



JUDICIAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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December 12, 1979

The meeting of the Judicial Planning Council was called to order by its Chairman, Judge Donald P. Smith, Jr., at 9:00 a.m. in the Supreme Court Conference Room. The following members were present:

Judge Donald P. Smith, Jr.
Judge Dorothy Binder
Judge Robert Johnson
Judge Joseph Quinn
Judge Orrelle Weeks
Judge Jerry Lincoln
Judge Joseph Studholme
Judge Marsha Yeager
Representative Martha Ezzard
James D. Thomas
Josephine D. Linden
Andrew Vogt
Jim Ayres for Gregory Walta
Daniel S. Hoffman
Walter P. Steele

Members absent were:

Judge George A. Manerbino
Senator Regis S. Groff
Paul Holdeman
Doug Haxton
Ben Duarte

The following State Court Administrator's staff and guests were present:

Barbara Gletne
Nick Alvarez
Carl Jacobson
E. Keith Stott, Jr.

Judge Smith welcomed and introduced the members present.

Judge Smith suggested the minutes of September 12, 1979 be approved. Judge Weeks moved approval of the minutes and Judge Studholme seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Judge Smith stated that one of the major goals of the meeting was to prepare the Annual Report to the Chief Justice. Barbara Gletne then discussed the draft report that had been prepared.

Subcommittee Reports

Training - Judge Yeager spoke of the need to expand the Training Committee and to omit the Public Defender and District Attorney's Offices. The committee voted to delete Andrew Vogt and Greg Walta. Andy Vogt agreed. Those chosen to be added to the committee are: Judge Charles Buss, Judge Claus Hume, Dan Vredenburg, Eileen Manning, Jack Lutes and someone from the C.U. Law School. The next committee meeting will be January 11. Following that there will be three more meetings before the plan is to be submitted on the target date of June 15.

Jim Thomas spoke of the need for an orientation program for newly appointed judges. Judge Smith also spoke of the lack of a judicial training plan and the need for the committee to develop one.

Judge Binder, who had been to the National College, discussed the samples of bench books that were presented there and the need for such a book in Colorado. Jim Thomas said there was a grant underway for the development of a bench book. He will report back to the committee on its progress.

Judicial Performance - Dean Dan Hoffman reported that the Committee on Judicial Performance is meeting every Friday in December. At the last meeting they finished the input phase of their study. Although they have developed assumptions as to where they want to go, it will not be possible to finish the work by the end of the year. They hope to have tentative conclusions by the end of the year, and the end of February they should have final recommendations.

Judge Smith congratulated the committee on its hard work and results to date.

Judge Yeager reported on the committee's public hearing in Boulder, saying she felt there was a real lack of public interest in the issues. Judge Lincoln felt the same way about the meeting in Grand Junction.

Representative Ezzard spoke of the lack of public knowledge of the selection process.

Walter Steele informed the Council that the Bar Association is making a comprehensive study on judicial selection and

tenure and will make the results available to the Council.

Library Standards - Judge Johnson reported on the first meeting held in November. The committee is presently completing an inventory of law libraries as well as books in the judges chambers. The committee will meet again in January.

The Council then broke into committees.

After lunch the Council reassembled to hear committee reports.

Committee on Public Education - Carl Jacobson brought in samples of informational court brochures from other states. Judge Binder stated that there was \$3,300 left in the Public Education Grant. They would like to employ professional help in writing and designing a new brochure. Judge Binder moved that Carl be authorized to expend \$1,000 for assistance in writing a brochure. Jim Thomas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Judge Binder also moved to use part of this fund for a video tape version of the court orientation slide show for each district. An amendment was made by Judge Smith to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$1,500 and to look into the availability of a 16 mm sound film version. Judge Yeager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff was asked to compile a list of persons responsible for speakers bureaus in the districts.

Representative Ezzard suggested legislators be notified of the persons responsible for speakers bureaus in the districts as well.

Administration Committee - Judge Lincoln asked whether the Library Committee is under the Administration Committee. Judge Smith stated that it was. Lincoln reported that the committee would like some modifications to the Annual Report (see attached memo). Staff agreed to make the changes.

Adjudication Committee - Judge Quinn spoke on the proposal to study the jurisdiction of the Colorado courts. He suggested that the time limits be extended 60 days. After the bids are submitted, several members will meet with bidders to discuss bids and to discuss the purpose of the study. The core of the study is to recommend more effective and economical use of judicial resources.

Grant Review - Barbara Gletne presented the J.P.C. grant application. Judge Yeager moved that it be approved. It was seconded by Judge Studholme and passed unanimously.

Gletne presented the Public Education Grant - Phase II. Judge Yeager moved that it be approved. It was seconded by

Representative Ezzard and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



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Attachments