



**THE 44th
NCACC ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
Lake Tahoe, Nevada
AUGUST 6 to
AUGUST 11, 2017**

Are you ready for our Forty-Fourth Annual Conference? The meeting will be held at Harvey's Resort in South Lake Tahoe August 6 – 11, 2017. The room rate is \$139 per night (plus taxes). **Reservations must be made by July 5, 2017.**

Complete with many restaurants, shopping and other entertainment, Tahoe is the perfect backdrop to an amazing educational program we have for members. Hotel reservations, Conference registration and the Full Conference Schedule are available on the [NCACC website](http://www.ncacc.org). There will be some excellent evening activities as well, including a dinner cruise on the MS Dixie, an optional outing to Sand Harbor for "The Hounds of the Baskervilles" and an event at the Lakeview Lodge at the Heavenly Resort. You don't want to miss this conference!

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

President Irene Bizzoso, 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 Harvey's Resort, South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, beginning Sunday, August 6, 2017, and continuing through Friday, August 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Williamson

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

IRENE BIZZOSO (PA)



As I sit here penning my last docket article as President this evening, I am fortunate enough to be sitting on a balcony with a stunning view of the Southern Caribbean Sea. I don't take this opportunity lightly, and I don't want to sound ungrateful, but truth be told I did not want to be here. The timing was bad, both professionally and personally, and I had not planned to take a vacation right now. But family and duty called. For reasons beyond his control, my brother could no longer accompany my elderly parents on their long-planned trip and I received a panic-stricken call from them. They are no longer able to travel on their own and needed someone – thus, I ended up here in Aruba.

Initially, the beautiful weather and lovely trade winds did little to assuage my resentment and my patience was stretched to the limit with familial memory and physical issues. Eventually though, I gave myself over to the experience of the trip, realizing how fortunate I am to still have both my parents in this world, despite changes in personality and temperament and how I had not had the opportunity to spend any length of time with either of them in quite a long time. I needed to look for the good in the little inconveniences and perceived lack of consideration, along with the obvious pleasures of a warm location and to simply enjoy my family.

It has been said time and time again that the NCACC is like a family. I have always felt that way; but even more so after serving as President this past year. Like a traditional family, we all have different viewpoints; skill strengths and weaknesses; likes and dislikes. We can be very opinionated and argue amongst ourselves and, yes, disagree or even agree on various points. Many times we receive encouragement; other times we are discouraged, but in the end we know that the NCACC membership is there for us no matter what — whether it be at the annual meetings, on the listserv with some pressing question, or in the act of simply picking up the phone and reaching out to someone who, if it hadn't been for the NCACC you would have never come into contact. The membership's desire to help a "family" member in need, whether it be with a simple issue or a more complex problem, is one of the things that I have found to be the greatest benefit of belonging to the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks and what I hope each of you has also found.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

IRENE BIZZOSO (PA) *(Continued)*

Like the ever changing needs of family, the organization's needs and goals are fluid and we, in order to best serve each other, must be fluid as well. As John Olivier so aptly noted in one of his columns as President: "We are an organization of volunteers. We don't have paid event planners and staff that work throughout the year doing the work of the conference. It is your officers, executive committee, committee chairs and members who get the job done." It is with this thought in mind that I encourage those who have not been involved in any committees to become so and to thank those of you that have been diligently at work for the good of the membership for your efforts. I hope that you can be relied upon to continue your much appreciated work in the coming year.

I want to also express my thanks to the Executive Committee. They have been busy over the past nine months implementing the changes adopted during last year's business meeting; trying to entice members to host future annual meetings; looking at the question of eligibility for leadership roles; continuing to examine ethical considerations regarding funding and the question of funding in general; amongst a myriad of other issues large and small. Much of this work will continue into the next year, if not beyond, and I am sure that under the leadership of Eileen Fox and Dan Shearouse many will come to successful fruition.

Needless to say I am looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming 44th Annual Meeting in beautiful Lake Tahoe, August 6 – August 11. Despite the fact that Tracie Lindeman is no longer working in the Nevada Court system, she has been dedicated to hosting and has been working diligently to assure that we have a memorable conference. Several new members and first time attendees will be joining us, so please make them feel welcome, just as I felt 17 years ago in Savannah. Rex Renk and his Program Committee have been hard at work to ensure that a quality educational program is presented, so please take a look at the education schedule included in this edition of the docket.

Without Rex's willingness to take over these responsibilities and the support of his boss and fellow member Ed Smith, I don't know where I'd be at this point. I am especially looking forward to our Opperman Speaker, Professor Michael Gerhardt, and delving into the world of personality types and leadership skills with Robert Lowney. Then, of course, there is the opportunity to hear Scott Harris, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, update us on the status of their e-filing project. Wednesday follows the tradition of being our technology and vendor day. Jakob Trierweiler is hard at work arranging for pertinent technologies to be represented and issues of digital records and privacy vs. public access will be also presented that day. If you have yet to register, please don't delay. <https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1963926> .

Again, I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in Tahoe, and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. It has been a humbling experience. I also wanted to express my gratefulness to Kevin Lane, Editor of *The Docket*, for his dedication and patience.

----- Keep the NCACC Great! -----
(be involved)

Welcome to Our New Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members to our organization.

**Betsy AuBuchon
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of Missouri**

**Lilia M. Oquendo-Sols
Clerk of Court
Puerto Rico Court of Appeals**

**Elizabeth Brown
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of Nevada**

**Ms. Sharri Roessler
Clerk of Court
Tenth Court of Appeals
Waco, TX**

**Mr. Kurt Brubaker
Clerk of Court
U.S. Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals
Washington, MD**

**Andrea K. Wallin-Rahman
Clerk/Administrator
Court of Appeals, Third
Appellate District, Sacramento**

**Nicole Gray
Clerk of Court
Utah Supreme Court
Salt Lake City, UT**

**Emily Wetherell
Vermont Supreme Court
Montpelier, VT**

**Erin L. Lennon
Deputy Clerk
Washington State Supreme Court
Olympia, WA**

Also, Steve Kenyon will be leaving the Idaho Supreme Court for the United States District Court. We wish him success in his new position.

Special Invitation from ARJD to NCACC

By Rex Renk, Program Chair

The Association of Reporters of Judicial Decisions (ARJD) is holding its annual meeting at Harveys Lake Tahoe, from August 3 to August 6, 2017, and has invited interested NCACC members to an informal ARJD session scheduled for Sunday morning, August 6, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Sandra Grosko, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Ohio, will be one of the discussion leaders and provides a description of the session:

Relationship Building between Clerks and Reporters -

This informal joint session with the Association of Reporters of Judicial Decisions will be led by Sandra Grosko, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Ohio who previously served as the Reporter of Decisions for that court, and Leah Walker, Reporter of Decisions for the Colorado Court of Appeals. This open discussion will center around enhancing communication between clerk's offices and reporter's offices through achieving a better understanding of the processes and procedures used in each office. We will also discuss drawing on the talents of co-workers and finding common ground when objectives seem to collide.

The ARJD conference ends the morning of Sunday August 6, before the NCACC meeting commences, and thus, this bonus session is not part of the NCACC formal program. In return, NCACC President, Irene Bizzoso, has invited interested ARJD members to attend the Sunday afternoon session, ***Leading with Laughter***, which is also open to family members and guests.

We appreciate the special invitation from ARJD, the chance for professional collaboration, and hope you consider taking advantage of this opportunity!



The NCACC Lake Tahoe Conference Auction is scheduled for Sunday, August 6.

Did you know the proceeds from the auction go entirely to the NCACC Educational Fund and that the Fund is used for conference scholarships and educational programs? For the auction to succeed, we need your auction item donations and your cash. Come to Lake Tahoe ready to bid!





August 5-11, 2017

[Executive Board Statement Re Vendor Sponsorship](#)

Saturday, August 5, 2017 – Harveys Lake Tahoe


	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Emerald Bay 2 & 3
	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Promenade

Sunday, August 6, 2017 – Harveys Lake Tahoe

*	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<i>Special ARJD Invitation to NCACC Members*</i> Relationship Building between Reporters and Clerks , Sandra Grosko, Clerk of the Ohio Supreme Court, Leah Walker, Reporter of Decisions, Colorado Court of Appeals	Executive Boardroom
	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Registration	Promenade
	1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	New Members and First Time Attendees Orientation	Emerald Bay 2
	1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Family and Guest Orientation	Emerald Bay 1
	2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Roll Call of the States and Business Meeting (Session I)	Emerald Bay Ballroom
	3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Conference Welcome	Emerald Bay Ballroom
Break: 15 minutes			
75 min.	3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Leading with Laughter: How U.S. Presidents Use Humor to Relate, Motivate, and Communicate --- And How You Can Too! - Malcolm Kushner. Sacramento Author, Speaker and Professional Consultant	Emerald Bay Ballroom

		<i>Family, Guests, and ARJD Members Welcomed to Attend</i>	
	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Opening Reception	Pre-Function Area
	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Education Fund Silent Auction and Morgan Thomas Slide Show	Emerald Bay 1, 2, & 3
	9:30 p.m. – 12:00 midnight	Hospitality Room Opening Night	TBD

Monday, August 7, 2017 - Harveys Lake Tahoe

	7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Pre-Function Area
	8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Announcements	Emerald Bay Ballroom
180 min.	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Honing Your Leadership Skills Using the MBTI – Robert Lowney, Director of Appellate Court and Court Operations Services at the California Judicial Council.	Emerald Bay Ballroom
Break: 10 to 15 minutes anticipated during program			
	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
90 min.	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Emotional Intelligence: A Key Competency for Successful Leaders - Kristine Van Dorsten, Senior Education Developer, California Judicial Council's Center for Judicial Education and Research	Emerald Bay Ballroom
Break: 15 minutes			
90 min 	2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	The Forgotten Presidents: Their Untold Constitutional Legacy - Professor Michael Gerhardt, Samuel Ashe Distinguished Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of North Carolina. OPPERMAN Speaker	Emerald Bay Ballroom
Break: 10 minutes			
30 min.	4:25 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.	Applying Education: What We've Learned (members only) Moderator – Polly Brock, Chief Deputy Clerk- Colorado Court of Appeals	Emerald Bay Ballroom
	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	MS Dixie Dinner Cruise	Harveys

	(Buses load at 5:15 p.m.)	Hosted by Thomson Reuters/West	Transportation Center (Buses load at 5:15 p.m.)
	9:30 p.m. – 12:00 midnight	Hospitality Room	TBD

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – Harveys Lake Tahoe

	7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Pre-Function Area
	8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Announcements	Emerald Bay Ballroom
180 min.	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	The Multi-generational Workplace - Pam Harvit, Speaker, Professional Consultant and Columnist	Emerald Bay Ballroom
Break: 10 to 15 minutes anticipated during program			
	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
90 min.	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Recent Developments in Employment Law / How to Avoid Traps for the Unwary– Patti Williams, Supervising Attorney of the Legal Services Office's Labor and Employment Unit	Emerald Bay Ballroom
Break: 10 minutes			
30 min.	2:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Applying Education: What We've Learned (members only) Moderator – Polly Brock, Chief Deputy Clerk- Colorado Court of Appeals	Emerald Bay Ballroom
		OPEN NIGHT – Option for Sand Harbor Shakespeare Festival	
	9:30 p.m. – 12:00 midnight	Hospitality Room	TBD

Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – Harveys Lake Tahoe

	7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Pre-Function Area
	7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Past Presidents Breakfast	Executive Board Room
	8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Announcements	







75 min.	8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	E-Filing at the U.S. Supreme Court - Scott Harris, Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court	Emerald Bay Ballroom
Break: 15 minutes			
75 min.	10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Electronic Trial Court Records on Appeal – What Has Worked and What Hasn't – Panel Moderator – Kristen Brown, Prothonotary, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania	Emerald Bay Ballroom
	11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Vendor Introductions Jakob Trierweiler, Arizona Court of Appeals	Emerald Bay Ballroom
Break: 15 minutes			
	11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Vendor Showcase I	Emerald Bay Rooms
	12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Vendor lunch	Pre-Function Area
	1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Vendor Showcase II	Emerald Bay Rooms TBD
Break: 10 minutes			
	2:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.	Vendor Showcase III	Emerald Bay Rooms TBD
Break: 20 minutes			
75 min.	3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Public Access vs. Party Privacy: Managing Court Records in the Electronic Age Panel Moderator – Kristen Brown, Prothonotary, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania	Emerald Bay Ballroom
30 min.	4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Applying Education: What We've Learned (members only) Moderator – Polly Brock, Chief Deputy Clerk- Colorado Court of Appeals	Emerald Bay Ballroom
	4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Vendor Happy Hour	Promenade
	6:30p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Buses load at 6:00 p.m.)	Lakeview Lodge at Heavenly Resort Hosted by Lexis/Nexis	Harveys Transportation Center (Buses load at 6:00 p.m.)
	9:30 p.m. – 12:00 midnight	Hospitality Room	TBD

Thursday, August 10, 2017 – Harveys Lake Tahoe

	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Fun Run/Walk	TBD
	7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Pre-Function Area
	8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Announcements	Emerald Bay Ballroom
120 min.	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Ethics for Clerks – What You Really Don't Want to Know Tom Hall, Consultant and Retired Clerk of Florida Supreme Court.	Emerald Bay Ballroom
<i>Break: 15 minutes</i>			
	10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Business Meeting (Session II)	Emerald Bay Ballroom
	11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Emerald Bay Ballroom
	12:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Golf Tournament - Incline Village Championship Course (North Lake Tahoe)	Incline Village Championship Course (North Lake Tahoe)
	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reception	Harrah's Sand Harbor Room
	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Banquet	Harrah's Sand Harbor Room
	9:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight	Hospitality Room	TBD

Friday, August 11, 2017 – Harveys

	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Critique Breakfast	Emerald Bay 1 & 2
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 Educational Session	 Business Meeting	 Vendors or Show	 Vendor Supported or Sponsored	 Filmed Session	 Bonus Session
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The NCACC annual conference is paid for with NCACC funds, most of which are derived from non-vendor sources, such as dues, registration fees and member contributions to the Education Fund. All of the educational sessions are supported entirely by non-vendor funds. Some conference events, particularly social activities, are paid for, directly or indirectly, by vendors who do business with courts. Programs and events that are supported, in whole or in part, with vendor funds are clearly identified on the conference schedule.

Members are urged to review the ethics rules of their jurisdictions to determine whether they may participate in the events supported by vendors. An advisory opinion prepared by the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Codes of Conduct, Advisory Opinion No. 91, *Solicitation and Acceptance of Funds from Persons Doing Business with the Courts*, June 2009, discusses some of the issues related to the use of vendor funds for conferences involving federal court personnel.

A "buy-out" option has been implemented which may enable members who would otherwise be ethically unable to participate in a vendor-sponsored event to do so. Members have the option of paying for a vendor-supported activity themselves. Members who wish to exercise this option should contact the conference host about the cost of the event and the procedure for payment.

2017 Vendor Show Information

Jakob Trierweiler (AZ)

As in previous years, the NCACC annual meeting will allow you the opportunity to meet new faces, reconnect with previous contacts and see what products are available to assist you daily in your work at the Vendor Show, scheduled for Wednesday, August 9!

Many exhibitors have signed up and are anxious to show you what they have to offer, both in specialized showcases and at their vendor booths. As in years past, passports will be provided and you are all encouraged to visit the vendors at their booths and showcases to gain a signature and learn about their product. Turn in your signed passports for an opportunity to win fantastic prizes at the vendor happy hour (starting at 4:45 p.m.)!

Please join me in welcoming our vendors on the 9th, and I look forward to an exciting and eventful Vendor Show!!

RETIREES --

Congratulations!
We wish you well and
hope you continue to be part of NCACC!

Bill DeCicco (DC)
Keith Hottle (TX)
Cathy Howard (DE)
John Moyer (PA)
Mike Richie (OK)
Carol Thompson (WY)
Debbie Ware (LA)

List of Nominations By the Nominating Committee

Vice President

Laura Thielmeier Roy (MO)

Treasurer

Janet Johnson (AZ)

Executive Committee

Christopher A. Prine (TX) (to complete the remaining 1-year term of his position)

Malcolm H. Squires, Jr. (VA/Federal) (2-year term)

Stacey Pectol (AR) (2-year term)

Douglas B. Robelen (VA/State) (2-year term)



Vice President

Laura Thielmeier Roy (MO)

The Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District en banc appointed Laura Roy as Clerk effective January 1, 2001. She received her Bachelor of Journalism (News Editorial) degree in 1985 and her Juris Doctor degree in 1988 from the University of Missouri-Columbia. After graduation she served as a law clerk to the late Hon. Almon H. Maus, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District. She moved to St. Charles, Missouri and was the Assistant County Counselor for St. Charles County for two years prior to becoming Assistant Staff Counsel for the Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District in 1991. She is a member of the Missouri Bar, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks. She has served on various NCACC committees, including the Executive Committee, and has chaired the Public Relations Committee and the Awards Committee. She has been on the Board of Directors for the Center for Autism Education, and is a former trustee and past-President of the Missouri Family Trust, now known as the Midwest Special Needs Trust. She resides in St. Charles, Missouri, with her husband and their son, Andrew.

List of Nominations By the Nominating Committee (Continued)



Treasurer
Janet Johnson (AZ)

Janet Johnson was appointed the Clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court on May 10, 2012. Previously, Janet served as the Director of the Court Services Division of the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts from June of 2000 to June of 2012. Prior to moving to Arizona, Janet served as the Assistant Director of the Court Services Division at the Missouri Administrative Office of the Courts for nearly seven years. Other previous experience in Missouri includes service as a Chief Deputy Juvenile Officer, program and policy development and child protective services. Janet holds a Master's degree in Social Work with an emphasis in planning and administration and is a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management.

Executive Committee

Christopher A. Prine (TX)
**(to complete the remaining 1-year term
of his position)**



Christopher A. Prine was appointed as the Clerk of the Court for the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in August 2008. On January 1, 2013, Mr. Prine was appointed to also serve as the Clerk of the Court for the First Court of Appeals. After law school, Mr. Prine served as a briefing attorney at the Fourteenth Court of Appeals. In 1998, he served as a chambers attorney at the First Court of Appeals. Mr. Prine's private practice focused on insurance defense and probate and estate litigation. Mr. Prine received his B.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and his J.D. from South Texas College of Law.

List of Nominations By the Nominating Committee (Continued)

Executive Committee

Malcolm H. Squires, Jr. (VA/Federal) (2-year term)

Malcolm [Mac] H. Squires, Jr. was appointed as the Judicial Advisor and Clerk of Court for the US Army Court of Criminal Appeals in September 2002. Following graduation from law school, Mr. Squires spent 26 years on active duty with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps where he held a number of important leadership positions before retiring as an appellate judge on the court he now serves. Mac received both undergraduate and law school degrees from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.

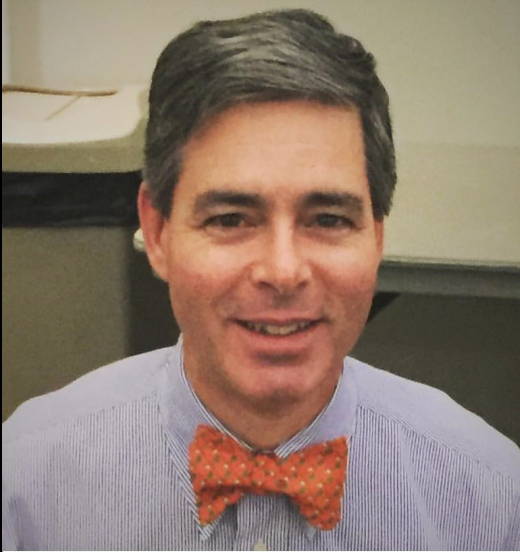


Stacey Pectol (AR) (2-year term)

Stacy Pectol was appointed Clerk of the Courts by the Arkansas Supreme Court in July 2014 following the retirement of outgoing Clerk, Leslie Steen. Ms. Pectol is a graduate of Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas and Bowen School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She began her career as a law clerk to then Chief Justice Donald I. Corbin at the Arkansas Court of Appeals. When he was elected to the Arkansas Supreme Court, she continued as his law clerk for several years. After serving as an in-house counsel for Express Human Resources, Inc., Ms. Pectol took some time off to begin a family. She returned to the Supreme Court to again serve as Justice Corbin's law clerk in the years before his retirement. As the clerk of the courts, Ms. Pectol has implemented a pilot project for the electronic filing of motions as the first step towards bringing mandatory electronic filing to the Arkansas appellate courts. Stacy and her husband Dale are the proud parents of two teen-aged boys, Drake and Luke.

List of Nominations By the Nominating Committee (Continued)

Executive Committee



**Douglas B. Robelen (VA/State)
(2-year term)**

Douglas B. Robelen has served as Chief Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court of Virginia since 2003. Prior to coming to the Supreme Court, Doug worked as an associate with the law firm of Mays and Valentine, as an appeals examiner with the Virginia Employment Commission, as a staff attorney with the Court of Appeals of Virginia, and as an informal appeals agent with the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services. He graduated from Davidson College in 1987 and from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1990.

NOTICE:

**The updated 2017 directory is
now on the NCACC website.**

PASSWORD MANAGERS

by Larry Royster, Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court

Besides traffic jams and long check-out lines, one of my greatest frustrations is signing on to a website and receiving an error message saying that my username or password is incorrect. I use a standard username and password whenever possible to minimize the frustration but, not only is that a bad security practice (if someone discovers my log-in information for one website, they could access multiple sites), it simply cannot be done because some websites assign a username or password to you and others require or limit the use of special characters that differ from your standard log-in information. Someday biometric access, such as finger print or iris scans, will be commonplace but, until then, I print out the log-in screens of the websites and handwrite my username and password on them (also not a good security practice). I currently have more than 75 screen printouts of websites for email, remote access, legal research, banking, credit card, shopping, social media, health care, etc. My low-tech solution gives rise to an equally frustrating experience—flipping through the printouts trying to find the one I need to access the account! Fortunately, there is a high-tech answer to the source of my frustration: A password manager.

A good password manager will securely store and retrieve your usernames and passwords, as well as PINs, credit card numbers, CVV codes, and security question answers, for every type of account. With most password managers, you install a browser extension on your computer or an app on your smart phone/tablet and then create a “master” password to unlock the password manager and access your account data. The best password managers will capture your log-in information whenever you access an existing online account or create a new account. They will update your information as you change it, and will sync the changes to multiple computers and mobile devices. And when you access the websites in the future, the password manager will auto-populate the log-in and other account information. Many of the best password managers are free, but may offer paid versions with more robust features. Below are a few highly rated password managers.

LastPass (<https://www.lastpass.com>) is a free password manager for Windows, Mac, iOS, Android, and Linux operating systems with browser extensions available for Explorer, Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Opera, and Maxthon. LastPass stores your account information in the cloud so that you can access it from any internet-connected computer. LastPass also has a software app that can be installed

PASSWORD MANAGERS (CONT.)

on numerous mobile devices (e.g., iPhone/iPad, Android, Windows Surface RT, phones using Windows, Firefox Mobile, or Dolphin browsers), giving you access to your account information offline. In addition to storing your log-in information, credit card numbers, etc., LastPass also allows you to enter secure notes, contact information, and software licenses, as well as add attachments such as images and PDFs. LastPass has a built-in password generator that will create long, randomized passwords for you and will even analyze your existing passwords to determine those that are vulnerable or duplicated. LastPass encrypts your data using AES-256 bit encryption and utilizes two-factor authentication before authorizing access to your "vault." The premium version of LastPass (\$12 per year) allows you to create a shared family folder (up to five users) and comes with 1GB of encrypted file storage, plus enhanced security features.

1Password (<https://1password.com>) is a full-featured password manager that costs \$36 per year for a single user or \$60 per year for a family of up to 5 users. It supports the Mac, Windows, iOS and Android operating systems and allows for both web and offline access. 1Password uses AES-256 bit encryption and verifies the authenticity of a remote server before transmitting your information. 1Password adds an additional security layer through a Secret Key (34 letters and numbers separated by dashes) that is stored on your authorized devices and can be saved on your web browser or in your iCloud keychain or Android back-up device. 1Password allows you to identify specific accounts as Favorites and to tag your accounts by type (e.g., personal, work, household, financial, travel) to quickly find the information you need.

Dashlane (<https://www.dashlane.com>) is a password manager and digital wallet that costs \$39 per year for the sync-able, multi-user version. A free version is available for use on a single device and without the ability to sync with your smartphone or tablet. Dashlane supports the Mac, Windows, iOS and Android operating systems, utilizes AES-256 bit encryption, and supports two-factor authentication. When you click in a new password field or create a new account, Dashlane opens a password generator that allows you to select the password length and choose from three character sets (digits, letters, and symbols), although it does not distinguish between uppercase and lowercase letters. The password generator also graphically displays the strength of your password. Dashlane identifies weak or duplicated passwords and can automate the password change process for 500 supported websites.

By using a password manager, I rest easy knowing my account information is secure. I can now focus my frustrations on check-out lines and traffic jams.

NCACC Treasurer's Report

Janet Johnson (AZ)

The Treasurer's Financial Report consists of year-end 2016 documents, including the Comparative Balance (2015 and 2016), a Comparative Income and Expense Statement (2015 and 2016), Income and Expenses by Project Detail (General, Annual Conference, Education and Technology) for 2016, and finally, the Comparative Balance Sheet (2016 and 2017) through April.

I have spent considerable time during my tenure as NCACC Treasurer becoming familiar with the accounting of the organization's funds and working with the National Center to make corrections to various postings to the accounts. I am grateful for President Irene Bizzoso's amazing knowledge and patience with my many questions. I am also grateful to the Finance and Investment Committee comprised of Chris Crow, Penny Miller, Ed Hosken and Joe Lane for their guidance and wisdom.

NCACC Finance and Investment Committee

A conference call was held on April 13, 2017 with the Finance and Investment Committee. The Committee discussed the current investment strategy, previous recommendations made to the Board and a recommendation to maintain continuity within the membership of the Finance and Investment Committee.

The Committee agreed that investment and other recommendations made to previous NCACC Boards should be reviewed and memorialized in a more accessible manner. Penny Miller agreed to review the minutes of past Board meetings to document these recommendations and Board actions.

Given the low rate of return on the Sun Trust Money Market accounts, the Committee recommended review of other options for investment. It was also recommended that more of the available cash be placed in the money market account in order to derive greater benefit.

Finally, the Committee recommended that membership of this particular committee benefits from continuity of members who have historical knowledge of the organization's finances.



National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks Comparative Financial Report 2015 and 2016

	2015	2016
Balance Sheet		
Cash in Bank	\$ 123,770.15	\$ 118,194.72
Money Market - Education Fund	91,123.63	91,151.00
Money Market - Technology	18,411.33	18,416.86
Prepays and Advances	11,988.16	15,988.16
<i>Assets</i>	<u>\$ 245,293.27</u>	<u>\$ 243,750.74</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$ 245,293.27</u></u>	<u><u>243,750.74</u></u>
Accounts Payable	\$ 47.60	\$ 741.59
Accrued Fees and Income	0	0
<i>Liabilities</i>	<u>\$ 47.60</u>	<u>\$ 741.59</u>
Education Fund	\$ 113,984.23	\$ 118,728.60
Technology Fund	18,381.02	15,381.04
Unrestricted Fund Balance	112,880.42	108,899.51
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u>\$ 245,245.67</u>	<u>\$ 243,009.15</u>
<i>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$ 245,293.27</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 243,750.74</u></u>



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Income & Expense Statement

	2015	2016
Revenue		
Membership Dues	\$ 21,125.00	\$ 22,375.00
Donations	6,057.00	5,277.00
Interest/Investment Income	14.21	12.90
Interest/Education Fund	53.70	27.37
Interest/Technology Fund	5.51	5.53
Fees/Registrations	39,462.00	38,288.00
Sales & Other Income	65,855.34	76,652.00
Total Revenue	\$ 132,572.76	\$ 142,637.80
Expenses		
Executive Committee Meeting	1,315.02	1,431.62
Travel	6,156.97	9,517.69
Honoraria	500.00	500.00
Audio Visual	7,739.51	12,253.01
Food and Beverage	65,083.37	37,961.94
Conference Expenses	37,470.16	65,162.61
Speaker Fee		3,000.00
Office Expenses	1,748.39	1,867.41
Licenses and Fees	662.50	684.25
Scholarship/Awards/Contrb.	6,902.22	4,019.07
Admin Supp/Contract Fee	9,892.00	9,990.00
	\$ 137,470.14	\$ 146,387.60
Current Gain (Loss)	\$ (4,897.38)	\$ (3,749.80)



Annual Financial Report

Income & Expenses by Project - 2016

	Projects				Total Revenue
	General Operations	Annual Conference	Education Fund	Technology Fund	
Revenue					
Membership Dues	\$22,375.00				\$22,375.00
Donations			5277.00		\$5,277.00
Interest Income	12.90				\$12.90
Interest - Education Fund			27.37		\$27.37
Interest - Technology Fund				5.53	\$5.53
Fees/Registration		38288.00			\$38,288.00
Sales and Other Income		76652.00			\$76,652.00
Total Revenue	\$22,387.90	\$114,940.00	\$ 5,304.37	\$ 5.53	\$142,637.80
Expenses					
Executive Committee Meetings	\$ 1,431.62				\$ 1,431.62
Travel	1590.94		7926.75		\$ 9,517.69
Honoraria			500.00		\$ 500.00
Audio Visual		12,253.01			\$ 12,253.01
Food and Beverage		37,961.94			\$ 37,961.94
Conference Expenses		65,162.61			\$ 65,162.61
Speaker Fee				3000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Office Expenses	912.98				\$ 912.98
License/Fees	25.00		659.25		\$ 684.25
Insurance Expenses	954.43				\$ 954.43
Scholarships	2600.00				\$ 2,600.00
Admin Supp/Contract Fee	9990.00				\$ 9,990.00
Awards	1242.92				\$ 1,242.92
President Gifts	176.15				\$ 176.15
Total Expenses	\$ 18,924.04	\$ 115,377.56	\$ 9,086.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 146,387.60
Current Gain (Loss)	\$3,463.86	\$ (437.56)	\$ (3,781.63)	\$ (2,994.47)	\$ (3,749.80)



**National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks
Comparative Financial Report 2016 and 2017
through April**

	<i>Through April</i> 2016	<i>Through April</i> 2017	Difference
Balance Sheet			
Cash in Bank	\$ 123,962.18	\$ 136,420.92	\$ 12,458.74
Money Market - Education Fund	91,132.68	91,159.99	27.31
Money Market - Technology	18,413.16	18,418.67	5.51
Prepays and Advances	15,988.16	12,988.16	\$ (3,000.00)
<i>Assets</i>	<u>\$ 249,496.18</u>	<u>\$ 258,987.74</u>	<u>\$ 9,491.56</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 249,496.18</u>	<u>\$ 258,987.74</u>	<u>\$ 9,491.56</u>
Accounts Payable	\$ 353.96	\$ 14.36	\$ (339.60)
Accrued Fees and Income	833.00	841.33	8.33
<i>Liabilities</i>	<u>\$ 1,186.96</u>	<u>\$ 855.69</u>	<u>\$ (331.27)</u>
Education Fund	\$ 114,058.28	\$ 119,961.35	\$ 5,903.07
Technology Fund	18,377.34	18,418.67	41.33
Unrestricted Fund Balance	115,873.60	119,752.03	3,878.43
<i>Net Assets</i>	<u>\$ 248,309.22</u>	<u>\$ 258,132.05</u>	<u>\$ 9,822.83</u>
<i>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</i>	<u>\$ 249,496.18</u>	<u>\$ 258,132.05</u>	<u>\$ 9,491.56</u>

Beyond E-Filing: Remote Access to Electronic Court Records

Greg Pachmayr,
Clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Tax Court

The Indiana judiciary has embraced digital technology to be more efficient and to serve the public. As a part of that process, the Indiana Supreme Court has created a task force to make recommendations to the Court in order to resolve questions surrounding online and remote access to electronic court records. This article will give a short overview of the process and recommendations of interest to appellate court clerks.

Background

In May 2015, the Appellate Clerk's Office moved from a 30+ year-old case management system to the Odyssey case management system. The transition to Odyssey opened the door to e-filing in the appellate courts. In November 2015, the appellate courts began an e-filing pilot project, just six months after deploying the new case management system. E-filing became mandatory for all non-case-initiating documents filed by attorneys on July 1, 2016.

Given the precedential nature of appellate cases, orders and opinions from the Indiana Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Tax Court have been available online for years. Appellate briefs filed by attorneys in public case types on or after April 1, 2016 have been available online since April 2016. Motions filed by attorneys in public cases on or after July 1, 2016 are also available online.

The Indiana Trial Court Technology team has a similar task: the voluntary conversion of the lower courts in Indiana's 92 counties to the Odyssey case management system and beginning e-filing county by county. The case management system conversion is currently running parallel to the e-filing track, with courts using Odyssey beginning to e-file and new counties making the transition to Odyssey from their legacy systems before starting e-filing.

With the Indiana judiciary moving full-steam into the electronic world, the question of online access to documents is at the forefront.

Task Force

By [Supreme Court Order](#), the Advisory Task Force on Remote Access to and Privacy of Electronic Court Records was created on February 3, 2016. The Court directed the Task Force to make recommendations that balance "litigants' privacy against the public convenience (and expectation) of remote access over the Internet."

The Task Force is comprised of trial and appellate judges, county clerks, professors, practicing attorneys, media, and other stakeholders. The Task Force met throughout 2016 and made its recommendations late in the year. These recommendations went out for [public comment](#) before the Chief Justice issued an [order](#) in February 2017. The Task Force continues to meet throughout 2017.

Recommendations

The order set out dates on or after which certain recommendations are to be implemented:

- March 1, 2017: Public access to financial payments, public access to select civil orders, and public access to expungement cases.
- May 1, 2017: Registered attorney access.
- August 1, 2017: Public access to final orders in criminal cases.
- September 1, 2017: Registered attorney of record access.
- November 1, 2017: Registered party access.

Beyond E-Filing: Remote Access to Electronic Court Records (Cont.)

Given that appellate orders and opinions have been available online for some time in Indiana, the recommendations regarding expungements, certain civil orders, and criminal case documents do not have a substantive impact on the Appellate Clerk's Office. Likewise, access to financial payments do not have a major impact on the Appellate Courts since the Indiana Appellate Rules do not allow documents to be filed after the Notice of Appeal if a required filing fee has not been paid and since the Appellate Clerk does not track payment of judgments.

Of interest to the Appellate Clerk's Office – and appellate practitioners – are the recommendations regarding registered attorney and party access. Given the potential for confidential or salacious information to be made public, appendices, transcripts, and exhibits have been left off-line in “practical obscurity.” With the implementation of the Task Force's recommendations to date, attorneys and parties will be able to reap the benefits of online access while limiting risks to privacy.

Implementation

As of June 5, 2017, attorneys are able to sign in to mycase.in.gov¹ and view all public non-confidential case documents. Attorneys will be able to view online any documents a member of the public could view if they visited the Clerk's Office. Attorneys use their Roll of Attorneys/Court Portal sign in credentials to access this functionality of mycase.in.gov.

The next logical step is to allow attorneys to have access to public and confidential case documents in cases where an appearance has been filed. This functionality should be available on or after September 1, 2017. The intent is to allow appellate attorneys to have access to both their appellate case records and the lower court case records. This will greatly increase the amount of work attorneys can accomplish prior to the lower court record being assembled.

The final step is to allow parties online access to documents in cases in which they are a party. This recommendation is the most challenging, as parties typically do not have Roll of Attorney credentials or e-mail addresses in their party records in Odyssey. This makes authentication of their identities a primary challenge.

All of this is incumbent upon the correct security codes being applied to cases and documents in the Odyssey case management system. When processing documents, Clerk's Office staff apply one of three security settings: public, restricted, or confidential. The public and confidential settings are self-explanatory. Restricted documents are those that traditionally have not been accessible online but would be accessible if someone came into the Appellate Clerk's Office.

Conclusion

In a span of a few short years, the Appellate Clerk's office has undergone a dramatic transformation. The move from an archaic case management system to Odyssey, the implementation of e-filing, and the expansion of remote access have all proven to be difficult but rewarding tasks that ultimately benefit the bench, the bar, and the citizens of Indiana.

¹ <https://mycase.in.gov> is a website that allows the public to search for non-confidential cases in Indiana courts that use the Odyssey case management system.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF APPELLATE COURT CLERKS
FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING**

Denver, Colorado

**Sunday, July 31, 2016
through
Thursday, August 4, 2016**

Call to order:

President Blake Hawthorne called the Forty-third Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks to order at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, 2016. He welcomed everyone to the conference. Steve Lancaster (IN) was introduced as the parliamentarian for the meeting, and confirmed that a quorum was present. President Hawthorne then recognized the 2015-2016 NCACC Officers and Executive Committee, as well as Polly Brock, Host of the 2016 Annual Conference

Roll Call of States:

Secretary Sherry Williamson (TX) called the roll of states, recognizing each person registered and present. President Hawthorne then welcomed the new members and first-time attendees.

Approval of minutes:

President Hawthorne asked for the approval or amendments to the minutes of the 2015 NCACC Annual Meeting, which were published in the June edition of *The Docket*. Terry Lord (MO) moved that the minutes be approved; Penny Miller (ND) seconded; motion carried.

Moment of Memorial Silence:

Polly Brock requested a moment of silence to honor the passing of Arnie, the Aardvark, the NCACC mascot. He has succumbed to a postal worker terrorist attack.

Committee Reports

President's Report:

President Hawthorne said that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as this year's President. The year started by the Executive Committee holding their Fall meeting at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, to get everything set up for the 2017 Annual Conference. It is a great location to hold the conference. He attended the Rehnquist dinner at the United States Supreme Court, where Chief Justice Roberts was the speaker. Next, President Hawthorne attended the COSCA mid-year meeting in Monterey, California. The Spring Executive Committee meeting was held in Miami Beach, Florida. He recently attended the Conference of Chief Judges in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The main message of the speaker was that transparency and trust are key to leadership.

Host Report:

Polly Brock said that the conference attendees will be going to the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center this evening for a tour of the center. Bloomberg BNA will be providing a dinner for everyone. The silent/live auction and Morgan Thomas slideshow will also be held there.

Program Report:

Eileen Fox thanked the members of the committee: Rex Renk, vendor chair; Polly Brock, host; Kristen Brown (PA); Timothy Gudas (NH); Petra Hulm (ND); Jenny Kitchings (SC); Scott Mitchell (AL); and Larry Royster (MI). This week's program consists of 17 hours of educational credit. Eileen reviewed the program schedule for the week.

Awards Committee:

Ruth Willingham (AZ) thanked the members of the committee: Bill DeCicco (DC); Ed Hosken (DC); Marilyn May (AK); Rex Renk (MT); and Lillian Ritchie, (LA), Liaison. She said that this committee has been combined with the Resolutions and Memorials Committee, and the two committees have worked together to prepare new guidelines. Ruth reported that nominations were solicited and received for the J.O. Sentell Award and the Morgan Thomas Award to be presented at the end of the week.

Bylaws Committee:

Terry Lord (MO) reported that this committee has had a very active year. He thanked the members of his committee: Ed Hosken (DC); Joseph Lane (CA); Dan Shearouse (SC); Charlene Ynson (CA); and Irene Bizzoso (PA), Liaison. All the proposed changes to the Bylaws were published in the June issue of *The Docket*. Terry said there were three big changes to the Bylaws.

First -- 1) The Awards Committee and the Resolutions and Memorials Committee have been combined, and will be called the Awards, Resolutions and Memorials Committee; 2) The Publications Committee and the Public Relations Committee have been combined, and will be called the Communications Committee; and 3) The Membership and the Pictorial Directory Committee have been combined, and will be called the Membership and Pictorial Committee. Even though there are three fewer committees, there will still be plenty of opportunity for members to serve. There was a restriction of nine members per committee, but that restriction has now been removed. The only limitation is that each committee must have at least three members.

Second – The Committee researched whether the two “select” committees, Educational Fund and Past Presidents, should be kept in the Bylaws as Select Committees, or should they be added to the list of Standing Committees. The Bylaws Committee determined that the distinctions were insufficient to justify treating the Select Committees as separate from the Standing Committees. All committees are now Standing Committees.

Third – Research into Robert's Rules of Order revealed that Select Committees and Special Committees were really one and the same. Select Committees were morphed into Special Committees. The committee structure is now: Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and Special Committees. A Special Committee is a committee named for a specific purpose by the President. It does its work, serves the purpose, and then dissolves.

Terry concluded with saying that the committees were also alphabetized and Section 7 of the Bylaws was significantly redone. There will be further discussion and time for questions at the Business Meeting on Thursday.

Contracts Committee:

Bill DeCicco (DC) thanked the members of the committee: Greg Block (DC); Kristen Brown (PA); Tom Harris (NV); and Doug Robelen (VA). The committee was asked to review three contracts this year—two for the hotels for the Executive Committee meetings and one for a restaurant for the Executive Committee. He has just been given a hotel contract to review for the fall Executive Committee meeting.

Convention Assistance Committee:

Deana Williamson (TX) introduced the members of the committee: Polly Brock (Host); Debbie Autrey (TX); Kristen Brown (PA); Bill DeCicco (DC); Pam Estes (TX); Jenny Kitchings (SC); Scott Mitchell (AL); Chris Prine (TX); Rex Renk (MT); Kevin Smith (IN) (absent); and Ruth Willingham (AZ). She stated that all committee members are ready to assist during the conference. She asked for crazy travel stories from members, so the Trailblazer Award may be given on Thursday.

Educational Fund Committee:

Larry Royster (MI) thanked the members of the committee: Irene Bizzoso (PA) and Tracie Lindeman (NV). He reported that the balance of the Educational Fund is \$113,828.72. This fund is used primarily for the Opperman speaker, but also the other speakers. A survey was sent out to members over the listserv asking whether people would or would not use a credit card payment screen on the NCACC website for paying your annual dues or making monetary donations. Twenty-five members said they would not use the credit card payment option, and twenty-four members said they would use this option.

Membership Committee:

Carol Anne Harley (TX) reported that there are 207 active members—157 regular, 43 retired, 4 complimentary, and 3 honorary members. The committee worked on combining the guidelines of the Membership Committee and the Pictorial Directory Committee. She gave special recognition to Joseph Lane (CA) for his hard work in preparing the initial draft. The new electronic membership form has been a great tool for collecting information on new members. She asked that everybody update their email address, so a correct list is available. She thanked the committee members for their hard work: Eileen Fox (NH); Jenny Kitchings (SC); Joseph Lane (CA); and Kelly McNeely (LA). President Hawthorne thanked Carol Anne for taking over the duties of the listserv.

Nominating Committee:

Penny Miller (ND) thanked the members of the committee: Irene Bizzoso (PA); Greg Block (DC); Colette Bruggman (CA); Susan Clary (KY); Terry Lord (MO); and Ruth Willingham (AZ). The committee presented two issues to the Executive Committee for discussion:

1) Travel for Executive Committee members to attend the meetings—This appears to be an impediment for some people to accept the position.

2) Whether or not a Deputy Clerk may be nominated for the position of President—The perception has been that this is not to be done. A suggestion has been made that if this is the case, then it should be incorporated into the Bylaws.

Joseph Stanton (MA) resigned from the Executive Committee earlier this year. At that time, President Hawthorne asked for a nomination to fill the unexpired term. Scott Mitchell (AL) was nominated and approved. There is still one year remaining on the unexpired term, and Jakob Trierweiler (AZ) is being nominated to complete that term. He will be Program Chair the following year, and this will be helpful for that position.

Penny presented the following slate of officers for the upcoming year:

Vice-President – Dan Shearouse, Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Secretary – Sherry Williamson, Clerk, Texas Eleventh Court of Appeals
Executive Committee Member (2-year term) -- Janet Johnson, Clerk,
Arizona Supreme Court
Executive Committee Member (2-year term) -- Lisa Collins, Clerk,
Utah Court of Appeals
Executive Committee Member (2-year term) – Scott Mitchell, Clerk,
Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals

Membership will vote on Thursday.

Pictorial Directory Committee:

President Hawthorne reported that the new NCACC directories were sent out on time. Kevin Stinson (CA) did a great job on getting this accomplished and ensuring that all the corrections were made. Kevin worked hard on consolidating the guidelines for the Pictorial Directory Committee and Membership Committee. Since Kevin is the NCACC photographer and is not able to attend the conference this year, there is an online photo directory to upload pictures from the conference and he encouraged all members to take pictures and upload them. NCACC also now has a twitter page. Kevin Lane (CA) reported that the twitter page is @NCACC.org. We currently have 15 members following the page. For posting pictures on the page, use #ncacc2016.

Public Relations Committee:

Tim Gudas (NH) thanked the committee members: Carol Anne Harley (TX); Doug Robelen (VA); Larry Royster (MI); and Jakob Trierweiler (AZ). He reported that the function of this committee is to prepare press releases for recently elected officers and Executive Committee members. The press releases for the current nominations will be released in early fall. The committee also reached out

to various Canadian clerks, but this effort has not proved to be fruitful. A survey was also done asking why members do not attend the conference. The two main reasons were insufficient court funding and scheduling conflicts.

Publications Committee:

Kevin Lane (CA) thanked the committee members: Paula Garcia (CA); Carol Anne Harley (TX); Trish Harrington (VA); Scott Mitchell (AL); Greg Pachmayr (IN); Joseph Stanton (MA); and Deana Williamson (TX), with special recognition to his co-editor, Sherry Williamson (TX). Four issues of *The Docket* were timely published this year.

Scholarship Committee:

Lisa Matz (TX) thanked the committee members: Petra Hulm (ND); Kelly McNeeley (LA); and Jakob Trierweiler (AZ). She reported that the committee received three scholarship applications, totaling \$3,212.00. One requested an exemption for the registration fee. The Executive Committee approved all applications.

Site Selection Committee:

Dan Shearouse (SC) thanked the committee members: Debbie Autrey (TX); Kristen Brown (PA); Susan Clary (KY); Pam Estes (TX); Tom Hall (FL); Ed Hosken (DC); Janet Johnson (AZ); Lisa Matz (TX); Kelly McNeely (LA); Rex Renk (MT); and Larry Royster (MI). Dan made a recommendation about how to increase the amount of bids for hosting a conference to the Executive Committee. A presentation will be made on Monday morning about the basics of hosting. A bid to host the 2019 annual conference has been submitted by Susan Clary for Lexington, Kentucky, and has been approved by the Executive Committee. Susan said "bourbon and horses for all!"

Strategic Planning Committee:

President Hawthorne reported that the committee reviewed the Bylaws changes. He next discussed the logo redesign. This project was started a couple of years ago by Rory Perry (WV), but a decision was never finalized. Polly Brock's husband, Marty, was kind enough to volunteer several redesigns of the logo. The Executive Committee approved two of those redesigns. These two logos and the current logo were published in the last issue of *The Docket*. There are some strong feelings on this subject. A vote will be taken on Thursday during the business meeting.

Technology Committee:

Chris Prine (TX) thanked the members of the committee: Petra Hulm (ND); Jenny Kitchings (SC); Joseph Stanton (MA); and Lonn Weissblum (FL). Chris reported that this was an easy year, because the host, Polly Brock, handled all the technology for the conference. The committee submitted four technology articles for *The Docket* this year. There is some unfinished business of preparing a paper on e-filing in the courts. Also, a new webmaster must be selected.

Special Committee:

President Blake Hawthorne next asked Greg Block (DC) to present the Special Committee's recommendations on ethical issues with vendor relations. He stated that the ethics opinion issued by the Committee on Codes of Conduct of the Judicial Conference of the United States lays out an explanation of an ethics quandary that is directly at odds with the vendor relations policies of this conference. Some modifications have been made to the conference schedule to reflect vendor-sponsored events, plus a mechanism for the member to pay for such an event was created by the host, Polly Brock. The concern of the committee is to provide a clear picture of how the vendor relations process works, and to ensure that each member is in compliance. A report was provided to each member on the committee's findings and recommendations. On Thursday, discussion will held on this subject.

There being no further business, Trish Harrington (VA) made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Rex Renk (MT) seconded; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on July 31, 2016.

The Forty-third Annual Business Meeting resumed at 11:40 a.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2016 with a call to order by President Blake Hawthorne (TX). Steve Lancaster (IN), Parliamentarian, noted the presence of a quorum.

Past Presidents Committee:

John Olivier (LA) thanked the committee members: David Beach (VA); Susan Clary (KY); Bill DeCicco (DC); Deena Fawcett (CA); Leslie Gradet (MD); Marilyn Graves (WI); Tom Hall (FL); Jean Kennett (MA); Frans Labranche (LA); Steve Lancaster (IN); Joseph Lane (CA); Terry Lord (MO); Marilyn May (AK); Penny Miller (ND); Rory Perry (WV); Keith Richardson (IA); Christie Roeder (NC); Sandra Skinner (MO); Ed Smith (MT); Stephen Townsend (NJ); John Wilkerson (AL); Ella Williams (MI); and Michael Yerly (CA). The committee reviewed all the revised Bylaws created by the merging of committees and agree that the merging is a good idea.

Treasurer's Report:

Tracie Lindeman reported that all accounts have been consolidated into one bank. Chris Crow (LA) is in the process of scanning all the past Treasurer's reports. The account is holding steady, with no big investments this last year. A question was presented about the CATO money still showing up as a restricted fund. It was suggested to rename the fund as "Technology Fund". Irene Bizzoso will follow up on this change.

Retiree Awards:

A retiree award was presented to the following retirees: Ruth Willingham (AZ); Peggy Culp (TX); Christie Roeder (NC); Cathy Lusk (TX); Deena Fawcett (CA); Ron Carpenter (WA); and Danielle Schott (LA).

Logo Redesign:

Rory Perry reported that discussions started at the conference in Seattle, Washington about coming up with a new logo after the Bylaws were changed to accept international members. The current logo is about 40 years old and was designed before modern digital techniques were available. It is difficult to replicate on the website and on t-shirts, lapel pins, etc. Since a graphics designer was available (Polly Brock's husband), it was decided to just take a look at various options. It was a great concern for all membership to be included, so a notice was placed in the June issue of *The Docket* and a survey was sent out asking each member's opinion. Only 13 responses were received. The following options to the logo are being presented to the membership:

A – reworking of current logo;

B – departure from current logo; symbolic with torch of excellence; entire name spelled out; and

C – current logo.

It was noted that the removal of the flags from the logo was not intended to be unpatriotic.

The floor was opened for discussion.

After the discussion concluded, a vote was taken, with all regular and retired members in good standing participating. 40 members voted in favor of changing the logo; 19 members voted against changing the logo. The majority voted to change, so those votes carry. It was clarified that this vote was to change the logo to one of the current options, A or B as published in *The Docket*.

The next vote was taken to select a logo. Penny Miller (ND) moved to approve the “A” logo; Tom Hall seconded. Marilyn May offered a friendly amendment to approve the “A” logo or “B” logo. This friendly amendment was not accepted. The motion on the floor was to approve the “A” logo. There were 37 members in favor of the “A” logo; 23 members voted against the “A” logo. The selection of logo “A” has passed.

Great recognition was given to Marty Gregg for all his hard work on creating the logo designs.

Bylaws Changes:

Terry Lord, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, reported that the following changes were made to the Bylaws:

First -- 1) The Awards Committee and the Resolutions and Memorials Committee have been combined, and will be called the Awards, Resolutions and Memorials Committee; 2) The Publications Committee and the Public Relations Committee have been combined, and will be called the Communications Committee; and 3) The Membership and the Pictorial Directory Committee have been combined, and will be called the Membership and Pictorial Committee.

Second – All committees are now Standing Committees.

Third – There are no more Select Committees. The committee structure is now: Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and Special Committees. The restriction on the maximum number of members on a committee has been removed.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Steve Lancaster (IN) read Article XI of the Bylaws. It was noted that all requirements have been met.

Penny Miller (ND) moved that the Bylaws amendments as published in *The Docket* be approved; Polly Brock (CO) seconded. Irene Bizzoso (PA) made a friendly amendment that if any typographical errors or minor corrections need to be made to the published Bylaws that the Secretary is able to make these corrections without approval. Penny Miller (ND) accepted the friendly amendment. A voice vote was taken and all approved.

Nominating Committee:

On behalf of the committee, Penny Miller (ND) offered the following slate of officers for the upcoming year:

Vice-President – Dan Shearouse, Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Secretary – Sherry Williamson, Clerk, Texas Eleventh Court of Appeals
Executive Committee Member (2-year term) -- Janet Johnson, Clerk,
Arizona Supreme Court
Executive Committee Member (2-year term) -- Lisa Collins, Clerk,
Utah Court of Appeals
Executive Committee Member (2-year term) – Scott Mitchell, Clerk,
Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals

Tom Hall (FL) moved to close the nominations; Marilyn May (AK) seconded; motion carried.

Sandra Skinner (MO) moved to approve the slate of officers offered by the Nominating Committee; John Olivier (LA) seconded; motion carried.

Resolutions and Memorials Committee:

Scott Mitchell (AL) read the language for the following resolutions and memorials:

RESOLUTIONS

43rd Annual Meeting Host: Polly Brock

43rd Annual Meeting Co-Host: Sonya Stromberg

Convention Assistance Committee Chair: Deana Williamson

And Members of the Committee: Debbie Autrey (TX); Kristen Brown (PA); Bill DeCicco (DC); Pam Estes (TX); Jenny Kitchings (SC); Scott Mitchell (AL); Chris Prine (TX); Rex Renk (MT); Kevin Smith (IN); and Ruth Willingham (AZ)

Program Committee Chair: Eileen Fox

And members of the committee: Polly Brock (CO); Kristen Brown (PA); Eydie Gaiser (WV); Timothy Gudas (NH); Petra Hulm (ND); Jenny Kitchings (SC); Scott Mitchell (AL); and Larry Royster (MI);

Vendor Show Coordinator: Rex Renk

Continuing Legal Education Credits Coordinator: Christine Crow

Dwight D. Opperman Foundation:

Educational Program Speakers:

Scott Berkun

Eric Brown

Stephanie Bunten

Judge Russell Carparelli

Daniel Cordova

Justice Daniel Crothers

Callie Dietz

John Doerner

Dr. Ulrich Herrmann

Brittany Kauffman

Jenny Abbott Kitchings

Anne Klinefelter

Chief Judge Alan Loeb

John Lowrie

Justice Monica Marquez

Mindy Masias

John Olivier

Chief Justice Nancy Rice

Christopher Ryan

Adam J. Schrager

Betsy Shumaker

Sean Slagle

Colorado Appellate Court Employees:

On-Site Technology Assistant: David Howe

Conference Technology Planning Assistance: Rito Vasquez

Conference Planning & Registration Technology: Angelia Meaux

Registration Technology: Isaac Counts

Volunteer Graphics Designer: Marty Gregg

Photography Assistance: Nick Gregg

The Docket Publication Committee: Kevin Lane, Chair and Editor

The Bylaws Committee Chair: Terry Lord

And Members of the Committee: Joseph Lane (CA); Ed Hosken (DC); Dan Shearouse (SC); and Charlene Ynson (CA).

Sponsors, Supporters, Exhibitors, and Vendors:

National Center for State Courts represented by John Doerner

Thomson Reuters represented by Tom Leighton, Brian Gallagher, Bob Smits, Nancy Owens, Rob Mosimann, Manoj Jain, Jamison Sarno, Mahesh Rengaswamy, Judy Rankin, John Rosteck, Tom Oritt

LexisNexis represented by Nikki Daugherty, Liz Christman, and Andrea Lay

Bloomberg BNA represented by Karyn Bowie, Mike Montalto, Erik Jensen, and Keris Threatt

Tyler Technologies represented by Meagan O'Leary

Fastcase represented by Phil Rosenthal and Nina Steinbrecker Jack

The Award Group represented by Christy Tedeschi

Brief-Lynx represented by David Vanderport, Lance Brink, and Mike Doucette

Decisia by Lexum represented by Joseph Khayat

Extract Systems, LLC represented by Troy Burke

Infax represented by Maddie Flowers and Kerrah Wood

Journal Technologies represented by Brian Watts and Sage Nyman

Justice AV Solutions represented by Shelly Knopf and William L. Knopf

Tybera Development Group represented by Dallas Powell and Norm Anderson

TLH Consulting Group, LLC represented by Tom Hall

MEMORIALS

The Resolutions and Memorials Committee is not aware of the passing of any members since the last annual meeting; accordingly, no memorials are necessary this year.

President Blake Hawthorne stated that this concluded the committee reports. Deena Fawcett (CA) moved that the committee reports be accepted and approved; Irene Bizzoso seconded; motion carried.

Special Committee:

President Blake Hawthorne stated that the floor was open for discussion on the ethics issue researched by the Special Committee. A few comments and questions were presented. President Hawthorne commended the Special Committee on doing a great job of researching this issue. Polly Brock and Eileen Fox were recognized for making it clear on the conference schedule which events were vendor sponsored.

President Hawthorne opened the floor for any further business. There was none offered.

2017 Host Presentation:

Tracie Lindeman, host of the 2017 annual conference, gave a presentation on the conference in Lake Tahoe. The conference will be held at Harvey's Resort, which is the property closest to the lake. There are a lot of things to do within walking distance, and she is excited to have everyone there!

There being no further business, Chris Prine (TX) made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Carol Anne Harley seconded; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on August 4, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Williamson
NCACC Secretary