

NASJE Midwest Regional Meeting
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Members present: Anne Jordan, Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis (IN); Mark Miars, Margret Allen, Debra Weinberg, Milt Nuzam, Phil Schopick, Kristopher Steele, Christy Tull (OH); Jill Goski (MN); Lee Ann Barnhardt, Kimberly Dockter (ND); Dottie McDonald, Joyce Francis, Angela Laidacker (TX); Linda Evans (MO); Lynn Sudbeck (SD); Kevin Bowling (MI); Jerry Beatty (IA); John Meeks (ICM)

Best Practices: NASJE members reported on successful programs in their state:

Kevin Bowling partnered with ICM to develop a series on secession planning. Lynn Sudbeck and Lee Ann Barnhardt partnered for the Court Management Program for mid-level managers. Dottie McDonald discussed successful DWI and Drug Court education programs. Christy Tull reported on "FIN Plan," a software program through West's Publishing, free to judicial officers. This program focuses on financial matters specific to dissolution cases. Christy also discussed a faculty development program called "Engaging Your Audience" taught by Kevin Watts from the Carnegie Training Institute. Margret Allen offered a program called "The New American Series" about immigrants, with focus on the history and culture, interpreter issues, and specialized issues. This course is designed for non-judicial personnel.

Jill Goski mentioned four programs her state did this year: Cultural perspectives; high conflict families (*faculty*: Deena McMahon, MN); judicial independence (*faculty*: John Kiminsky, WI); and evidence-based practice in sentencing (*faculty*: Mark Carey). Cathy Springer explained the Indiana Judicial College program and the recently developed Judicial Masters program. Kris Steele reported on a program covering mental health and juvenile justice. Dr. Lisa Boesky from California served as faculty.

John Meeks is working on the Court Leadership Academy, a 4.5 day program for court executives that will be offered in Monterey, CA for executives from California and Utah. This program helps participants develop their ability to exercise leadership skills.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Jordan
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