

Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates  
Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 13, 2017 – 2:00PM

Hotel Indigo – Traverse City

Present - Pate Brennan, Jessica Testolin-Reinke, Jim Pahl, Dena Altheide, Norene Kastys, Gerry Ladwig, Ashley Justice, Mark Nelson, Tom Truesdell, Liz Stankewitz, Mark Nelson, Christy Sanborn, Sue Wilson, Robert Clark

I.Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance 2:30pm

II.Secretary's Report - Millicent Sherman - reviewed, yes. Any changes or amendments, motion to accept Pat Brennan motioned seconded Robert all ayes no opposed. Motion carries.

III.Treasurer's Report - Pat Brennan - Norene move to accept seconded Robert vote all ayes no opposed. Motion passes. Per Pete Stathakis MJI will pay \$2400 for Tall Cop and \$50.00 scholarship for 5 scholarships.

IV.Agency Reports (skip until Friday at 8:30AM)

-SCAO

-MJI

-SOS

-OHSP

-MSP

-PAAM

V.Old Business

This Year's Conference.

- Location Logistics – Dena (All rooms and technologies good?)
  - Education – Ashley J., Norene & Jess (All presenters double check that they are coming)
- Registration – Pat, Mark and Millicent
- Door Prizes & Conference Gift – Sue
- Goody bags – Jerry
  - Hospitality Suite – Robert and Mark
  - Blast from the Past theme – Norene and Jess

VI.New Business

- 2017 Conference Committees and Education
  - a. Update on prices for possible venues – Ashley (The Homestead) Norene(Mission Pointe), and Crystal mountain

looks good \$119-169 depending on the room. Potential to lock in same price for multiple years. But limitations on availability. Availability Also may conflict with other judicial conferences.

Discussion - In at Bay Harbor willing to work with us.

Mission Point down to \$149, comparable to Homestead and Tree Tops

Homestead - discussion, not enough rooms

Liz (Gaylord Marriott) - renovations done, at Tree Tops. Still not impressive per Liz given the price. Discussion.

Norene 2 locations - Mission Point. Crystal Mountain will lock in prices til 2019.

Ashley 2 quotes forthcoming - Homestead in Glenn Arbor and Inn at Bay Harbor, have pre meeting to get prices. Harbor Inn Petosky Ashley, Grand Haven also for 2018. Discussion to include negotiation with Inn at Bay Harbor to lower prices. Liz S to call Inn at Bay Harbor.

Lock in Crystal Mountain for September 2019. Liz motion for Crystal Mountain 2019 in September and can tell them dates we want by end of month seconded Jerry. Motion carries. Exclude September 24-26, is state bar. 2018 is September 26-28. Possible dates September 18-20 for 2019.

Discussion to continue before the general meeting for Ashley's quotes.

b. Re-appoint Education Chair (start thinking about possible speakers) - Ashley reappointed.

-Next year's board meeting dates (discussion)

- Discussion on whether in the future we should reimburse for full amount for conference fees. Should we make a standing order and vote on it? Do we give monies back or return for good cause? Per Jessica, should there be a policy for returning funds, issue with each court's funding units and reimbursement, 3 weeks notice or for good cause.

Motion per Millicent regarding conference cancellation- 3 weeks notice or for good cause such as illness or court scheduling, discretion as to good cause and at discretion of president if subject matter requires discretion. Seconded Liz, all ayes, motion passes.

Nominations -

Need nominations for VP, Secretary and Treasurer and replace 1 board member(s)

## VII. Committee Reports/Updates

.- Editor of the Docket – Jim Pahl - articles submitted to Jim, Docket will follow after this conference

- SCAO Forms Committee – Jess

- State Bar Committee on Judicial Ethics – Jim Pahl
- Legislative Committee – Ashley, Mark, and Liz - no meeting
- Membership Committee – Yvonna Abraham not present
- Technology Committee – Ashley - all information is on website.

Table 2018 conference discussion - so far, per Liz, Bay harbor will work with us on room rate. Room rates will go down for September because of date. Will discuss in emails if needed. Likely to have info later today.

If prices come up comparable, what sites do we want?

VIII.Roundtable Discussion

IX.Adjourn and Stuff Packets 4:05pm

Next Meeting – January 18, 2018 – Lansing – Halls of Justice

Respectfully Submitted, Millicent Sherman, Secretary (Emeritus)