

KANSAS MUNICIPAL JUDGES ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

August 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM, via videoconference. In attendance were:

Scott Wright – President

Jennifer Jones – President Elect

Scott Miller – Secretary

Greg Nickel – Treasurer

Jason Maxwell – Past-President

Randall Pankratz – South Central Director

Doug Thompson – North Central Director

Leslie Beims – Northwest Director

Daniel Love – Southwest Director

Keith Drill – Northeast Director

Fred A. Johnson – Southeast Director

Van Printy – OJA Staff

Also in attendance were Nancy Muck and Katie McElhinney of the Municipal Judges Testing, Education and Advisory Committee.

The first item for consideration was the approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting. Director Drill moved to approve the minutes and Director Love seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next, the Board received the report of Treasurer Greg Nickel. Nickel indicated that supporting documents were available for inspection on a Google drive. Director Love moved to approve the report, and President Elect Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to old business. Three items were discussed. The first of these items was a wrap-up of the 2021 Municipal Judges Conference. After discussion, this item was referred to the Municipal Judges Testing, Education and Advisory Committee.

Next, discussion was held regarding the hiring of a lobbyist for the Kansas Municipal Judge's association. Director Pankratz stated that a lobbyist had not been hired due to cost considerations. The Board discussed other lower-cost options. A consensus was reached to consider other options. These options include relying on Municipal Judge's Association members who serve in the legislature and conduct media outreach, exploring a partnership with another organization with similar interests, or working with the League of Kansas Municipalities. No further action was taken on this issue.

The third item of old business discussed was updates to the Association's website. Treasurer Nickel noted that the committee lists of the website had been updated. President Wright thanked Nickel for his efforts in this matter.

The Board next turned its attention to items of new business. The first item considered was the 2022 conference. Among the items discussed were whether to have the conference in-person or online, whether to have a night out at Chicken N Pickle, whether to continue having the trivia contest with gift cards as prizes, planning for snacks and drinks, and whether to continue to host a hospitality room. An in-person conference was the preference of the Board, if health concerns do not make meeting in-person feasible. Further, the Board decided to reach out to Chicken N Pickle to determine whether a night out event could be hosted there. The Board was in favor of continuing the trivia contest, provided a new facilitator could be found. If the conference is held in person, the Board concluded that snacks should be provided but that the ice cream social should be discontinued due to lack of participation. Lastly, the Board was in favor of continuing providing and provisioning a hospitality suite for conference attendees.

The final topic of new business discussion was nominations for the Fred Benson and Michael Barbara awards. It was decided that the KMJA's listserv should be utilized to solicit nominations. Further, Past-President Maxwell suggested that Judge Karen Torline be nominated for the Michael Barbara Award.

It was proposed that the next meeting be tentatively scheduled for November. Then, Past-President Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Director Love seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting ended.