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Welcome Message

From Marty Sullivan

Dear Southeast Region Members,

I am excited to announce that a NASJE Southeast Region Mid-Year Meeting will take place March 18th -19th, 2010 in Huntsville, Alabama. After careful consideration and generous membership feedback, I feel confident that this meeting will benefit all members who participate and the region as a whole. Hotel details and an agenda will be forth coming, but please mark your calendars and make an effort to come. We begin 1:00 p.m., Thursday, the 18th and conclude by 3:00 p.m., Friday afternoon. As I have mentioned before, it is more likely your bordering states will be able to pool resources in these tough economic times than states that are geographically distant. Sharing speakers, programming, and costs among our region, I believe, will be vital to our future success. As we watch budgets shrink, networking growth with our NASJE neighbors is more important than ever. I sincerely look forward to seeing you all and hope we can get as many Southeast members participating as possible.

I would like to extend a full hearted "thank you" to both Sherry Carson of Georgia and Wally Lowery of Alabama for their assistance in making the meeting happen. They have been invaluable sources of ideas and support. Sherry and I will start putting together an agenda for the Mid-Year Meeting soon, so if there is anything in particular you would like to see or a subject you feel needs to be addressed, don't hesitate to contact me.

On the subject of programming ideas, the Southeast Region will host the NASJE Annual Meeting in 2013. If anyone would like to put forth ideas on location, theme, speakers, or programs, feel free to email me.

Finally, I have included a truncated "minutes" for the November NASJE Board conference call. I thought it would be a good idea for everyone to have a little insight into the activities of the various committees and general business of the association. Once again, if you ever have questions concerning NASJE's actions or activities, please feel free to contact me.

I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that the coming Holiday Season finds you merry and full of cheer. Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to a great 2010!

Sincerely,

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Abridged Minutes

November NASJE Board Conference Call

Committee Reports

Diversity Committee:

The committee plans to have a monthly conference call. Goals include publication of articles in the NASJE newsletter, such as synopses of classes or seminars from the annual conference and helpful tips on diversity programming. Other goals are to recommend courses for the upcoming Annual Conference, working with other committees to get more members involved within the committee, and maintenance of a full range of diversity topics with regard to judicial education.

Education Committee:

The conference's theme for 2010 is "Technology". As a result, the committee is reaching out to the Technology Committee and was working to incorporate "Blended Learning" as an overall goal for the conference (using both face-to-face and electronic instruction). A sub-committee has formed to begin working on the 2011 Joint NACM/NASJE Conference.

Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee did not report, but two thirds of current NASJE members will renew their membership in December. Currently, NASJE has 163 members.

Mentor Committee:

The Mentor Committee is looking forward to a rejuvenated year. The current goal is to identify members that may want to serve as mentors and reconnect with mentors of the past.

Nominating Committee:

A survey will be sent out this year to see if anyone has recommendations for, or is interested in, Officer or Regional Director positions. Three years as a member

are required to serve as a Regional Director, and five years are required to serve as Vice-President.

By-Laws Committee:

Judith Anderson explained she awaits the final updates from last year which involved “electronic communication and electronic vote.”

Curriculum Committee:

This newly established committee will work on curriculum development and core competencies. In addition, it will apply for an SJI Grant to assist with this work.

Fund Raising Committee:

The first conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th at 12:30 EST.

Futures Advisory Committee:

Some goals for the committee include submission of a quarterly article for publication in the NASJE newsletter, a future program on retired judges, a future program on technology and ethics, and asking members via survey to suggest programs to add to the Catalog of Futures Oriented Programs.

International Committee:

The first conference call is scheduled for later this month. The committee’s goals include development of the international interest and skills database of our membership, as well as a proposed 2010 workshop – possibly involving immigration issues.

Newsletter Committee:

The Newsletter Committee did not report, but it is continuously looking for ways to make the newsletter more visually appealing.

Website and Technology Committee:

The committee’s goals are to establish a WebCT website containing curricula and other educational information for NASJE members, review the use of electronic voting consistent with the bylaw, and assist in development of a live online NASJE event scheduled for December 7, 2009. The committee would also like to review the NASJE website for content, appearance, and accessibility, as well as continue the development of the online curriculum builder. Education technology, both face-to-face and online modalities, remains a relevant investigation for judicial education.

Approval of September Board Meeting Minutes

Amendments to the September Board Meeting minutes were passed.

Report of Organization’s Business & Activity

Treasurer's Report:

Assets totaled \$109,471.79. Income less expenses for the year are a \$4,955.86 loss, but membership dues are paid in December. A \$16,000 SJI grant offset the \$14,000 loss on the Conference.

President's Report:

An update was provided on the SJI Grant Application, and others are encouraged to write letters of support. Past-President Kenny Miller passed away.

General Business**Conference Updates:****2011**

There will be a sub-committee conference call on November 30th. Geoff Dallas will be leaving the National Center for State Courts at the end of November.

2012

A contract is in place for the Boston meeting.

2013

The 2013 conference will be held in the Southeastern Region.

SJI Grant Application Updates:

NASJE has requested \$22,000 from SJI to support the Annual Conference.

Attendance at National Conferences (e.g., COSCA):

David Boyd of Iowa has been appointed as NASJE's liaison to COSCA. Christy Tull would like to know if anyone plans to attend any national conference.

Memorial Tribute to Kenny Miller:

Discussions were opened for ways to honor Kenny Miller, such as a memorial fund, NASJE scholarship in his name, or slideshow at the 2010 meeting. Other ideas included naming part of the Annual Conference after him, but some reminded to be cautious of the financial precedent such a decision would set. The discussion was tabled until the financial costs could be further analyzed.

Next Conference Call:

The next conference call is scheduled for December 14th and will last 1.5 hours.

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