

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 13, 2017

In attendance: Judges Mahon, Becker, Berkenstock, Brandt, Darby, Daly, Elkin, Keeney, Magistrali, Marino, Purnell, Randich, Wright and Probate Court Administrator Knierim and Attorney Gaffey.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:54 a.m.

2. Approval of the August 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded. The minutes of the August 16, 2017 meeting were approved.

3. Correspondence

Judge Mahon reported that he received the resignation of Judge Greene from the Executive Board.

4. Treasurer's Report

Judge Magistrali reported that there was a \$20,774.67 balance in the Probate Assembly funds at the end of the fiscal year. The new year's budget will be \$5,000.00 less than previous years

5. Committee Reports

Continuing Education – Judge Becker

The next educational seminar is scheduled for September 20, 2017. It will cover Children's Matters. The seminar will be followed by a Probate Assembly meeting. There will be a Judges Institute on October 19 and a joint program with the Connecticut Bar Association on November 29, 2017.

Ethics – Judge Magistrali

There will be an ethics portion of the seminar in January covering campaign ethics and social media concerns.

Legislative – Judge Rowe and Judge Fox

No report.

Nominating – Judge Marino

There are a number of vacancies to fill on the executive committee. Under the bylaws, Judge Mahon will be able to complete his term as president despite reaching the

age of 70 prior to the expiration of his term. The new slate of officers was discussed and there may be a need to find a judge willing to fill the spot of Recording Secretary.

Planning – Judge Brandt

No report.

Procedures Review – Judge Berkenstock

Judge Berkenstock reported that the Committee has been meeting regularly and continuing to revise forms.

Public Information – Judge Purnell

Judge Purnell encouraged the judges to stay in contact with their local legislators.

Ad Hoc Committees

Conservatorship Guidelines

No report.

Court Security

No report.

Floating Clerks

Judge Berkenstock reported that there are still ten clerks on the floating clerks list available to fill a temporary vacancy in the courts.

Hospitality

No report.

Statistics

No report.

6. Proposed revisions to Regulations 12, 13, 13B, 13C, 14, 19, 20 & 22

Judge Knierim explained that the proposed revisions will clean up the regulations governing payment procedures for attorneys and physicians. These revisions do not increase the rate of compensation for attorneys but will increase the psychologist, physician and psychiatrist rates to match other state agencies.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed revisions. The proposed revisions were approved by the Executive Committee.

7. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Knierim provided a state budget update.

The eBilling system will go live on October 2, 2017. It will be mandatory for attorneys and conservators.

Judge Knierim explained that there will be a meeting with the Connecticut Bankers association to discuss training for bank employees to understand and comply with Probate Court decrees.

The Conservatorship Guidelines Committee is working on Standards of Practice for conservators and hope to have a draft ready in January 2018 and final version to be ready by July 2018.

8. Comments of the President-Judge

No comments.

9. Other business to come before the Executive Committee

None.

10. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Brandt
Acting Recording Secretary