

KANSAS MUNICIPAL JUDGES ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

APRIL 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order 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

Keith Drill – Northeast Director

Andy Hanson – OJA Staff

Van Printy – OJA Staff

The first item for consideration was the approval of the minutes of the January 26, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting. Director Drill moved to approve the minutes, and after Secretary Miller seconded the motion carried.

Then, the question of whether to have an additional Board of Directors meeting at the KMJA annual meeting was discussed. As the annual conference is scheduled to be held the following week, the consensus was that any such meeting would be redundant and therefore unnecessary.

Next, the Board received the report of Treasurer Greg Nickel. Nickel suggested that the Board consider creating an online KMJA registration form. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of accepting online dues payments. Also discussed was exploring it was possible to obtain a tax-exempt certificate for KMJA. Additional research was suggested regarding each of these items. Finally, a discussion was held regarding whether KMJA membership should be assessed per city or per judge. The consensus was that the current practice of charging a fee per city was appropriate due to the inability to accurately track turnover in each city's municipal judge positions.

The Board then turned its attention to old business.

Several items were discussed regarding the upcoming 2022 KMJA Annual Conference.

On the issue of KMJA provided conference snacks, after discussion Past-President Maxwell moved to continue the practice of providing afternoon snacks. President Elect Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The discussion then turned to the continuation of the trivia contest versus providing door prizes for attendees present at the start of each session. It was noted that nobody had been found or stepped forward to administer the trivia contest. Director Drill moved that door prizes be provided. Past-President Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Finally, the KMJA hospitality suite at the conference was discussed. It was noted that Past-President Maxwell and Judge McElhinney would be purchasing items for the hospitality suite. It was noted that due to inflation, the cost of items might be unpredictable and significantly more than years past. President Elect Jones moved to establish a \$1200 budget for the hospitality suite. Director Drill seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board then considered nominees for the Fred Benson and Michael Barbara awards. No eligible nominees were identified for the Fred Benson award. Past-president Maxwell had previously mentioned that he would nominate Judge Torline for the Michael Barbara Award. After discussion, Secretary Miller moved that Judge Torline receive the award. President Elect Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The last item of business was the Board's proposed slate of officers and directors for the next term of service. It was determined that Director Drill and Director Pankratz each were ending their terms of appointment. Drill and Pankratz are both eligible for reappointment. Director Drill agreed to be nominated again. As Director Pankratz was not in attendance, he was provisionally renominated if he wished to serve. Jennifer Jones was nominated to be President and Scott Miller as President Elect. Discussion was held regarding the nominee for Secretary. Director Drill suggested that Judge DeCicco be nominated if she would agree to serve. Secretary Miller agreed to ask her whether she wanted the position. Director Beims moved to approve the slate of provisional nominees. President Elect Jones seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously with Director Drill abstaining.

There was no new business discussed.

There being no other business, after motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.