

KENTUCKY CIRCUIT JUDGES ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 15, 2023

Present: Judge Patricia Summe, President, 1st VP, Judge Susan McClure; 2nd VP, Bruce Petrie; Judge Julie Ward, Secretary, Hunter Daugherty Treasurer, Supreme Court District Representatives: Deanna Henschel (who joined after the minutes were approved), Jeremy Mattox, and Jay Wethington were present.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Patricia Summe.

CHIEF JUSTICE: Chief Justice VanMeter appeared at the meeting to inform the Executive Committee that pay raises for elected officials and non-elected staff was still a priority. He informed the committee that e-filing, in cases that lawyers must e-file, would soon be mandatory for judges.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 20, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Susan McClure moved to approve the minutes. Upon Jay Wethington seconding the motion, the motion passed.

E-FILING: A discussion was held about challenges with e-filing. Patricia Summe moved that an email be sent to the Circuit Judges seeking input on challenges with e-filing that could be presented to the Chief Justice. Upon Jeremy Mattox seconding the motion, the motion passed.

EDUCATION: A discussion was held regarding practices and procedures involving the Circuit Judges Education Committee. Such as who is responsible to educate circuit judges, person other than circuit judges who participate in the circuit judge's college, how such persons get invited to attend, cost of other attending, deadlines to submit ideas to the education committee and how communication can improve between the Education Committee and the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee was told that the Education Committee recommended that any topic to be taught at a circuit judges' college should be presented by a judge unless it was outside of their expertise or knowledge. If someone other than a judge asked to present, then approval would have to be obtained from the Education Committee. The presenter would be required to present the Education Committee an outline and perhaps a 10-minute presentation on the topic before being granted permission to speak. After full discussion on these issues several motions were made.

Patricia Summe moved that any invitation to attend a circuit judges' college, other than an invitation to a circuit judge, would be extended by the President with the Vice-President and Co-Chairs to be included on the email. Upon Jay Wethington seconding the motion, the motion passed.

Bruce Petrie moved that all Appellate Judges would be extended an invitation to attend the Circuit Judges College. Upon Hunter Daugherty seconding the motion, the motion passed.

Patricia Summe moved to adopt the following protocol:

1. The President, 1st Vice President, and Chair(s) of the Education Committee shall be the point of contact for any topics to be presented to the Education Committee for consideration for any Circuit Judges college.
2. Any proposal shall be rejected if it is not presented by February of the year of the college unless an exception is granted by the President, 1st Vice President, and Chair(s) of the Education Committee
3. All emails and communication regarding education of the Circuit Judges should include the President, Vice President, and Chair(s) of the Education Committee.
4. A resource room will be provided to AOC or any other group that the Education Committee feels is necessary to provide resources. However, the length of time, the people invited, and the type of resource to be provided will be decided by the President, 1st Vice President, and Chair(s) of the Education Committee.

Upon Jay Wethington seconding the motion, it was passed.

EQUIPMENT: Patricia Summe expressed a need for coolers to be purchased for the Hospitality Room. Julie Ward expressed a need to purchase flash drives so the Circuit Judges records could be downloaded and passed to the President and Vice-President. Patricia Summe moved to approve the purchase of coolers and flash drives. Upon Jay Wethington seconding the motion it was passed. (After the vote Jeremy Mattox left the meeting).

WEBSITE: By email Bob Berendsen: Rick Brueggemann, Jay Wethington, Julie Ward, Patricia Summe, Johnny Harris, Hunter Daugherty, Susan McClure, Bruce Petrie, Jeremy Mattox, and Greg Lay approved payment to Bob Berendsen for work done on the website. The Committee was also told that the annual host fee of \$300 was due by September 9, 2023. Patricia Summe moved that the Committee ratify the email vote and approve payment of the host fee. Upon Deanna Henschel, seconding the motion, the motion passed.

SURVEYS: Patricia Summe informed the Committee that the survey regarding expungements was still be worked on. A discussion was held regarding a survey to see if circuit judges would approve a new law that a threat to a judge would be a felony. Patricia Summe moved to send out a survey to Circuit Judges to see if they would approve a law that would make it a felony to threaten a Judge. Upon Deanna Henschel seconding the motion it was passed.

MEETING WITH THE CHIEF: The Committee discussed getting a face-to-face meeting with the Chief. Patricia Summe indicated she would seek a date and time.

There being no further business, Jay Wethington moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon Hunter Daugherty seconding the motion, it passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: September 19, 2023, 5:00 p.m.