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The Presidents Corner

Well, I've boxed myself into the President's Corner with nary a clue as to what to talk about. I could whine about the multitude of goings-on that keeps my days filled to overflowing, but I'd be preaching to the choir, as they say, so guess that's out.

Perhaps you'd like to hear about the dream that keeps plaguing me at night. We're all in Overland Park at the fall conference. I'm trying to get checked in at the hotel and get to the conference center to open the day. I'm walking, walking, walking and making no progress. I hear the conference getting started and someone remarking about "...and we don't know where she is!" Are you thinkin' that I'm waaaay too stressed about this one?

The board did make a decision to change the program a bit to see if we could get the cost of the conference down a bit. I'm sure that Janet Mitchell and her committee have things well in hand so I should just chill out!

So, here we are, hip-deep in springtime. I hope that none of you have felt the wrath of the many tornados and severe storms that have peppered the state. Even though we live in a state brimming with weather ac-

tivity, I can't think of anyplace I'd rather live. A friend of mine was visiting last week from Tucson, Arizona, and as we were driving along, we crested a hill and my friend said "This is so beautiful, and it's so GREEN". (Honestly, you could tell when he said it that he meant capital letters!) It's why I love Kansas. Heck, I sound like a travelogue!

We're all gearing up for summer. Planting gardens, mowing the lawns, spring concerts and programs at school, and I can't forget, all of the graduations! Congratulations to all you parents celebrating the achievements of your children/grandchildren. Praise them often and love them without reservation for they are a special gift.

Jerry



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KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COURT MANAGEMENT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
April 3, 2003

The K.A.C.M. Board of Director's meeting was held Thursday, April 3, 2003 at Holiday Inn Select, Wichita, Kansas. Jerry Lovett-Sperling, President, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and the following officers and board members were present: President Jerry Lovett-Sperling (Lindsborg), Vice President Janet Mitchell (Overland Park), Secretary Bettina Jamerson (Prairie Village), Treasurer Jane Eilers (Salina), Sgt. At Arms Sherri Adams (Pittsburg), Board of Trustees, Leslie Felts (Winfield), Rod Edmondson (Baxter Springs), Gloria McBee (Newton), Dee Heath (Benton), Rick Voisin (Towanda), Theresa Durler (Dodge City), and Alternate Trustee Mary Mogle (Basehor). Alternate Trustee Barb McGuire (Mount Hope) was absent.

Jerry Lovett-Sperling asked if there were any additions to the agenda, there were none.

MINUTES AND TREASURER REPORT

The minutes of the January 24, 2003 Board of Director's Meeting were presented for approval. Janet Mitchell (Overland Park), made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sherri Adams (Pittsburg), seconded the motion. Motion carried. Treasurer Jane Eilers (Salina) presented the treasurer's report. The checking account balance is \$8,168.57. The March 28, 2003 transaction to School Specialty Supplies was the purchase of the projector case. There's an outstanding bill of \$150.72. The KACM laptop computer crashed and needed an upgrade. The video drive was not compatible with Office. Leslie Felts (Winfield) made a motion to approve payment of said bill to Matt Marshall who fixed the computer. Janet Mitchell (Overland Park) seconded the motion. Motion carried. Denise Kilwein will give Jerry Lovett-Sperling the bill for Friday's break and Jane Eilers will pay that bill before leaving. Janet Mitchell (Overland Park) made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Leslie Felts (Winfield) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Leslie Felts (Winfield) received an e-mail from a gentleman who does the newsletter for the Arizona courts. He had visited the KACM website and read Polly Mains obituary. His association had lost their President in a car accident. He shared his sympathies for our loss.

Barb McGuire (Mount Hope) had sent an e-mail to Jerry Lovett-Sperling (Lindsborg) regarding Darrell Stites, the man who made the gavel in memory of Polly Mains. Mr. Stites passed away after a battle with cancer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Ambassador – Sherri Adams encouraged everyone to visit with new court clerks.
- Education – Janet Mitchell handed out an agenda for the fall conference. It's still in the works with possible substitutions.
- Hospitality – Mary Mogle advised that the Hospitality room would have a Mardi Gras theme.
- Manual – Manual Committee will be meeting in July. If instructors found any errors in the manual, please pass those on to the committee.
- Newsletter and Past President – Leslie Felts advised she will put something in the newsletter regarding Toni Rogers husband; Karen Kuffler's knee surgery; and the passing of Darrell Stites. Leslie reminded

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- everyone if there's someone they would like to nominate for Clerk of the Year, to let the committee know.
- Promo/Sales – Theresa Durler reported they made \$80-100 today. They were selling left over items and are looking for ideas for the fall conference. The committee needs to know how much they can spend on purchasing new items.
 - Courtesy – Gloria McBee reported that three cards were sent out, and flowers were sent for KACM member Joe Russell's funeral. Gloria has purchased a variety of cards to have on hand so when she gets a call to send a card she will have them readily available. Janet Mitchell (Overland Park) made a motion to pay the \$41.99 bill for the flowers and \$29.05 for the cards. Sherri Adams (Pittsburg) seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Historian – Doris Schoeck absent.
 - Legislative – Karen Kuffler (Parsons) e-mailed Jerry and will give updates in the morning at the conference.
 - Membership – Rod Edmondson (Baxter Springs) has updated the KACM brochure and a copy is included in the packets. Rod will be sending out a short questionnaire to clerks asking how many years' members have been clerks. That will then be added to their nametag at the fall conference. The committee is also looking at recognizing years of service maybe with pins. Rod also brought samples of Lanyards for nametags; it hangs around your neck rather than clipping to your clothes. The price break came at a quantity of 500. Leslie Felts (Winfield) made a motion to approve the purchase of 500 lanyards for the fall conference and for the committee to decide the company to purchase them from based on the best price for the best quality. Bettina Jamerson (Prairie Village) seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Scholarship – Bettina Jamerson. The criteria that need to be met for someone to be a scholarship recipient is that they are a KACM member and have never been to a fall conference. There was discussion about the funding of the scholarship besides the revenue from the silent auction. No one was clear if the revenue from promotional sales was used in the beginning to get the scholarship off the ground or if it's to be an on-going source of revenue for the scholarship. Bettina will research the association's minutes to find that out. Scholarship applications were passed out to the clerk's attending the training today and Bettina received one completed application.

OLD BUSINESS

By-laws Review Committee – Janeice Rawles. Moved this item to the next meeting because the committee has not met.

The Board had already approved the funds for the break at the Spring Conference. Do not know what the total is yet but it will be paid tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

KACM Officer & Committee Responsibilities – Jerry Lovett-Sperling passed out the lists of responsibilities, asked the board to review them and bring them to the next meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be June 20, 2003, at 10:00 am. Jerry Lovett-Sperling will check with Kathy's Kitchen in El Dorado, KS, to see if they're available.

Leslie Felts (Winfield) made a motion to adjourn. Dee Heath (Benton) seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Scholarship Silent Auction

The Polly Mains Memorial Scholarship was awarded for the first time three years ago this fall to a KACM member. The Scholarship was created with the intention of providing financial assistance to clerks whose city cannot afford to send them. The Scholarship pays for the clerks lodging and sometimes reimbursement for gas to and from the conference. The registration fee is also waived. Four scholarships have been awarded since then.

To fund the scholarship a Silent Auction is held at the Fall Conference with donated items from KACM members and sometimes from their court or city. There are usually a variety of items brought for the auction. For example, handmade items, crocheted/knitted blankets, wraps, doilies, cross-stitched pictures; candles; baskets with goodies from the respective city; tickets to sporting events, plays, concerts; craft items; cookbooks; floral arrangements; quilts; music CD's; knick-knacks; the possibilities are endless.

The Scholarship Committee encourages you to create, buy, build or request donated items to bring for the Silent Auction. Just bring them to the Fall Conference and we'll set up on Thursday morning. The Auction is open all afternoon and into the evening. The winners are announced on Friday morning and asked to pick up their items and pay for them before leaving the conference.



Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the Scholarship Committee Chair, Bettina Jamerson (Prairie Village) at 913-385-4680. Other committee members include Liz Ziegler (Kingman), Carol Livingston (Altamont) and Jo Johnson (Clearwater).



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.



Dates to Remember

KACM Fall Conference
September 18th & 19th 2003
Overland Park, KS

Municipal Court Clerks
Spring Conference
April 1 st & 2nd, 2004
Lawrence, KS



OJA Manual Committee Members

Here is a list of committee members that review and correct the Court Clerks manual. If at any time you find a mistake or see something that might need to be added, please contact one of these members.

Tom Buffington - 785-546-2388
Jerry Lovett-Sperling - 785-227-4351
Janet Mitchell - 913-327-6867
Carla Rains - 620-326-2791
Toni Rogers - 316-529-5920
Connie Sams - 785-242-5333
Kathryn Tisdale - 620-441-4408

KACM Bulletin Board

Get Well soon to Karen Kuffler! (Parsons) she is recovering from knee surgery



KACM would also like to let Toni Rogers of Haysville know that we are thinking of her in these difficult times with her ill husband.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of Darrell Stites of Mount Hope, who has passed away. Darrell is the gentleman who made our new gavel and sounding block in memory of Polly Mains.

FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

THIS IS A LIST PROVIDED AT THE APRIL CONFERENCE, OF TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS THE DRIVER CONTROL BUREAU WILL SUSPEND ON FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR COMPLY .

Driving Under the Influence	Speed to Fast for Conditions
Transportation Open Container	Speed / Excess of Posted Maximum
Vehicular Homicide	Speed Less than Posted Minimum
Felony Involving a Vehicle	Improper / Illegal / Turns
Following Improper/Illegally	Driving While Suspended
Leave Scene of Injury Accident	Driving While Revoked
Leave Scene / Non Injury Accident	Drive in Violation of Restrictions
Attempt to Elude / Evade Arrest	Drive Wrong Way / Lane / Direction
Start Improperly / Parked Position	Child Restraint Violations
Improper Backing Violations	Seat Belt Violations
Passing Improperly / Illegally / Prohibited	Tag Violations
Reckless Driving	Registration Violations
Vehicle Battery in Connection w/DUI	Overweight,Overheight,Overwith
Vehicle Battery in Connection w/Reckless	Defective Equipment Violations
Failure to Yield	Drivers License Violations
Failure to Obey Traffic Devices (any)	Bicycle Violations
Failure to Signal Properly / Illegally	Pedestrian Violations
Contest Racing	Drive w/o or Fail to Dim Lights



Kansas Association for Court Management Declaration of Candidacy for 2003-2004 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 Overland Park, Kansas on September 18th & 19th, 2003?

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 July 1st, 2003 to:
Leslie Felts
P.O. Box 646
Winfield, KS 67156**

The Lighter side.....

Judge: The charge here is theft of frozen chickens. Are you the defendant?

Defendant: No, sir, I'm the guy who stole the chickens.

Judge: You are charged with habitual drunkenness. Have you anything to say in your defense?

Defendant: Habitual thirstiness?

Defendant: Judge, I want you to appoint me another lawyer.

Judge: And why is that?

Defendant: Because the Public Defender isn't interested in my case.

Judge (to Public Defender): Do you have any comments on the defendant's motion?

Public Defender: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I wasn't listening.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The following are laws that have been signed by the Governor as of April 25, 2003. (Information from The Verdict Issue 22 Spring 2003)

JUDGE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO ORDER CARS BELONGING TO DUI OFFENDERS IMPOUNDED

SB 33, which was referred to as “Casey’s Law” after Casey Beaver, a Kansas resident killed by a repeat-offender drunk driver, gives the judge the authority to “impound or immobilize” an offender’s motor vehicle for up to one year. It also provides that the offender is responsible for the towing, impoundment, storage fees and immobilization cost. Before ordering the vehicle impounded, the Court must consider whether the impoundment would result in the loss of the offender’s employment or the loss of employment of a member of the offender’s family and whether the ability of the offender or the offender’s family to attend school or obtain medical treatment would be impaired. In addition the offender must be allowed to retrieve personal property from the vehicle. The bill applies to vehicles owned or leased by the offender. In addition, if an offender fails to pay the tow, impoundment, immobilization or storage fees or fails to take possession of the vehicle within 30 days of the date the impoundment restriction is lifted, the vehicle is deemed to be abandoned and the company or agency having possession can dispose of the vehicle.

Finally, a new crime is created for allowing a person to drive your vehicle when you know or should have known that the person has a suspended drivers’ license for a DUI conviction or for failing or refusing the breath test or for not completing an ADSAP program, or who is subject to an interlock restriction. A conviction of this crime can result in a minimum fine of \$500 and impoundment of your car.

OK TO HAVE NEON GROUND EFFECT LIGHTING ON CAR AS LONG AS THE LIGHT EMITTED IS NOT RED AND YOU CAN’T SEE THE NEON TUBES

HB 2221, later substituted by SB 33 allows cars to be equipped with neon ground effect lighting as long as it does not emit a red light and as long as the neon tubes are not visible. These lights create a “halo” light effect and are very popular with the teenagers.

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:

- () Regular Membership \$50.00
 () Associate Membership \$30.00
 () 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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