

Minutes
California Court Commissioners Association
Board Meeting –March 4, 2015

Members Present:

President: Jeri Hamlin

Past President: Matt St. George

President Elect: Glenn Mondo

Secretary: Lynne Meredith

CJA Rep: Scott Harman

JC Rep: David Gunn

Board Members: Sue Alexander, Rebecca Wightman, David Haet, Phil Pimentel, Eric Isaac, Barry Michaelson, Martin Gladstein, Robert Harrison, William McTaggart, Terry Truong, and Cynthia Zuzga.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of January 7, 2015 Board Meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

The report is attached. Yvette Durant, treasurer was not present for questions. It was accepted.

New Business:

1.CCCA Website: Jeri reported that the website looks really good. We are still working on getting a password for the site.

2. Midyear meeting: The midyear meeting is on May 2nd at Indian Wells. The CCCA board meeting will be held at 4:00 since the Commissioner of the Year Award will be presented at the luncheon at noon. We need to check with CJA about doing this.

3. CJA Commissioner of the Year: Jeri sent out a letter to all SJOs with the application form for this award. Nominations due back to her by March 23rd.

4. Update on Bylaws committee: Jeri indicated that she had made some proposed changes and that she forwarded those to Sue and Barry. She will send them to the Board when she has received their comments and they will be on the May 2nd Board agenda.

5. Update on W15-06: (This deals with California Rule of Court 2.810 and 10.742) Rebecca reported on this proposed rule which would eliminate the reporting requirement from Courts regarding the use of pro tem judges. Much discussion ensued regarding the importance of keeping these statistics. Agreed to set up a committee consisting of Rebecca Wightman, Barry Michaelson and Phil Pimentel.

CJA Representative Report:

Scott Harman was not present and there was no report. Scott indicated that the possible merger of CCCA with CJA was not on the upcoming agenda.

Judicial Council Representative Report:

David Gunn was present. The last two meetings of the Judicial Council were meetings with state legislators. It was primarily a civics lesson. Many of the legislators do not understand that the Judiciary is NOT a state agency. The most important thing of interest was the State Audit report which came out. It was really not the critical. The response of the Judicial Council is on their website.

Update on Rule 10.703:

Glenn Mondo reported that the meeting with Judge Slough and her committee was very productive. Almost all of our concerns were addressed in the new proposed rule. It goes to RUPRO later this month and should be on the consent agenda for the Judicial Council in April. Thanks to Rebecca, Matt and Glenn for all of their hard work. More important than the specific changes was the impact of our presence and ideas being accepted.

Comment on Rule 10.742:

Discussion about the request for comment on this Rule which would do away with the requirement of reporting on the use of temporary judges. Rebecca and Phil both took the position that this is important information in that it deals with workload issues that are important to SJOs as well as Judges. Suggestion that there still be reporting but that it be annually instead of monthly. Deadline for comment is January 23rd. Rebecca will draft something to be presented by CCCA as a group. Everyone is encouraged to comment individually as well.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Next meeting: May 2nd at 4:00 pm at the Midyear Conference at Indian Wells and via telephone.