

KMJA Joint Board and Education Committee Mtg.  
Dec. 7, 2020

KMJA members present:

Jason Maxwell  
Scott Wright  
Daniel Love  
Keith Drill  
Katie McElhinney  
Greg Nickel  
Nancy Muck  
Karen Torline  
Fred Johnson  
Ted Griffith  
Steve Baccus  
Leslie Beims  
Randy Pankratz  
Doug Thompson  
Jennifer Jones (joined meeting late)

OJA staff present:

Denise Kilwein  
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Education Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Denise Kilwein .

1. 2020 Webinars: Several Natl. Judicial College Webinars were held throughout 2020 that were authorized for CLE and CJE credit for the KMJA. OJA also offered 5 Supreme Court ethics hours and approved many KS CLE and CJE hours through judicial college as well. No attorney judges have indicated they had problems obtaining their hours. Non-lawyer judges have until the end of the year. No issues that she knows of for the 40-45 non-lawyer judges.
2. 2021 Annual Conference: Education committee has had several zoom calls to plan the conference and has 13 CJE/CLE hours planned, 2 of which are ethics.
  - Virtual courtrooms
  - Driver's license issues
  - Mental Health
  - Driver's solutions
  - Nuts and bolts
  - Legislative
  - Manual update
  - Self-Represented litigants
  - Closing old cases and Collection
  - Restitution
  - Ethics: NJC

Per Denise, NJC cannot provide in-person speakers. So we need to decide how to move forward with the conference. Clerks conference will be virtual.

Jason Maxwell suggested just having the conference remotely. Suggests perhaps a spring and a fall. Concerned about getting hours done and virtually all at once.

Denise said Secretary Norman last week spoke about the rollout of the vaccine, for general population, it will be spring or summer at the earliest. We will not be able to have an in-person conference. NJC webinars are very good, we could just put them out and get as many hours of those as possible. Perhaps at least one per month. If doing for district judges, it may apply to both and offer to both. Could still have annual conference, business meeting, and still have a couple of sessions, all virtually.

Judge Love asked if the hours were going to be extended again, but that is unknown at this time. If so, could extend conference to July or so.

Judge Johnson said a lot of judges totally rely upon the conference for their hours. He would like to maybe extend the conference by a day, shorten some of the meetings, but still try to get 13 hours offered. Denise indicated we need to have a max. number of hours that we think someone can do in a day. But we need to make a final decision soon.  
Virtual? Number of hours? Date? Other offerings?

Judge Torline suggested the conference be by Zoom, present all 13 hours, record them, can watch live or record and watch later.

Judge Maxwell indicated he would like to just have the conference by zoom and present all 13 hours.

Judge Wright indicated there was a \$100 fee to get approval for pre-recorded courses.

Denise summarized the decisions: 1. Offer all 13 hours virtually, live and recorded for later viewing. 2. Can judges, lawyers and non-lawyers get credit for pre-recorded. If not, could still offer NJC offerings.

Non-lawyers have 13 hour requirements, on calendar year. Different rules and reporting periods but these are always accredited for both. NJC is different. Try to get those approved for both CLE and CJE. NJC will not send the CLE affidavit. to individuals. They just give the list of attendance to Denise.

All present indicated they would like to just have the entire conference on the scheduled two days.

Save the date will go out in January, registration notice in late January.

3. Court report statistics: Clerks education committee came out with a shortened, simplified form. Very clear on what is being requested. Asking for number of violations versus number of cases. Will add another category addressing drug cases.
4. Next date for the Education committee will be Jan. 11, 2021 at 4:00pm.
5. Education Committee was adjourned.

KMJA Board meeting was called to order by Judge Maxwell at 5:00p.m.

1. Approval of minutes from Aug. 19, 2020. Scott Wright moved to approve, Keith Drill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Trivia at the conference: Judge Johnson indicated Phil Durr is no longer a Municipal Judge so will not do the trivia. Judge Griffith said he would do the trivia. Denise Kilwein mentioned that OJA cannot monitor the answers because it is association business, not OJA.
3. Michael Barbara award: Judge Maxwell asked about the Michael Barbara award and whether we should do two at the next conference since we didn't do one for 2020. No opposition was mentioned, and it was decided that two will be handed out in 2021.
4. Judge Maxwell will send out an email about Fred Benson award as well.
5. Treasurer's report: Judge Maxwell indicated it was hard to tell the full snapshot of the entire year. Conversation was held concerning whether there should be just an annual treasurer's report.
6. Judge Nickel agrees to submit quarterly reports to the Board and an annual report to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in April.
7. Judge Nickel suggested an internal audit to go over bank statements and the reports, as there is currently no oversight. Judge Jones suggested perhaps the outgoing president be part of an audit committee, and have people that have the knowledge for that. The board will be granted access for oversight, but it was decided that no internal audit was necessary at this time.
8. Next KMJA Board meeting will be a joint meeting with the Education Committee on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p.m.
9. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen L. Torline  
Past President, KMJA  
Acting Secretary

Jennifer Jones  
Secretary