

NASJE
Western Regional Meeting
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➤ **Welcome and Introductions**

- Claudia Fernandes officiated the meeting as Kent Wagner, Director, was unable to attend.

➤ **Review of Activities During the Year**

- Denise Dancy, Court Research Associate, NCSC:
 - Provided an update on the judicial education project: *Justice Isn't Served Until Crime Victims Are*. This project was funded and began 6 years ago. Denise shared that the project began with a needs assessment with judges, state judicial educations, court executive officers/administrators, probation and parole officers. At the conference on 8/12, there will be a session demonstrating the curriculum which was developed from the needs assessment, 2005 NASJE roundtable and subsequent meetings re: victims' rights. The curriculum is comprised of 19 modules which may stand alone. A copy of Module 2: The Leadership Role of Judges and Courts was available at the conference.
 - For more information contact Denise at NSCS.

➤ **Challenges and Highlights**

- What budget, staff or other challenges did you encounter this year?
- What were you most proud of during the year?
- What's new coming up in the next year?

Each participant shared his/her responses to these questions as noted below:

- Cheryl Lyngar: Information Specialist: NCJFCJ
 - Travel was difficult during the past year
 - Grants have decreased
 - Expanding services regionally and online
 - 3 publications have been completed on how to write child support orders, discussion on medical and child support and problem solving courts
 - Previously published juvenile delinquency guidelines
 - Assists in setting up model courts
 - Works with foster care, permanency and DV
 - Can assist in obtaining resources, speakers, publications and materials

- Chris Prince, Judicial Educator, Utah
 - Works with justice court judges
 - Unlimited supply of money in last 3-4 years, but now money is being directed to computer system therefore there was a decrease in educational programs this year
 - Most proud of the curriculum developed
 - Trains judges to be faculty. Held 2 faculty development workshops. Trained core group of faculty who are the SMEs.

- Pauline Schnaper, Ed. Program Developer, Utah
 - Expanded manual
 - Created new classes on law school 101 including topics on judicial system and roles, juvenile law and experiential learning
 - Conducts conference 2x a year for audience of justice court clerks. This year's first program had 200 participants where experiential learning technique was successful using "To Kill a Mockingbird". Sept is the second conference and 400 participants are expected to attend.

- Liz Cordova, Ed. Program Coordinator, Utah
 - First NASJE conference
 - 2 years with JBE
 - Curriculum development as foundation. Probation staff primary audience.
 - Working with CA and AZ on the inaugural Western States Court Leadership Academy to be held in Monterey, CA, Sept. 28- Oct. 3, 2008. Program audience will include 100 top court non-judicial leaders from the three states.

- Todd _____, Williams Institute, UCLA
 - Sponsored Judy Shepard as keynote speaker at this year's conference
 - Has budget.
 - Information from institute is free to the courts
 - Expanded services to states re: same sex couples marriages or "marriage tourism"
 - Provides social science data re: same sex couples and where they live
 - Institute currently seeing fulltime director

- Hon. John Sandberg, Judge, Utah
 - Remarkd that the committee, curriculum and faculty development works well in Utah
 - In Dec. 2008 will implement "Public Trust and Bias" for judges to sensitize judges to their own biases and provide tools on how to handle said biases

- Elizabeth Evans, Education & Career Development, AZ

- Shared during plenary her division's success with strategic planning incorporating education with overall vision of agency
- Daphne Burns, Program Attorney, National Judicial College
 - Her areas of work are capital case, sentencing sex offenders and case with substance abuse, mental or other disabilities
 - Can find experts to attend conferences
 - Developing curriculum
 - Looking for interested pilot states to test curriculum before finalizing
- Suzanne _____, Alaska
 - Spends 20% of her time as JBE at the AOC
 - Wearing many hats is quite challenging
 - She is proud of conducting 2 conferences a year one with grant funds and the other with AOC funds
 - For the future working with committee planning team to bring strategic planning to the group
- Tina Tubridy, Program Assistant, Nevada
 - Works with judges
 - Most proud and challenging time is surviving in a new field
 - First time at NASJE
 - Will repeat programs to gain more knowledge and enhance skills
- Mike Bell, Manager, Judicial Education, Nevada
 - Hired 2 excellent new staff (Tina is one of them). Mike complimented her on her quick learning
 - Seeking registration software and procedures. Current system not effective
 - Budget comes from administrative assessments (such as traffic)
 - Most proud of Judicial Leadership Summit where masters, judges, justices, CEO come together to learn and share
 - Next year will host medical malpractice programs
 - Looking for curriculum in this area
- Claudia Fernandes, Sr. Ed. Specialist, CA
 - Works with justice system initiatives
 - 2007 Bench/Bar conference hosted with bar, AOC, and California Judges Association. 17 courses for judges and attorneys. Planning 2009 conference.
 - Staff to the Court Security education committee. Finalized DVD on judicial privacy, protection and threat assessment AND personal security and courthouse (in and out) security. If interested in copy, contact Claudia.
 - Working on Oct. Judicial Summit where topics to include: fair and impartial courts overview from task force, sentencing, corrections and evidence-based practices. Audience to include DA, PD, AG, legislature, victim groups and the courts. Likely a task force will form from this summit to explore issues raised.

- Lisa Galdos, Special Consultant, CA
 - Working on Western States Court Leadership Academy with Utah, Arizona and ICM.
 - Staff to PJ/CEO Education Committee: annual joint program focusing on managing organizational change and roles and responsibilities of respective leaders to be held in mid-October.
 - First time at NASJE.
 - With AOC Education Division for 7-8 months. Previously CEO with Monterey Superior Court.

- Kathryn Brooks, Manager, Admin Br. Education, CA
 - Works with administrative and internal AOC education
 - Agreed with Tina that greatest challenge and most proud of surviving new role as manager of unit.
 - Working on HR Institute in late October. Partnering with courts and AOC HR to leverage resources.

- David Gordon, _____, Nevada
 - Was previously a coordinator of certified programs before becoming a JBE
 - Worked with Todd, Williams Institute, to bring presentation to family law seminar with state bar. Issues were re: same sex relationships and how to handle with family and civil matters. Well received. Recommended working with Todd and the institute.

- Rebecca Bluemer, National Judicial College
 - Started with college in March following predecessor of 23 yrs.
 - Addresses financial needs for judges who need education at the college or extension courses.
 - Contact Rebecca if in need of scholarships

- Debbie Bogosian, Education Specialist, New Mexico
 - Retiring in December 2008
 - Budget challenge is the center is separate from the state and is part of the University of New Mexico
 - State bought new computer system, but university is not support deficit
 - Most proud of hiring a new program coordinator with 27 years as a high school teacher and hosted an emergency planning regional training with a consultant hired with homeland security funds.

- Michael Roosevelt, Ed. Specialist, CA
 - Grant funded position which is a challenge
 - Most involved with Real DUI Courts—program to bring DUI training through actual court cases to schools. Funded in nine counties.
 - Has helped institutionalize fairness in education programs
 - Working with courts on building truancy courts

- Diane Cowdrey, Director of Education Division, CA
 - Challenge and most proud of getting up to speed in new position
 - Working on how to support local needs project
 - Developing a strategic approach moving forward

- Maggie Cimino, Special Consultant, CA
 - Consulting role for courts and CJER re: education projects in design, curriculum and faculty development
 - Developed new curriculum on death penalty cases on how to certify the record. Audiences appellate clerks, court reporters and courtroom clerks.
 - Goal to package curriculum in complete packages to hand off to courts to teach locally or regionally
 - Partnering with a variety of universities to increase professional development

- Hon. Alice Yorke Soo Hon, Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago
 - Supreme Court Judge in the criminal division
 - Working with new organization: Judicial Education Institute. Would like to tap into NASJE resources and knowledge to help expand institute. Invite Caribbean colleagues to JEI.
 - Trinidad and Tobago has various judicial systems but British system is primary legal structure.
 - Ct Admin dept now exists to assist with planning JEI and other judicial and staff education programs.
 - In process of developing curriculum
 - Looking to branch out to community in the future

- **Other Business**
 - Mike Bell acknowledged Maggie Cimino for the training she performed for staff and court administration in Lake Tahoe.

- **Next Western Regional Meeting**
 - Diane Cowdrey shared with the group that the purpose of these regional meetings is to keep the dialogue and networking going throughout the year. Host state bears costs if possible for meals and breaks. Speakers at the meeting typically come within NASJE and/or host state sponsors a speaker. Generally host state demonstrates something or gives a tour(s).
 - Mike Bell, Nevada, offered to host the next regional meeting. Group decided to have in early November 2008. Planning team is: Mike, Tina, Elizabeth, Cheryl, Liz, and Daphne.

- **Hosted Conference Calls**
 - Claudia shared that it is suggested each state take a month and develop a topic for group discussion.

- **Meeting Adjourned**