

KANSAS MUNICIPAL JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
August 19, 2020 – VIA GoToMeeting

Officers and directors present for the meeting were:

Jason Maxwell-	President	OJA Staff: Denise Kilwein
Scott Wright -	President Elect	Van Printy
Jennifer Jones -	Secretary	
Greg Nickel-	Treasurer	
Karen Torline -	Past President	

Leslie Beims	Northwest Director
Fred A. Johnson	Southeast Director
Keith Drill	Northeast Director
Randy Pankratz	South Central Director
Doug Thompson	North Central Director

Absent from the meeting:

Daniel Love	Southwest Kansas Director
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President Jason Maxwell called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. Randy Pankratz, moved to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2019 and April 27, 2020 meetings. Jennifer Jones seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes from the May 26, 2020 KMJA General Meeting were reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee. They will be presented to the membership at the next General Meeting formal approval.

Treasurer Greg Nickel presented a treasurer’s report indicating a balance of \$30,929.39 as of August 19, 2020. Keith Drill moved to approve the report. Karen Torline seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dues Discussion: A discussion was held regarding when dues notices go out to the members. Denise Kilwein indicated that notice typically goes out 1-2 months prior to the annual conference and a list is provided at the conference to remind members to pay. Greg Nickel advised he sent notice in January and followed up in March to those members who had not paid. Many members

have paid but there are still others who have not. It was agreed to leave the procedures in place and to encourage all members to pay.

Incorporation Issues: Karen Torline reported that the Annual Report and fees are due in November of each year. The report can be completed online and will require a listing of the new Board of Directors and the name of the Registered Agent and Registered Address of the organization. It was moved by Randy Pankratz that the Treasurer would be responsible for completing the Annual Report and would be designated as the Registered Agent and the Registered Address for the organization. Motion seconded by Karen Torline and the motion carried.

Website Update: Greg Nickel agrees to continue to maintain the website. He was commended for the fine job he has done thus far.

Legislative Committee: Karen Torline discussed progress being made on previous issues that had been identified. Some issues identified are being worked by other committees/groups and she is continuing to monitor their progress. Scott Jorgensen with OJA is also assisting the committee in tracking bills. Suggested additions to the previous list of changes:

- Expungement statute modified to allow for immediate expungement upon successful completion of a Drug Court program.
- Removal of fingerprint requirements from No Driver's License and No Proof of Insurance convictions.
- Pleas by Counsel by email in addition to those acceptable by mail.

Additional ideas or suggestions should be sent to Karen Torline. Keith Drill and Scott Wright agreed to be added to the committee. Anyone else interested can contact Karen.

Annual Caseload Report: Denise Kilwein reported that the Municipal Clerks committee and the KMJA Education committee are working on a draft of modifications to the form. Their work has been placed on hold due to COVID 19, however she is still hopeful the new form will be available next year.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Annual Conference: We will plan for an in-person conference and will cancel if necessary.

Items discussed related to the conference are below:

- A “Save the Date” reminder will go out in December.
- The conference will be in Wichita.
- Social Event: It was discussed and agreed that the ice cream social was not well attended and would not be continued. Greg Nickel moved that we reschedule an outing for members and spouses at Chicken and Pickle. Fred Johnson seconded, and the motion carried. Karen Torline will make the arrangements. Members will be asked to register, in advance, their intent to attend.
- Cookies and Soda: It was discussed and agreed that although the cookies and soda through the hotel are expensive, these items are popular and should continue in the same format as in past conferences.
- Trivia and Gift cards: It was suggested that we continue this activity. Scott Wright moved and Fred Johnson seconded that we contact Kent Collins to see if he is willing to take over this activity. Motion carried. Fred Johnson will contact Kent Collins.
- Hospitality Suite: James Campbell has agreed to host this activity. It was moved by Randy Pankratz and seconded by Keith Drill that we fund this activity at the same amount as past conferences. Motion carried.
- Michael Barbara and Fred Benson Awards: Board agreed to send out an email to everyone on the listserv to request nominations approximately one (1) month prior to the conference.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place in December along with the Education Committee. Date and time to be determined.

There being no more business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Doug Thompson, seconded by Randy Pankrantz, and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jones
KMJA Secretary