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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Barbara Inselman



The flu managed to bring me down the week of the spring conference but I hear that Denise Kilwein's program was awesome. Thirty-three (33) new clerks attended Thursday's training sessions and about 160 clerks were able to attend the Friday conference. The Honorable Judge Steve Ebberts of the Topeka Municipal Court opened the conference with his presentation on Apprising The Defendant. His information on defendant rights, constitutional provisions and case law, the Municipal Clerk and

Judge's manuals was valuable for new court clerks as well as an excellent refresher for seasoned staff. I heard the wheel of justice session was a huge success as an educational tool and everyone really got into belting out the tunes for the singing bee! The Honorable Judge Steve Leben of the Kansas Court of Appeals presented Procedural Fairness which included points that would enable us to better meet the public trust for those persons we serve. Nuts and bolt sessions are always popular with our group and it sounds like there was good discussion on several areas of responsibility for court clerks. One of our favorite partners, Marcy Ralston of the DMV, mentioned the modernization project and the possibility there might be a delay in their part of the upgrade. Look for more information from Marcy in the upcoming issues of the KACM Docket as well as the DMV website. Kudos to Amy Spitler, Bettina Jamerson and Jane Eilers for hosting an absolutely fabulous hospitality gathering. It sounds like there was a nice turnout for the 'Meet and Greet' and I trust the first-timers met some new friends and networking contacts from across the state. KACM is still looking for a hospitality chairperson so let me know if you're interested in serving our association in this position. The KACM board has been

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(president's corner, continued)

working on paring down the dimensions of this role so it is now much easier and more fun to manage. There are some great events being planned for this fall's conference as we celebrate KACM's 25th anniversary and it will be a really special time to serve on the hospitality committee.

On March 4th, Bettina Jamerson and I were really thrilled to have the opportunity to go to Topeka to attend the Kansas Court of Appeals' swearing-in ceremony for Judge Karen Arnold-Burger. There was a large group including her family, friends and numerous attorneys to offer congratulations and support on Judge Arnold-Burger's recent appointment. Best wishes to Toni Rogers as she enjoys retirement from her many years of service as the Court Clerk for the City of Haysville and as the Manual Chairperson for our association. And, congratulations to Doris Schoeck on her upcoming retirement from the City of Emporia!

Committee Chairs

We continue to appreciate those serving as leaders in our organization. These folks are great resources for questions about anything relating to our organization:

Ambassador	Diane Clay (Ft. Scott)
Courtesy	Barb Nelson (Ottawa)
Education	Shelli Adams (Derby)
Historian	Candy Westhoff (Girard)
Hospitality	No chair
Legislative	Gail Garrett (Lansing)
Manual	Toni Rogers (Haysville)
Membership	Nioma Cook (Andover)
Newsletter	Greg Nickel (Newton)
Past Presidents	Jeannine Hoheisel (Hesston)
Promotion	Amy Spitler (Hutchinson)
Scholarship	Kellie Barker (Bel Aire)

Spotlight on Legal Terminology



Without Prejudice

Within legal civil procedure, prejudice is a loss or injury, and refers specifically to a formal determination against a claimed legal right or cause of action. Thus, in a civil case, dismissal without prejudice is a dismissal that allows for re-filing of the case in the future. The present action is dismissed but the possibility remains open that

the plaintiff may file another suit on the same claim. The inverse phrase is dismissal with prejudice, in which the plaintiff is barred from filing another case on the same claim. Dismissal with prejudice is a final judgment and the case becomes *res judicata* on the claims that were or could have been brought in it; dismissal without prejudice is not.

Source: Wikipedia entry: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prejudice_\(legal_procedure\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prejudice_(legal_procedure))

Membership Committee Update

Nioma Cook – Andover - Chairman
ncook@andoverks.com

Hilary Pappan, Winfield
hpappan@winfieldks.org

Membership Committee would like everyone to welcome our new members.

Linda K. Stewart, Council Grove

Jayne L. Mjelde, Frontenac

Glenda Harvey, Englewood

Jennifer Motes, Halstead

Camille Tullis, Haysville

Toni Rogers and Doris Schoeck., we wish you well on your retirement.

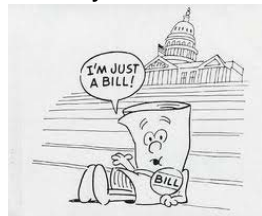
If I have missed any new clerks, please let me know.

Legislative Update

Gail Garrett, Chair

"In law, nothing is certain but the expense."
 - Samuel Butler

Remember SB 7, the "122-page monster of a bill" introduced in January after two years of research by the state DUI Commission? Well, it's pretty much 'DOA', killed by that to which Mr. Butler refers in the quote above.



The projected fiscal impact of the law, as introduced, included initial expenditures of around \$11.5 million and approximately 1,000

new spots for inmates. Considering the state's current financial situation, coupled with the fact that our current inmate population already exceeds capacity, it's not surprising that this bill crashed and burned. A substitute bill, which minimized costs but also cut most of the key reforms out of the original, was introduced and the Judiciary Committee recommended its approval. There has been no action on that since March 18, so it's not looking good for the substitute bill, either.



In other news...HB 2192 has been passed by both houses and as of this writing is currently awaiting the Governor's signature. The major part of this bill for us is a revision to the seat-belt law, making it absolutely, perfectly, totally, entirely, 100% clear that no court costs are to be charged for seat belt violations and that the fines set by the statute are THE fines and will be applied uniformly throughout the state. I think a lot of cities saw the statutory fines as optional or perhaps as a minimum starting point, while the legislature intended for them to be mandatory. There's also a nifty little provision in this bill allowing for motorcycle riders to proceed through a red light, but only after they've sat there at the light long enough that it's evident that either the light is malfunctioning or the light's sensor failed to detect the motorcycle. OK...

SB 97 intends to continue the judicial branch surcharge on DL reinstatements for at least another year, this time increasing the amount from \$17.50 to \$22.00. The Senate has passed the bill and sent it to the House, where it's been amended and is currently awaiting a vote.

-Gail Garrett

DUI Commission

“Municipal courts cover two-thirds of DUI cases.”
- DUI Commission Report

The Commission presented its report and, as reported in the legislative section, the bill resulting from their findings did not pass. The report can be found online and includes a number of interesting components, for example:

“The Commission heard presentations on DUI from a Court Clerk’s Perspective and from a municipal prosecutor’s perspective. The information received from the municipal prosecutors indicated the search for prior convictions is difficult and tedious, requiring a mailed letter rather than a phone call and causes substantial delays; blood tests do not get processed quickly enough; and not all Kansas Disposition Reports are reported.

Additionally, one of the prosecutors stated it would be extremely helpful to have “one-stop” shopping for journal entries for prior and pending cases and suggested enforcement of reporting laws would result with a more accurate accounting of prior cases.”



Chairman Tim Owens was asked to offer a few comments about what the future might hold for the commission's work. Are there certain elements that are likely to be implemented on a piecemeal basis? Where does the commission go from here? Below is his response. Hats off to Senator Owens for the generous response:

“SB 7 was the original bill proposed by the commission and introduced in the Senate Judiciary Committee. It was not heard on the floor of the Senate because of the fiscal note attached to it. The House version was a greatly reduced version designed to reduce a lot of the cost factors that were in SB 7. The House version was put into a shell which is now SB 6 and has a fair chance of getting

out of the conference committee and sent to the two chambers for consideration. The primary issues that remain in the SB6 version are the first time interlock requirements and the central repository. However, the repository must be funded and we are working on getting that funding through a source other than the general fund or a tax increase. I believe the central repository is critical for the entire program to go forward. Without it we have little more than we have now and fall woefully short of being able to eliminate the multiple DUI arrests for individuals who continue to drive and be charged with the wrong number of DUI because of the failure of the reporting system. The costs to the counties has in my opinion been overstated out of a fear of the unknown in how this will be implemented. The work of the commission itself is concluded but we are looking at putting together a follow-up committee to monitor the recommendations that were made. It would be my intention to continue to advocate for any of the provisions in SB 7 that were not carried over to SB 6 for future consideration and funding. Community Corrections cannot be expected to add additional work without the proper funding. I continue to believe that this is a serious and important issue that this state needs to address in its entirety if it intends to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries brought on by drunk drivers.

“I hope this has been sufficient to address your initial inquiry. Let me know if there is something further that I can help with.

Sincerely,

Senator Tim Owens

Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee and
the DUI Commission”

The full report can be found online at:
[http://skyways.lib.ks.us/ksleg/KLRD/2009Com
mRepts/dui-cr.pdf](http://skyways.lib.ks.us/ksleg/KLRD/2009Com mRepts/dui-cr.pdf)

Ambassadors

We currently have an opening for an Ambassador in Region 1. This region includes the following counties: Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Logan, Gove, Trego, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Rooks, Wallace, and Ellis.

Please let me know if you are interested in serving as an Ambassador for Region 1. The responsibilities for an Ambassador are listed below:

Responsibilities of the KACM Ambassador Committee:

*Contact the new members listed from the Membership Committee

*Assist clerks in their region with programs – 2 experienced clerks from each region.

*Provide information where Clerks can get training – tell them about the Spring Court Clerk training offered by the Office of Judicial Administration and the Fall Conference

*Assist the Ambassador Chairperson with a mixer at the Fall Conference

The Ambassadors are listed below for all the Regions in the State of Kansas:

Vacant			1		
Engle	Linda	Oakley	1	785-671-3611	oakleyap@st-tel.net
Eilers	Jane	Salina	2	785-826-7230	jane.eilers@salina.org
Lovett-Sperling	Jerry	Lindsborg	2	785-227-3355	jls@lindsborgcity.org
Inselman	Barbara	Lenexa	3	913-477-7600	binselman@ci.lenexa.ks.us
Rawles	Janeice	Edgerton	3	913-893-6231	edgertonkscourt@yahoo.com
Durler	Theresa	Dodge City	4	620-225-8107	theresad@dodgecity.org
Kohn	Doris	Dodge City	4	620-225-8107	dorisk@dodgecity.org
Johnson	Jo	Clearwater	5	620-584-2377	johbj@clearwaterks.org
Plew	Debbie	Mulvane	5	316-777-9515	dplew@mulvanekansas.com
Clay	Diane	Ft. Scott	6	620-223-0550	dclay@fscity.org
Adams	Sherri	Pittsburg	6	620-231-9880	SherriA@Pittks.org

Spelling; A Necessary Criminal Skill: - To conceal an arrest warrant for auto theft, Amos Ashley, 62, told traffic-stop officers in Lawrenceburg, Ind., in February that he was (as he wrote on a paper for them) "Rorth Taylor." ("Pronounce it," ordered a trooper.) "Robert Taylor." ("Spell it once more, please.") "R-e-r-e-r-t," wrote Ashley. ("And "Taylor"?") "T-a-y-l-o-e-r." Several more attempts followed, until Ashley finally admitted his name and was arrested.

[newssofthewierd.com]



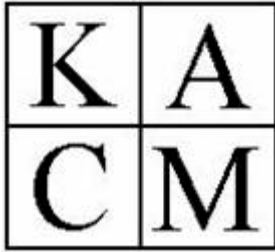


25th ANNIVERSARY
Fall conference
September 28-30
Wichita Marriott East

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!
Thursday evening we will have a special night of entertainment.

Conference agenda topics include: Dealing with difficult people/situations, victim's rights, DUI victim Panel, breakout sessions, and of course DMV.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Wichita!



**Kansas Association for Court Management
 Declaration of Candidacy for
 2011-2012 Board of Directors**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Title: _____ Fax: _____

Court: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ 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.**

Yes	No	
___	___	Do you plan to attend the Fall Conference in Wichita?
___	___	Will you be able to attend K.A.C.M. board meetings?
___	___	Will you be willing to serve on or chair committees when asked?

Please complete reverse side

Declaration of Candidacy (page 2)

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 K.A.C.M. Board of Directors is expected to attend four board meetings throughout the year, two of which are held in the spring and fall conferences. The other two are usually held in January and July.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed form by May 31, 2010 to:
Jeannine Hoheisel
PO Box 100
Hesston Kansas 67062

This is the third article in a series about bail bonding, a topic that directly affects cases in our courts and one worth understanding a little more fully. We are fortunate to have a bondsman, Stephen Owens, who is willing to write a few articles about bonding. While Mr. Owens is very capable, professional, and knowledgeable about his profession. KACM is, of course, not an endorsement of him or his views – ultimately, your judge officially answers specific questions about bonding issues for your court. We are very grateful for Mr. Owens' willingness to share his experience with us via these articles. We hope you find the following article useful.

Bail Bonding Fugitive Recovery

Bail bondsmen function and perform as the third party accountability system for the courts. Whether municipal or district court, bondsman primary function is to ensure the defendant's appearance at the time and place designated by court. When a defendant doesn't appear in court, we receive a bond forfeiture that designates a date and time when we need to have the defendant in custody or appear in court. Generally, municipal courts allow 30 – 45 days for us to locate the defendant. If we have not been able to apprehend the defendant during that time, the bondsman will appear and either pay the bond forfeiture or request additional time. Speaking for my company, we will only request additional time if we believe we will be able to apprehend the defendant.



So what happens during those 30 – 45 days?

Step 1:

The forfeiture is entered into our system and the agent who wrote the bond is notified that the defendant failed to appear. A copy of the forfeiture letter and a copy of the application are then emailed to the agent and the fugitive recovery agents that are on our payroll.

Step 2:

The bondsman attempts to make contact with the defendant. If information has changed and we cannot reach the defendant, the fugitive recovery agents are instructed to meet with the agent and attempt to locate the defendant.



Step 3:

The agent and the fugitive recovery agents head to the defendant's home. We attempt to verify a warrant has been issued, but regardless, we continue to attempt to locate. If the defendant has moved, the agents head over to obtain information from the cosigner's home. Each bond written is required to have a cosigner...not only for the possible information needed, but to financially indemnify themselves to us in the event the defendant fails to appear.

Step 4:

The information obtained by the cosigner will hopefully lead us to the defendant. If it doesn't, we proceed with various methods to tracking the defendant's address online. There are costs associated with this and sometimes it works...sometimes it doesn't. Often times, many hours are spent driving, researching and talking to people about the defendant. Many doors are knocked on talking to neighbors and friends trying to locate the defendant.

Step 5:

The apprehension of the defendant is always where the majority of our liability is incurred. If the agent and fugitive recovery agents are not operating in a professional manner and by the letter of the law, the opportunity for a lawsuit increases dramatically. There are various rules that fugitive recovery agents must follow:

- a) To be a fugitive recovery agent, the person must be felony free for the previous 10 years.
- b) Local law enforcement must be notified of your intent to apprehend the defendant. This is generally done by notifying county dispatch of the address you will be at and who you will be attempting to apprehend.

Law enforcement assistance is never required, but we often like to meet with an officer to let them know who we are and the circumstances behind the arrest.

- c) Fugitive recovery agents only have the right to enter a residence without permission if it is the defendant's place of residence listed on the application, the cosigner's residence listed on the application, or if they are 100% positive the defendant is inside the residence. If a residence is entered without the consent of the resident and the defendant is not there, fugitive recovery agents are subject to arrest as any citizen would be.
- d) If the bondsman is not present with the fugitive recovery agent, the fugitive recovery agent must have in their possession a written consent from the bondsman entitling them to act on behalf of the bondsman to apprehend the defendant.

Step 6:

Once the defendant is in custody, he/she is transported to the detention center in the county where the case is out of. Appropriate steps are taken to notify law enforcement of our apprehension and where we are taking the defendant. If it is a female defendant, two agents always transport the defendant. Often times, two agents transport any defendant in case he/she gets out of control.

It seems like a simple process and often times it is. Many times the defendant simply forgot about court or was ill or has various excuses and is willing to turn themselves in to take care of things. Other times, this is not the case. When a defendant is actively "on the run", the time commitment increases dramatically, often days or weeks are spent trying to apprehend the defendant at a substantial financial cost.

It is important that local police departments be aware of the laws regarding fugitive recovery so that they are aware when this is going on in their town. Kansas has very limited regulation over fugitive recovery agents and it is for this reason that law enforcement should be well versed in the few laws that do exist.

Doris Schoeck is retiring.

She was one of the
"Original 9" that started
KACM. A couple of years
after chartering, Doris
Schoeck had this to say, in
a poem she wrote about KACM,



We're two years old and growing
And our strength is here to stay;
If we all just remember
That each of us has a say.

Our members come from all over the state
And we all must remember to keep open the date,
For the annual conference where we learn and share
To do our jobs well and still show that we care.

We started out small and have managed to grow
And our members now are a hundred or so.
We work and we study, so we won't be slow
In answering the questions other people need to
know.

We come together to talk and learn,
About our jobs and the Judges stern.
They've had their conferences and then adjourn,
So now we do it, because it's our turn.

We share our ideas and learn a lot,
From all of the people in our melting pot.
We encourage and listen and try to advise,
And often share with others who are wise.

We work with attorneys, policemen, and Judges,
To keep them all happy, sometimes makes us
drudges!
We should always remember to handle our stress,
And try to perform at our level best!

"After 21 years of dedicated service to the 5th
Judicial District Community Corrections, Doris
Schoeck is retiring on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.
Wishing Doris many years of happiness in
retirement!!

KBI Workgroup

Leslie Moore, Information Services Division Manager at the KBI, provided the following report:

“The KBI has been concerned with the completeness and accuracy of its criminal history record information (CHRI) contained within the central repository for some time. We recently met with OJA and digressed from the original topic long enough to decide that we really need to consider long term solutions as well as short term. The ultimate goal would be to have timely, accurate, and complete reporting with workflows that minimize labor and systems that provide the best access to CHRI for the stakeholders.

“It is believed that the best approach may be to form a small working group to assess the problem and determine a solution or solutions. The working group would then take the problems and solutions to KCJIS. We would then seek, as a united front, a funded resolution.”

Leslie further reported that they will be assembling a workgroup to address this problem. The workgroup will include people with various perspectives, including municipal court clerks from KACM. An option of reporting convictions electronically is one possibility that will likely be discussed by the workgroup.

Is this legal? Three people were hospitalized in Bellevue, Wash., in January when their van stalled and then exploded as the ignition was re-engaged. They were carrying two gallons of gasoline in an open container and had been feeding the carburetor directly, through an opening in the engine housing (between the seats), as the van was in motion. (It was not reported why they were doing it that way.) (newsofthewierd.com)



DMV Report

As always, we appreciated the time Marcy and Kelly gave to KACM at the Spring conference. Marcy provided this followup report for our newsletter:

“Effective April 1, 2011, the new Director of Vehicles is Donna Shelite.

“DMV Modernization Project -- In order to ensure complete readiness, the implementation date for Phase I (MOVRS), which includes the Titles and Registration Bureau, has been moved to December 1, 2011. With that, the implementation date for Phase II (DRIVS), which includes Driver Control and Driver Licensing, has been moved to March 15, 2012”

Speedy Trial?? India's legal system is notoriously among the world's most leisurely paced. In December (1990) in New Delhi, four men (ages 82, 71, 63 and 62) were acquitted of accusations that they defrauded a government-run transport company by buying bogus motor parts. The men had been charged with the crime in 1955 (when they were, respectively, 47, 36, 28 and 27 years old), and the trial began in 1957. Hearings continued, off and on, for 33 years before Judge V.B. Gupta concluded in December that the government had failed to prove its case. (newsofthewierd.com)



Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
March, 31, 2011
(Spring Conference in Topeka, KS)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The KACM Board of Directors Meeting was held on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Topeka, KS. This meeting was called to order by Vice President Shellina Adams.

Voting members present: Shellina Adams, Derby; Kim Clinkingbeard, Liberal; Jeannine Hoheisel, Hesston; Theresa Durler, Dodge City; Amy Spitler, Hutchinson; Adela Diaz, Prairie Village, Janeice Rawles, Edgerton; Candy Westhoff, Girard.

Others present: Diane Clay, Fort Scott; Linda Engel, Oakley; Nioma Cook, Andover; Kellie Barker, Bel Aire.

Absent: Barb Inselman, Lenexa; Kristi Orbin, Olathe; Barb Nelson, Ottawa; Gail Garrett, Lansing; Greg Nickel, Newton; Rick Voisin, Towanda.

There were no additions to proposed agenda.

MINUTES

Amy Spitler made a motion to accept the minutes from the KACM Board of Director's meeting from January 28, 2011. Linda Engel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shellina Adams reported that the KACM checking account has a balance of \$13,256.26. Amy Spitler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Candy Westhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you card was received from Toni Rogers from Haysville for the flowers she received at her retirement reception.

A thank you card was also received from Judge Karen Arnold-Burger for the flowers she received at her ceremony for being appointed to the Court of Appeals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador: Diane Clay reports that Region I has an opening for an ambassador. Region one consists of fifteen counties. The opening will be placed in the KACM newsletter.

Courtesy: No report

Education: Shellina Adams spoke about the preparations for the fall conference. The registration for the conference will be on the website and in the KACM newsletter.

Historian: Candy Westhoff reported that she is working on the booklet for the 25th KACM conference.

Hospitality: No Report

Legislative: No Report

Manual: Denise Kilwein will be working on who will be replacing Toni Rogers.

Membership: Nioma Cook reported that she has ten new members and thirty-four new court clerks. Denise Kilwein placed a membership form in the clerk's registration packets for the conference.

Newsletter: No report

Past President: No report

Promotion: Amy Spitler reported that the 25th anniversary KACM pins have arrived. They are silver and burgundy. She also has a new KACM design for the items for sale during the spring conference.

Scholarship: No report

OLD BUSINESS

Shellina Adams reported that Doris Schoeck will be retiring effective May 1, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Shellina Adams reported that the NACM leadership seminar will have their annual conference in Las Vegas, NV.

Shellina also discussed the consideration of association donations to non-profit organizations. Janeice Rawles made a motion to not give donations to non-profit organizations. Amy Spitler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There is no further business to come before the Board. Amy Spitler made a motion to adjourn. Jeannine Hoheisel seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next board meeting will be held in July, 2011.

Respectfully submitted;

Kim Clinkingbeard-Secretary

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
January 28, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The KACM Board of Directors Meeting was held Friday, January 28, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. at The Wichita Marriot East, Wichita. The meeting was called to order by president Barb Inselman.

Voting members present: Barb Inselman, Lenexa; Shellina Adams, Derby; Kim Clinkingbeard, Liberal; Kristi Orbin, Olathe; Rick Voisin, Towanda; Jeannine Hoheisel, Hesston; Theresa Durler, Dodge City; Amy Spitler, Hutchinson; Adela Diaz, Prairie Village; Candy Westhoff, Oakley;

Others present: Diane Clay, Fort Scott; Greg Nickel, Newton; Niomi Cook, Andover; Barb Nelson, Ottawa; Linda Engel, Oakley; Kellie Barker, Bel Aire; Bettina Jamerson, Prairie Village

Absent: Janeice Rawles, Edgerton, Gail Garrett, Lansing

There were no additions to proposed agenda. Amy Spitler made a motion to accept the agenda. Shelli Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MINUTES

Candy Westhoff made a motion to accept the minutes from the KACM Board of Director's meeting from September 24, 2010.
Linda Engel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kristi Orbin reported that the KACM checking account has a balance of \$14,617.75. She also reported that the scholarship fund balance is \$1,828.91. There is one outstanding check from October written to the State for Marcy's mileage to the conference of \$205.00. She reported that the KACM has the following upcoming expenses:

January Board Meeting-\$200.00
Secretary of State-Annual Report \$40.00
CNA Surety Bond- \$100.00
Spring Conference Hospitality- \$500.00

Kristi advised that virus protection security for the KACM laptop was purchased in January for the amount of \$67.00. Amy Spitler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Jeanine Hoheisel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you notes were received from Jeannine Hoheisel (flowers for knee surgery), Corene Ketzner (retirement flowers), and Sandy Parret (Shelli Adams mother-flowers from surgery).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador: Diane Clay reports that Kaylene Nickelson from Wakeeney is resigning as ambassador in region one.

Courtesy: Toni Rogers will be retiring and we will send her flowers. Barb Nelson will be having surgery and we will also send her a card and flowers.

Education: Shelli Adams spoke about the preparations for the fall conference. She is possibly looking at Old Town Cabaret or Mosley Street Melodrama for the Thursday night entertainment. She also discussed ideas of a DUI panel presentation. She also suggested that we would continue to have the breakout sessions for the different regions.

Historian: Candy Westhoff reported that she will continue to pull information from the KACM books for the 25th conference. She is preparing an anniversary book that will include a picture from each conference and have a list of locations of all the past conferences. Candy will get with Jeannine about the list of previous conferences. Candy reported that she has not purchased digital photo frames which were approved at the last meeting.

Legislative: No report

Manual: Toni Rogers is retiring and Denise Kilwein will be finding a replacement for her.

Membership: Nioma Cook reported that she has four new members. She will have Kristi place the new membership form in the newsletter. Nioma will let Greg know when members are suspended so he can take them off of the LISTSERV. Amy Spitler made the motion to have them removed and Shelli Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newsletter: Greg Nickel reported that the newsletter went out in January. If anyone has anything they would like to submit to be included in the next edition, please let him know.

Past President: Bettina Jamerson presented Greg Nickel with the 2010 outstanding clerk award since he was not able to attend the fall conference.

Promotion: Amy Spitler reported that she is in the process of purchasing 25th anniversary pins for the fall conference. She tried purchasing the pins earlier but the debit card was expired. She will also have a giveaway for about \$10, \$15, and \$20. She is looking into designing a 25th anniversary t-shirts and having the blankets with the 25th logo on it . She will also be selling t-shirts at the spring conference.

Scholarship: Kellie Barker will research to see if the KACM scholarships are available for both the spring and fall conferences. It's not sure about the spring conference since OJA pays for a court clerk from each city to attend. She will have the scholarship form available in the newsletter and on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Amy Spitler will be in charge of the Hospitality room at the spring conference on Thursday night from 8-10. Amy will ask trustees to help her with the room and to greet newcomers who will be encouraged to come. It was suggested to make an announcement at the new court clerk training. Amy Spitler made a motion to hold the Hospitality room on Thursday night from 8-10 and to spend around \$500.00 on snacks and drinks. Linda Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Doris Schoeck has announced her retirement effective May 1, 2011. Toni Rogers is also retiring and her celebration will be announced at a later date.

K.A.C.M Blackboard

Retirement!

After 13 years of Service to The City of
Goddard Municipal Court,

Mary Milam has decided to retire

The city is hosting a retirement reception
from 2:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, April 30,
2011

At Goddard City Hall

I just wanted to say Thank You to Bettina and Amy for hosting the "Meet and Greet" on Thursday evening. With not having a hospitality chair and committee it's nice that someone decided to step up and do this. I know Amy is really busy with the promotions that she does (and does a wonderful job), so to take on another time consuming commitment at the conference was above and beyond the call. I know a lot of prep work went into the Meet and Greet, plus all the hauling things in and out. Thank you is not enough Amy and Bettina, but I did want you both to know that I really, really appreciated all that you did, and that the evening was fun.

It was a fun conference with a lot of good information. Thanks to Denise Kilwein and all who had a hand in it.

Candy

Congratulations! Candy Westoff (Girard) welcomed a new granddaughter, Elody Marie Taylor, on March 1st. She is Rebekah and her husband Shane's daughter. This makes grandchild number 10 for her and her husband, Ray!

Personal News? Please let us know if you, or a clerk from your city has news to share with the rest of us – we want to know! The can be news of retirement, new babies, marriage, medical concerns, or anything.. Send an email to Barb Nelson at bnelson@ottawapd.org.



Spring Conference Pictures:



Our Goals

Find out more about KACM on our website at www.ksmunicipalcourts.com, which includes a listing of our goals as follows:

- Continuing education for Court Managers, Clerks, Administrators, and Assistants
- Interaction between members with problem-solving ideas
- Organization input into Legislation that will affect Municipal Courts
- An organized voice to State agencies
- Consistency within the Municipal Courts
- Promoting public trust and confidence

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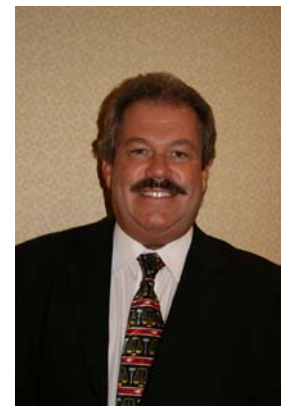
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Upcoming Dates:



Fall Conference
25th Anniversary!
Wichita Marriott East
September 28,29,30