



National Association of Sentencing Commissions

Business Meeting Minutes August 28, 2017

The Business of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions was held August 28, 2017 during the annual conference, in Santa Fe New Mexico. NASC President Kelly Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. (MST).

Ms. Mitchell thanked the New Mexico Sentencing Commission for hosting the annual conference and all their work in making it a successful conference. Specifically, she thanked Executive Director Linda Freeman and staff members Amanda Armstrong and Conner Tuttle.

Joanna Laws, Deputy Director of the Virginia Sentencing Commission, moved to approve the August 9, 2016 NASC business meeting minutes. Linden Fry, General Counsel of the DC Sentencing Commission, seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

NASC Treasurer Mr. Fry reviewed the NASC financial report which was provided in the conference materials. The 2016 NASC annual conference, held in Salt Lake, Utah, suffered a \$7,838 loss due to room attrition (contract guaranteed using a set number of rooms). A financial loss of \$12,721 occurred for the 2014 conference in New Haven, Connecticut, due to room attrition and, what turned out to be, an unsponsored dinner. These issues were avoided in the 2017 conference due to the work of the New Mexico Sentencing Commission in securing a hotel that did not require a guaranteed room block.

He also noted that NASC incurs approximately \$2,000 in general administrative costs each year. These expensive cover items such as insurance, website/administrative accounts. This amount is built into the conference fee.

Scott Schultz, Executive Director of the Kansas Sentencing Commission, moved to approve the July 1, 2017 treasurer report. Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director of the Alaska Judicial Council, seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Mitchell addressed the NASC Executive Committee elections. There are four vacancies.

Kelly Mitchell, Executive Director of the Robina Institute, is completing her second term, and she is not eligible for reelection.

Jennifer Valencia was elected to the Executive Committee in 2016 when she was Executive Director of the Utah Sentencing Commission. She has since been appointed to the bench. While still eligible to remain on the Executive Committee, the process for ethics review is lengthy; she opted to resign.

The first terms of Linden Fry and Diane Shoop are ending; they are eligible to serve second terms.

The ballot included four nominations. Mr. Fry and Dr. Shoop are rerunning. Additionally, Sara Andrews, Director of the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission, and Alex Tsarkov, Executive Director of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission, stood for election. All four were successfully elected to the Executive Committee.

On behalf of NASC and the Executive Committee, Bennet Wright, NASC Vice President and Executive Director of the Alabama Sentencing Commission, thanked outgoing NASC President Kelly Mitchell for her



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service and leadership. Ms. Mitchell served two terms (six years) on the Executive Committee, the last two as President and previously as secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m. (MST).

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