

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2019

Attendees: Judges Wright, Riordan, Randich, Berkenstock, DeGennaro, Brandt, Calabrese, McNamara, Becker, Ganim, Schad, Probate Court Administrator Knierim and Chief Counsel Bonnie Bennet.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:52 a.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:**
The minutes from the January 9, 2019 meeting were approved.
3. **Correspondence:**
None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
Judge Magistrali submitted a written report indicating a current balance of \$25,253.50. Treasurer's report approved.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - Continuing Education
Judge Becker reported there is a Judges Institute on March 12.
 - Ethics
No report.
 - Legislative
Judge Knierim reported that the Committee is tracking several bills:
 - The Probate Court Operations bill was raised, there should be a public hearing in the next few weeks.
 - Uniform Trust Code was introduced and a public hearing is set for this week.
 - Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death bill.
 - Bill to establish a task force to study social interaction for conserved persons.
 - Bill to address old probate liens on real estate and a method to perfect title.
 - DHMAS bill to reduce the number of doctors needed for commitment hearings from two to one; relieves the doctor testifying from liability.
 - DDS has a paternity bill.
 - Bill requiring state agencies to adhere to probate court decrees.
 - Bill to allow conservator compensation to be paid from Title 19 funds.
 - Nominating
Judge Wright nominated Judge Barrett to fill the vacancy for the 2017-20 term on the Executive Committee. Motion approved.
 - Planning
No report.
 - Procedures Review
Judge Berkenstock reported that the Committee continues their work, the next meeting is on April 1.

Public Information

Judge Berkenstock reported that the committee is working on updating the presentation panels.

Hospitality

The next NCPJ meeting is in New Orleans from May 14-17.

Conservatorship Guidelines

No report.

Floating Clerks

No report.

Statistics

Judge Wright reported that the work of the committee is wrapping up.

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Knierim reported that the Governor's budget proposal will be released next Wednesday. He also addressed the probate fee impact for the repeal of the estate tax. He handed out a chart that illustrates the favorable impact of the probate system on the state social agencies. Annually the savings to the State exceeds \$733 million.

Judge Knierim raised the issue of allowing Probate Court users to round figures on some probate filings. There was consensus.

7. Comments of the President-Judge

Judge Wright announced that Judge Calabrese will be serving as Chair of the Court Security Committee.

8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee

None.

9. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Leah Schad
Recording Secretary