

KANSAS MUNICIPAL JUDGES ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM, via videoconference. In attendance were:

Scott Wright – President

Jennifer Jones – President Elect

Scott Miller – Secretary

Greg Nickel – Treasurer

Jason Maxwell – Past-President

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

The first item for consideration was the approval of the minutes of the August 26, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting. Director Love moved to approve the minutes, and, after second, the motion carried.

Next, the Board received the report of Treasurer Greg Nickel. Nickel noted that there have been minimal recent income or expenses since the last Board of Directors meeting. He stated that KMJA dues were being received at the normal rate. In response to a question, he stated that dues were paid for each city, even when a judge serves multiple cities.

Then, a discussion was held regarding the KMJA's response to pending Kansas legislation, specifically SB 365, SB 371, and HB 2556. These matters were referred to the legislative committee for further study and response, if appropriate.

The Board then discussed the upcoming 2022 KMJA Annual Conference. President Wright noted that the conference is currently scheduled to be held in person. Van Printy noted that other

conferences and events coordinated by the OJA were scheduled to be in person. Past-President Maxwell asked whether there would be a virtual attendance option. Printy indicated that the conference would likely be scheduled either in-person or virtually but not both due to the cost of retaining a third-party vendor to manage the virtual attendance component. President Wright, Vice President Jones, and others indicated that they were in favor of a hybrid attendance option. Printy indicated that some research regarding cost could be conducted.

On the issue of KMJA provided conference snacks, a discussion was held regarding the high expense of the snacks and the uncertainty of attendance numbers. Past-President Maxwell suggested ordering half the usual amount. Secretary Miller suggested that, if a hybrid attendance option is offered, that the conference registration form include a question about method of attendance. It was noted that the snack order only needed to be confirmed three to five days before the beginning of the conference. No action was taken on the item at this time.

The next item discussed was whether to plan an evening social activity for the conference. Due to uncertainty about the numbers who would attend the conference in person, a consensus was reached not to plan such an activity this year.

There being no objection, the practice of the KMJA hosting a hospitality suite at the conference is to be continued.

Regarding continuing the trivia contest with gift cards for prizes, the board was in favor of continuing the practice if a new moderator could be identified. Vice President Jones indicated that she would try to locate a potentially interested person.

Discussion was then held regarding nominations for the Fred Benson and Michael Barbara awards. President Wright stated that he would solicit nominations on the KMJA listserv.

There was no new business discussed. The next KMJA Board of Directors meeting was tentatively scheduled at 4:00 PM on February 23, 2022.

There being no other business, Director Drill moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.