fee for using the logo.

2) To pass along all Technology Committee materials and resources from one year to the next year –

The committee is in the process of creating a binder for this purpose.

3) To create an information tab on the NCACC website –

Upon the recommendation of the Public Relations Committee and approval by the Executive Committee, a link will be placed on the website for “Public Information.” This link will also include press releases to inform the public about what is happening in NCACC.

4) Facebook –

John reported that the topic of NCACC having a Facebook page is still under consideration by the Executive Committee.

Adoption of Committee Reports: Bill DeCicco (DC) moved to accept all of the Committee Reports; Chris Crow (LA) seconded the motion; motion carried.

Special Awards: Marilyn May stated that during the business meeting on Sunday, several Special Awards were presented to members who contribute to NCACC year after year doing somewhat thankless jobs. She announced that there was one more Special Award to be given to Les Steen (AR). However, Les had to leave the conference early and was not present to accept the award. Marilyn thanked Les for all his hard work and dedication in serving as Chair of The Docket Publication Committee. All members joined in applause, showing their appreciation.

Trailblazer Award: Steve Lancaster (IN) presented the Trailblazer Award to Polly Brock (CO). To everyone’s amusement, Polly shared the story of her trip to the conference.

President’s Remarks: President May stated that NCACC really is in a good place financially. She attributed this sound fiscal picture to the work of past presidents, Susan Clary, Ed Smith and Bill DeCicco. Upon reviewing the finances in past years, Marilyn noted that the organization had a high balance of \$195,000 in December 2007 and a low balance of \$130,000 in February 2010. At that point in February 2010, a “crisis mode” set in and the Executive Committee tightened their belts and became very fiscally conservative. As previously reported, the balance in May 2012 is over \$224,000, which is probably the highest balance ever achieved for NCACC. She next reported on the unrestricted funds: after subtracting the CATO funds of \$18,000 and Education Funds of over \$95,000, in 2005, there was a high balance of \$104,000, with a low balance of \$50,000 in 2008. At the present time,

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the unrestricted funds exceed \$109,000. Marilyn stated that due to the generosity of Dwight Opperman, the stewardship of Susan, Ed and Bill, and the donations from many members, the Education Fund now has a balance of \$95,104.20. This will enable the organization to develop great educational programs for future conferences.

Marilyn reported that the process of handling the CATO funds of \$18,000 is being researched. Blake Hawthorne (TX) is developing a plan to remedy this situation.

Marilyn stated that one year ago, the vote was made to expand the NCACC membership to tribal, Canadian or any international courts. The Public Relations committee has been working on a program to advertise our availability to those people, and the committee will be taking the necessary steps to reach out to new members.

Marilyn stated that her big goal this year was to expand the availability of the conference materials to members not able to attend the conference and staff members. The Technology, Public Relations and Program Committees worked very hard to make this goal a reality. Two of the programs were videotaped, and Rory says the videos and conference materials will be on the website in approximately a month. She shared her appreciation to all the people who made that happen.

Marilyn then stated that the idea of pursuing a website grant began under Susan Clary's (KY) direction, and then Bill DeCicco (DC) and Rory Perry (WV) completed the request. NCSC should announce their decision within the next two weeks. This grant will enable NCACC to make needed improvements to its website.

Marilyn thanked everyone for their part in keeping the organization vibrant and strong, for helping to provide the education we need, and for the support all members have with each other throughout the year.

2012 Host Presentation: Marilyn May and Tom Hall, along with great assistance of Vickie Van Lith, invited everyone to attend the 2013 conference in Seattle, Washington. The dates of the conference are August 4 – August 9, and will be held at the Seattle Renaissance Hotel. The hotel is a great location, within walking distance of several restaurants and shopping locations. Prizes were given away upon providing the correct answers to trivia questions. Marilyn and Tom said the West event will be held at the Boeing Flight Museum, and the LexisNexis event will either be at the zoo, a cruise or the Science Center at the Space Needle.

There being no further business, Irene Bizzoso (PA) made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Deena Fawcett (CA) seconded; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on August 2, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

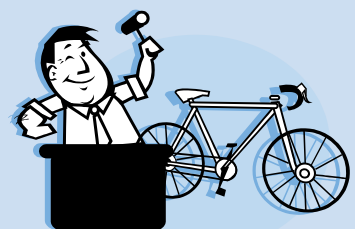
Sherry Williamson (TX)
NCACC Secretary



AUCTION TIME!!

We will be holding the silent auction again on Sunday afternoon, August 4, 2013 at the 40th Annual Conference. And for the best news of all: Back by popular demand, Auctioneer Mike Lusk (TX) has agreed to hold another live auction after the BNA Reception! We all remember what an exciting time he provided last year! I would like to encourage everyone to bring an item for the auction. It doesn't have to be anything fancy or expensive. Past items have included artwork, jewelry, books, basket of goodies, T-shirts, etc., just anything you have created or something that caught your eye on a shopping spree. It is always fun to see what items show up from different parts of the country. Most importantly, all proceeds go to the Education Fund. Let's support this worthwhile cause by bringing an item to donate! Thank you for your help!

Sherry Williamson (TX)



Delegation Presents the J.O. Sentell Award to Bill Suter in Washington

By Rory Perry, (WV)

On May 21, 2013, the 19th Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, Bill Suter, received the J.O. Sentell award from the NCACC at a ceremony at his office in Washington D.C. For the past 22 years, Bill has shared his time and talent with NCACC members throughout the country. He has attended every conference, and has always been willing to mentor individual members. He has been a speaker and committee member, and has always contributed selflessly to the Conference, including the organization of a visit to the Supreme Court of the United States for NCACC members and their families in 2011.

The Executive Committee created an annual award to recognize distinguished service rendered by the recipient who has contributed in a substantial way to the objectives of the Conference. Known as the "J.O. Sentell Award", it was first presented at the 1979 annual meeting held in Monterrey, California to Mr. J.O. Sentell, one of the founding members of the organization. In 1984, the award was presented to Mr. Alexander Stevas, the 17th Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States.

In light of the fact that Mr. Suter is retiring at the end of August and will not be attending the conference in Seattle, the Executive Committee elected to present the award to him early, at his office in Washington. The President, Rory Perry (WV), was joined at the ceremony by two past presidents, Bill DeCicco (DC) and Christie Roeder (NC), and two members of the Executive Committee, Irene Bizzoso (PA) and Blake Hawthorne (TX). In addition, Deputy Clerk Cynthia Rapp (DC) was present, along with other Supreme Court staff. After the award was presented, Mr. Suter made gracious remarks thanking the conference, and emphasizing the benefits to his court of being a member for 22 years. His remarks were videotaped and will be shared with members at the conference in Seattle.

As many of you may know, Mr. Suter is an avid fisherman. In order to mark the occasion of his retirement, several members of the NCACC joined together to purchase a custom, handmade bamboo fly rod and case. Both items were inscribed specifically for Bill Suter from the NCACC. Mr. Suter was quite surprised and appreciative. We wish him all the best in his retirement!



Marathon Monday in Boston, Massachusetts

By Joseph Stanton (MA)

Thanks very much for including the information in *The Docket* on my daughter's postcards for class. Her class achieved its goal of receiving a post card from each of the 50 States! The students and teacher were thrilled when the 50th card arrived because it was the first time the teacher had completed her annual project in several years of trying - thank you everyone for sending in the cards. My daughter thinks around 40 states sent a card to her attention - the NCACC is amazing!

I have her hurt foot to thank for us not being at the finish line when the explosions occurred. On Marathon Monday (which, as I told the kids that morning, is one of the two best days in Boston - it's officially Patriot's Day, a holiday when we get to see the Red Sox and Marathon back-to-back, one block from another, usually on a beautiful sunny day after a long winter, while the other day is July 4th watching the Pops play on the Esplanade), I had tickets to attend the Sox game, first pitch at 11:05, then we would watch the runners. But the prior day my daughter hurt her foot in an Irish stepdancing competition and could not walk, so she stayed home.

With my fiancé (yes, on April 6 I proposed to a Yankees fan at home plate of Fenway Park - a tale for another day!), we went to the game, where the air was electric and fun filled with everyone's excitement in the Sox-Marathon doubleheader. We left at 1:15 to cheer a friend running through Kenmore Square and then we walked to the finish line so my son could see and experience it for the first time. As we turned onto Bolyston Street, I hoisted him up above the crowded sidewalks so he could see the entire "home stretch," and I will never forget how, as he slowly gazed and absorbed the combined adrenaline and excitement of runners sprinting to the finish line, he smiled ear to ear as his eyes danced at the magnificence of the street lined with smiling spectators cheering the runners amid the decorative flags and balloons. He said it was "beautiful" and he would never forget it. We were on Boylston Street from 2:00-2:30, with my son on my shoulders for the best viewing option as we maneuvered to the finish line.

Since Fenway Park is on one side of the marathon course and no crossing of the street or course is allowed, we stayed on the Fenway side and walked the mile and got as close as we could to the finish line, hoping he could stand near it, but we were blocked by the VIP grand stands just before the finish line. We staked out a spot on the last

corner we could access, which ended up being diagonally across and probably around 10 car lengths from the first explosion.



Thank God we had to leave early to pick up my daughter and get to my parents for my son's birthday party. We left 15-20 minutes before the first explosion, which we heard blocks away. My son immediately asked, "What was that sound?" and, although strange to think, I didn't want to say "explosion" and scare him because it seemed unfathomable. Instead I said a construction truck must have dropped a delivery, while I wondered why there would be construction on a holiday. Fortunately, we caught a train and were out of the area before the security lockdown, still not knowing what had happened. Just before 3:00 p.m., we hopped in my car and were startled because his favorite music station was reporting two explosions at the finish line and people were hurt. We knew it had to have occurred near where we had stood, and it was sickening to consider even without knowing for certain it was terrorism. My son was very shaken Monday afternoon and night, realizing how close we were in time and distance, and quite happy to see his little sister. Fortunately, as 12 year olds do, he rebounded well on Tuesday - thanks in part to an early birthday gift of a replica Star Wars light saber (yes, it look and sounds like the ones in the movies)! We spent the next day thanking my daughter for hurting her foot at the Irish stepdancing feis, the random reason we left the marathon early. If she had been with us, there would have been no reason to leave the finish line when we did on an otherwise perfect day. I keep thinking of the people we wove around on Boylston Street with my son on my shoulders - the happy faces of the Sox revelers, the marathon finishers wearing finisher medals who we congratulated, their families and friends who packed the sidewalks 10 deep cheering and making it almost impossible to walk, and what their moments must have been like after the explosions. It was amazing more people were not killed and wounded. It was a bit surreal walking into the courthouse Tuesday. The street out front was lined with black clothed police and bomb sniffing dogs because a federal building and major train stop is across the way. Just wanted to share this with you, my friends. Thanks for being here to share. I took the day to appreciate and pray for the first responders and the families of those hurt, and to thank my lucky stars for my son's safety, including the luck of a lil' Irish foot.



Saturday, August 3, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Seneca Room
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Courtyard Foyer

Sunday, August 4, 2013

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration	Courtyard Foyer
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Family Orientation/First Time Members	Federal/Superior Rooms
12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Conference Welcome	Federal/Superior Rooms
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Roll Call of the States & Business Meeting (Session I)	Federal/Superior Rooms
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Education Fund Silent Auction	Madison Ballroom
BREAK: 15 MINUTES		
-90- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Legal Ethics Go To the Movies - Families/Guests Welcome - Paul Bergman, author <i>Reel Justice: The Courtroom Goes to the Movies</i> and Professor of Law Emeritus UCLA School of Law	Federal/Superior Rooms
Y 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Reception Hosted by Bloomberg BNA	Madison Ballroom
5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Education Fund Silent Auction & Morgan Thomas Slideshow	Madison Ballroom
9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room Opening Night	Presidential Suite

Monday, August 5, 2013

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Members Only)	Courtyard Foyer
-120- 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Thomas Jefferson on The Constitution and The Courts - Families/Guests Welcome - Clay Jenkinson, <i>American Humanities Scholar, Author, Educator</i> <i>Director at the North Dakota Institute</i> <i>Creator and Jefferson Scholar at the Thomas Jefferson Hour</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms
BREAK: 15 MINUTES		
-75- 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Civility – Pay It Forward David S. Maring, Civil Trial Specialist <i>Maring Williams Law Office, P.C.</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN: 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES		

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Educational Session
Business Meeting (Members Only)
Vendor Show
Event/Activity
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Monday, August 5, 2013 (continued)

-90-	1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	What's Bugging You? (Members Only) Moderator: Polly Brock, Deputy Clerk of Court <i>Colorado Court of Appeals,</i> and Moderator: Christie Cameron Roeder, Clerk of Court <i>North Carolina Supreme Court</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES		
-90-	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Contemporary Threats to the Judicial Process: Keeping your Court and Judges Safe Raymond Fleck, Supervisory Deputy <i>United States Marshals Service, Western District of Washington</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms
	5:45 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Edgewater Hotel Hosted by LexisNexis	Meet in hotel lobby
	10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room	Presidential Suite

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Past Presidents' Breakfast	North Room
	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Members Only)	Courtyard Foyer
-90-	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Clerk's Office Drama: Hiring and Discipline Christie Cameron Roeder, Clerk of Court <i>North Carolina Supreme Court,</i> and Polly Brock, Deputy Clerk of Court <i>Colorado Court of Appeals</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES		
-90-	10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	ADA Chemical Sensitivity Linda McCulloh, Senior Attorney, ADA Resources Coordinator <i>California Judicial Branch</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms
	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Golf Tournament	
	9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room	Presidential Suite

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Members Only)	Courtyard Foyer
-90- []	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	iPads: Better than Paper Jenny Kitchings, Clerk of Court <i>South Carolina Court of Appeals,</i> and John Reynolds, Internal Applications Analyst <i>South Carolina Supreme Court</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms
	BREAK: 10 MINUTES		
	10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Vendor Introductions & Opening of Vendor Show Blake Hawthorne, Clerk <i>Supreme Court of Texas</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms

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Wednesday, August 7, 2013 (continued)

	10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Vendor Show	Courtyard Foyer
	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Vendor Showcase I	
	1 North Room	2 South Room	
	BREAK: 10 MINUTES		
	11:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	Vendor Showcase II	
	1 North Room	2 South Room	
	BREAK: 10 MINUTES		
	11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Vendor Lunch	Municipal Room
	BREAK: 10 MINUTES		
	1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Vendor Showcase III	
	1 North Room	2 South Room	
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES		
-75-	1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Technology and Ethics Eric J. Magnuson, Former Chief Justice <i>Minnesota Supreme Court</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms
-60-	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Managing Technology in Courts Rich Johnson, Court Administrator/Clerk <i>Washington Court of Appeals, Division I</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms
	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Vendor Happy Hour	Courtyard Foyer
	5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Museum of Flight Hosted by Thomson Reuters/LT Court Tech	Meet in hotel lobby
	6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	NCACC Group Photo	
	10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room	Presidential Suite

Thursday, August 8, 2013

	6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Fun Run/Walk	Meet in hotel lobby
	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Members Only)	Courtyard Foyer
		Human Trafficking in the United States: An Introduction Dr. Dana Raigrodski, Assistant Director Asian Law Center, University of Washington School of Law, Dr. Sutapa Basu, Executive Director and co-chair of the Human Trafficking Task Force University of Washington Women's Center, Anita Ramasastry, D. Wayne and Anne Gittinger Professor of Law University of Washington Law School, and Velma Veloria, co-chair of the Human Trafficking Task Force University of Washington Women's Center	Federal/Superior Rooms
-90-	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.		
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES		

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Thursday, August 8, 2013 (continued)

-75-	10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Civics Education: Reviving an Appreciation for the Three Branches of American Government Hon. Andrea Hoch, Associate Justice <i>California Third District Court of Appeal,</i> and Frank McGuire, Court Administrator and Clerk <i>Supreme Court of California</i>	Federal/Superior Rooms
	BREAK: 15 MINUTES		
	11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Business Meeting (Session II)	Federal/Superior Rooms
	12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Federal/Superior Rooms
	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Conference Checkout Please return nametags, binders, and supplies to be recycled for next year's meeting	
	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Cocktails	Madison Ballroom
	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Annual Banquet	Madison Ballroom
	9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room Awards Night	Presidential Suite

Friday, August 9, 2013

	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Critique Breakfast	North Room
	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Conference Checkout Please return nametags, binders, and supplies to be recycled for next year's meeting	