

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2018

Attendees: Judges Mahon, Streit-Kefalas, Forgione, Berkenstock, Wright, Magistrali, Darby, Purnell, Berkenstock, Randich, Becker, Calabrese, Keeney, Marino, Schad, Probate Court Administrator Knierim and Attorney Tom Gaffey.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:48 a.m.

2. **Approval of the Minutes:**

Minutes from November 8, 2017 meeting approved.

3. **Correspondence:** None.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

In the report attached to the agenda, there are two expenses that are improperly listed. Judge Magistrali will submit an amended report. The current expenses to date are \$8,709.50.

The Treasurer's report dated January 10, 2018 is approved.

5. **Committee Reports:**

Continuing Education – Judge Becker

Judge Brandt reported that the Probate Assembly program is scheduled for January 25, 2018 and will include a section on ethics for campaigning and for social media. The Committee encourages all members to suggest topics for future continuing education seminars.

Ethics – Judge Magistrali

The Advance Opinion Committee recently issued an opinion for a judge.

Legislative – Judge Fox and Judge Rowe

No report.

Nominating – Judge Marino

Judge Marino motioned to authorize Judge Brian Mahon to continue to serve as President-Judge of the Probate Assembly until April 25, 2018. The motion was approved.

Planning – Judge Brandt

No report.

Procedures Review – Judge Berkenstock

Judge Berkenstock reports that the Committee continues to meet monthly. Judge Berkenstock requested guidance from the Executive Committee in light of the Kron decision. Discussion indicated support for a possible change in the commitment decree form and also training for judges in conducting hearings.

There was also discussion whether to include a medical diagnosis in conservatorship decrees and the appropriateness of formally admitting physicians reports into evidence.

Public Information – Judge Purnell

No report.

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator – Judge Knierim

Judge Knierim reported revenue is on track with projections for the fiscal year.

Judge Knierim reported that the online conservatorship training modules are about ready to launch. The family focused module should be available by the end of next week. Information will be provided to the courts on instructing the public on how to access the training modules. Judge Mahon raised the idea of requiring all professional conservators to review the appropriate module.

Judge Knierim reported that the Standards of Practice for Conservators project is progressing. The Standards are required to be in place by July 1, 2018. There will be a presentation on the most current draft at the next Assembly meeting.

The RFP for the planned eFiling is nearing completion and should be issued by the end of the month. The Rules Committee is working on changes in the rules to facilitate eFiling in all matters.

7. Comments of the President-Judge

Judge Mahon held out hope for a quiet legislative session and thanked all for coming.

8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee

Judge Darby informed the committee that his town is no longer recycling shredded paperwork.

9. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Leah Schad
Recording Secretary