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The Presidents Corner

Well, the newsletter lady ~ Leslie ~ is waiting on me again, oops. I have no words of wisdom to pass along to you this quarter. As of this writing the legislators are STILL in session; leaving those of us with more than court clerk duties still wondering what exactly they are going to do to us. Oh, well. We will deal with that when it happens.

Preliminary report of spring conference evaluations are that it was a great conference ~ especially Les Sperling. I have heard reports that ducks have been disappearing from desktops. Hmmm, are they evolving into eagles?

Can't answer that one. The duck races were



a lot of fun. I think that those that had to race in the first races should have raced again ~ some of the race techniques that were used in later races were pretty competitive!

The KACM Education committee is in the final stages of planning the Fall Conference in Emporia. At this point, it looks like it will be a conference covering the professional and the personal points. The committee would like to remind attendees that to keep everyone in the same hotel, it would be helpful if you could

buddy with a friend. Also, early reports are that the Hospitality committee is planning quite an evening for us as far as entertainment is concerned. Knowing that group, I think this is something I don't want to miss!!

I received a phone call from a small city near me that is starting a police department and court system. After getting her directed to the court manual (too bad it isn't on-line), I directed her to the web site for membership with KACM and for the scholarship application for the fall conference. If you know of a city in a similar situation, or of a new clerk, give them a call and encourage/promote KACM and the conferences. Training and the "clerk network" is the way to survive with less stress!

That is all I have from this corner of the world. Hope your corner is doing well. Mark your calendars for September 19 and 20 in Emporia and we will see you there!

Polly

P.S. Passing on a request from clerks to bring your city's pin for trading with others. Maybe we will have a contest to see who gets the most pins; hmmm. Will have to think about that one.

KACM BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2002
GREAT BEND, KANSAS

The K.A.C.M. Board of Director's meeting was held Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 7:20 P.M. at the Holiday Inn Motel, Great Bend, Kansas. The meeting was called to order by Polly Mains, President. Roll call was taken and the following officers and board members were present: Vice President Jerry Lovett-Sperling (Lindsborg), Secretary Karen Daniels (Tonganoxie), Treasurer Jane Eilers (Salina), Sgt. At Arms Sherri Adams (Pittsburg), Board of Trustees, Leslie Felts (Winfield), Bettina Jamerson (Prairie Village), Bobbie Ramsey (Arkansas City), Dee Heath (Benton), Rick Voisin (Towanda), Theresa Durler (Dodge City), and Alternate Trustee Janet Mitchell (Overland Park). Alternate trustee Rose Wessel (Oakley) was absent.

Jerry Lovett-Sperling requested an addition to the agenda for the purpose of discussing ideas for gifts for retiring presidents.

Jane Eilers, Salina, made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2002 board meeting as presented. Sherri Adams, Pittsburg, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A note was read from Bettina Jamerson thanking KACM for the flowers that were sent at the loss of her mother.

Treasurer Jane Eilers, reported that the current checking account balance is \$12, 591.47. Jerry Lovett-Sperling made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Janet Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador – Sherri Adams reported that she has started a new map denoting location of each court. She has received suggestions from members that would like roundtable discussions to consist of cities of like sizes. Jerry Lovett-Sperling commented that a mix of city size has definite advantages. If the city size plan were used there would be no point in dividing the state by regions.

Courtesy – Candy Westoff was absent, but she submitted a report stating she had sent a floral arrangement to the Holiday Inn Express in Pittsburg, sent a get-well card to Karen Kuffler, a plant was sent to Bettina Jamerson, and cards were sent to Diana Jacobson and DeElda Coyan.

Education – Jerry Lovett-Sperling gave a report on the plans for the Fall Conference that will be in Emporia on September 19-20, 2002. Jerry stated that it might be possible to lower the registration fees for the conference, based on the actual anticipated costs. Types of entertainment were discussed and Janeice Rawles, Dee Heath, Bettina Jamerson and Jane Eilers consented to provide a Las Vegas Night for the Thursday evening festivities. Plans for the fall, 2003 are underway and tentatively, Olathe will be the location.

Historian – Doris Schoeck reported that she has started the 6th scrapbook of memorabilia and pictures. She also stated that the new camera is great.

Hospitality – Janeice Rawles had nothing to report. Janet Mitchell suggested that KACM sponsor the break times at OJA conferences. Polly Mains will consult with Denise Kilwein on the matter.

Legislative – Phil Martin gave an update on the bills affecting Municipal Court that are pending or likely to be enacted.

Manual – Toni Rogers reported that the committee will meet in July.

Membership – Janet Mitchell said there are currently 307 members and that an updated membership list is available.

Newsletter – Leslie Felts suggested that all of the courtesy items be included in the quarterly letter.

Past President – Leslie Felts had nothing to report.

Promo/Sales – Dee Heath reported that nearly all of the old merchandise has been sold. Suggestions for new items would be helpful. The profits from the items sold fund the Scholarship.

Scholarship – Bettina Jamerson stated that she would make an announcement at the conference on Friday, in regard to the Scholarship/Silent Auction. September 1st will be the deadline to apply for the scholarship. The application form will be on the website.

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OLD BUSINESS

The consensus of the board is to continue with efforts to have the manual on-line on the KACM web page. Security is the issue that needs to be resolved before we pursue the project with OJA. It was suggested that we prepare a written proposal and request to submit to OJA asking for their approval of the task. The Board would also like for the by-laws to be on-line.

Janet Mitchell gave a report on the possibility of continuing the search for an educational institution that would provide training for court clerk certification. She has a contact person who is affiliated with Emporia State University. A work committee was appointed to pursue information on this program. The committee members are: Janet Mitchell, Phil Martin, Bobbie Ramsey and Bettina Jamerson.

NEW BUSINESS

The treasurer position, in regard to rotation to the various other officer's positions was discussed. Jane Eilers is filling the unfinished term of Diane Jacobson. Jane was unaware that traditionally the officers move up into the next position each year. She would like to remain as treasurer for at least two years. It was suggested that when the Past Presidents approach an officer for a move up, that she request that she remain in the position for another term. Jane stated that KACM has never bonded the treasurer and it definitely needs to be done. She had gotten a couple bids from insurance companies. The cost of the bond is about \$100 per year. Jane made a motion to have Shelter Insurance provide a \$20,000 Employee Dishonesty policy. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion carried. The insurance company requires a minimum of two signatures on all checks issued. This can be accomplished by Jane cutting the check, signing it and then forwarding to Polly Mains or Jerry Lovett-Sperling for signing and mailing.



President, Polly Mains requested that each board member review and peruse the by-laws for any additions or corrections that need to be made. Polly announced that a boardroom has been set up on MSN, allowing us to actually conduct a meeting on line. Polly has had requests for a list serve or message board on the web site. Brian Holiday will find out what is necessary to do this and then will do the setup. The next board meeting will be held at Kathy's Kitchen in Eldorado.

The final agenda item was discussion of gifts for outgoing presidents. Jerry Lovett-Sperling suggested a glass commemorative paperweight with the KACM logo, the president's name and years of service. No decision was made at this time.

There being no further business on the agenda, Jerry Lovett-Sperling made a motion to adjourn. Janet Mitchell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

**KACM Fall Conference September 19-20, 2002
in Emporia**

FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

Driving with No Driver's License -- a Moving Violation

The new traffic code for convictions for driving with no driver's license is B51. These are now being recorded on driving records as a (minor) moving



violation. For persons that do not have a driving record in Kansas, a "generated" license is created and the conviction is recorded on this generated record.

New Legislation Clarifies when Failure to Comply Reinstatements takes Effect



Senate Bill 391, which becomes effective July 1, 2002, clarifies in K.S.A. 8-2110

that the division is to terminate suspensions and suspension actions upon receipt of notification from the informing court. This is consistent with the current requirement for the division to start suspensions for failure to appear or pay upon receipt of a report of a failure to comply with a traffic citation from the

Nickels and Pennies Are Not Legal Tender

(Article submitted by Connie Sams from unknown newspaper)



Nickels and pennies are not always legal tender. Title-31 of the United States Code states that "minor coins of the United States (meaning nickels and pennies) shall be a legal tender, at their nominal value for any amount not exceeding twenty-five cents in any one payment." This means that if you try to pay off a debt in nickels and pennies, your creditor has every right to refuse to accept all but the first 25 cents.

Although the law is rarely invoked, it did figure dramatically in a 1921 court case in Durham, N.C. A shopkeeper named Munick went to the city water company to pay his \$4.50 water bill. His payment included a roll of 50 pennies. In anger, the manager of the company, Harvey Bolton, swept the pennies onto the floor, then proceeded to slap, choke and verbally abuse Munick.

In the case of H. Munick vs. City of Durham, the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled that Bolton was out of bounds in his treatment of Munick but not in refusing the pennies. Legal tender, said the court, is legal tender.



Kansas Association for Court Management

Declaration of Candidacy for

2002-2003 Board of Directors

Name _____ Phone _____

Title _____ Fax _____

Court _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I have been a Member of K.A.C.M. since _____

I am declaring my candidacy for the following position:

- President**
- Vice President**
- Secretary**
- Treasurer**
- Sgt. At Arms**
- Trustee**

I would be willing to serve in any director's position for which I qualify.

YES NO

- Do you plan to attend the Fall Conference in Emporia, Kansas on September 19th & 20th, 2002?
- Will you be able to attend a K.A.C.M. Board meetings or any special meeting that may be called?
- Will you be willing to serve on or chair committees when asked?

Please complete reverse side

State your reasons for wanting to serve on the K.A.C.M. Board of Directors. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A BOARD MEMBER: A member of the KACM Board of Directors is expected to attend four Board meetings throughout the year, two of which are held at the Spring and the Fall Conferences. The other two are usually held in January and July.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Mail completed form by June 7th, 2002 to:
Leslie Felts
P.O. Box 646
Winfield, KS 67156**

SILENT AUCTION



Silent Auction to be held at the Fall Conference

September 19th-20th, 2002

Proceeds from the auction will be used to pay for the KACM Scholarships for the Fall Conference. Donations from all cities will be greatly appreciated; such items as arts and crafts, sports memorabilia, Kansas goods or products, tickets to sporting events, theatre or other activities or any other items of your choice. If you can bring a donation to the fall conference, please complete the form below by September 1, 2002 and fax to:

Bettina Jamerson (Prairie Village)	(913)385-4665
Diana Brooks (Colwich)	(316)796-0193
Liz Ziegler (Kingman)	(620)532-2147

Name _____ Phone _____

City _____

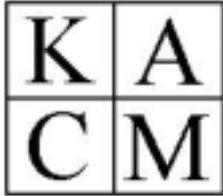
Space Size Needed _____

I will bring the item donated to conference. Yes _____ No _____

I will mail the item to one of the committee members. Yes _____ No _____

For more information on the silent auction, please call:

Bettina Jamerson at 913-385-4580



**KANSAS ASSOCIATION
FOR COURT MANAGEMENT**

Scholarship Application

Regular membership shall be open to any appointed Court Clerk/Court Administrator or any municipal Court in the State of Kansas. Any Assistant Court Clerk/Assistant Court Administrator or any person serving in a management position in any Municipal Court in the State of Kansas shall be eligible for regular membership in the corporation.

The Kansas Association of Court Management offers new clerk orientation (those new clerks who have been appointed within the last two years). The orientation is a basic course geared toward new clerks.

Municipal Court Clerks attending the Municipal Court Clerks' Conference in the Spring will be reimbursed directly to the Court Clerk (one clerk per city) by the Supreme Court. These reimbursements include mileage, lodging, and meals served at the Conference.

This scholarship is being offered to Court Clerks who have never been able to attend a KACM conference before. If your application is accepted, then KACM will waive registration fees, pay for the motel room and possibly mileage.

This document must be completed in its entirety and submitted before the Fall conference each year.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Court Name: _____

Court Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Please Answer the following questions:

1. If selected, would you attend the Spring Conference? (Expenses reimbursed by Supreme Court).
Yes No
2. If selected, would your City pay for you to attend the Fall Conference the following year?
Yes No
3. If you choose to become a regular member, would you serve on a committee or as a board member?
Yes No
4. Please State why we should select your application.

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION BY JULY 15, 2002 TO:
Bettina Jamerson Deputy Court Administrator
7700 Mission Rd
Prairie Village, KS 66208
913-385-4580



Attention KACM Members:

If anyone would like to submit an article, see a specific topic addressed or if you might have a special occasion or event coming up that you would like to see in the newsletter please either contact Leslie Felts at 620-221-5515 or email information to lfelts@cox.net or lfelts@winfieldks.org



The newsletter is printed every quarter, so all articles need to be sent in no later than the last month of each quarter.

Web Sources

Looking for information on the latest bills introduced for this Legislative session? Check out these sources.....

The Kansas Association for Court Managements has a website the address is www.ksmunicipalcourts.com Please bare with us while we get all of the links working and the new information out there.

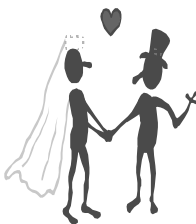
The League of Kansas Municipalities web site can be accessed on the web at www.lkmonline.org

Another excellent source is accessKansas (formerly INK) sponsored by the Information network of Kansas, it can be found at www.accesskansas.org. Just click on the 2001 Legislation Session from the Home page. Some searches do require a fee, so you will want to set up an account.

Information provided by the Kansas Association for Municipal Judges Newsletter - The Verdict.



KACM Bulletin Board



Congratulations to Ruth Rider on her upcoming marriage on July 27th, 2002.

Please note the change in my email address it is now lfelts@cox.net.
Thanks,
Leslie Felts

Congratulations to Candy Westhoff who just became a new grandma again, her daughter Rebekah and her husband Charlton Dye who live in phoenix had a baby girl May 11th, 2002. She weighed in at 7 lbs, 7 ozs. They named her Trinity Jaye, they've already nicknamed her TJ.



Application for Membership to the Kansas Association for Court Management

Any appointed or elected Court Clerk/Court Administrator or Assistant Court Clerk/Administrator or any person serving in a management position in any Municipal Court of the State of Kansas shall be eligible for Regular membership.

Any person interested in the improvement of administration of justice may be eligible for Associate membership.

Any person enrolled full time in a degree program in the field of court administration, business administration, public administration, law, criminal justice or other related field and not presently employed full time in a court may become a student member.

Membership is for individuals, not for the court.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Type of Membership Requested:

- | | |
|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Membership | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership | \$30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership | \$15.00 |

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION
FOR COURT MANAGEMENT (KACM).

Return check and membership application to :

Jane Eilers, Treasurer
255 North 10th St.
Salina, KS 67401

If you have a question as to whether or not you are currently a member please contact Jane at 785-826-7230

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Kansas with quality education and training.*

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