

## **BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

**Virtual**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Call to Order and Welcome**

Judge Ramona Gonzalez, NCJFCJ President, called to order the NCJFCJ Business Meeting of the General Membership at 11:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

Judge Gonzalez presented the registration of proxies, as follows: Judge Leonard Edwards, California – 1; Judge Faith Graham, Indiana – 10; and Judge David Katz, New Jersey – 102.

Judge Gonzalez announced the following appointment of Convention Officers:

- Parliamentarian – Judge Robert Hofmann
- Sergeant at Arms – Judge Ernestine Gray
- Tellers – Judge Susan Maven, Justice Kevin Briscoe, and Judge Leonard Edwards

Judge Gonzalez recognized Executive Committee members, Board Directors, Past Presidents, former Board Directors, and the NCJFCJ team. She announced that a copy of the meeting Agenda and exhibits can be accessed online.

#### **President's Report**

Judge Gonzalez drew attention to **Exhibit I**, three resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors over the previous year: Memorial Resolution for Judge Sheri Roberts, Memorial Resolution for Dean Louis McHardy, and Regarding Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment for Adolescents and Adults in the Juvenile Justice System. She also noted the NCJFCJ Executive Committee, with review by the Legislative Committee, supported the following: Juvenile Justice for Juveniles Act, Family First Transition Act, CONNECT Act, JJDPA FY2021 Funding, Byrne JAG and COPS Program, Increasing Opportunities for Former Foster Youth Act, NTF COVID-19 Stimulus Letter of Support, and the COVID-19 Stimulus Council of Nonprofits Letter of Support.

Judge Gonzalez presented the 2020 President's Award to Amy Saathoff, NCJFCJ Curriculum and Education Programming Manager, for her leadership and dedication to developing quality curriculum and education.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Exhibit II**

Judge Egan Walker, NCJFCJ Treasurer, outlined highlights of the past year, including the NCJFCJ's switch to a new bank, the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan, the switch to an unemployment private trust, and the completion of the audit on time and faster than the auditors had seen it in decades. He also shared the endowment fund remains healthy at \$2.1 million despite the challenges faced by COVID-19, and the NCJFCJ now has \$1.8 in temporarily restricted funds. Financial goals for the future include submitting an application for partial forgiveness of the PPP loan, and putting out an RFP for an assessment on the NCJFCJ's cyber security.

#### **Membership Report – Exhibit III**

Judge Barbara Mack, NCJFCJ Secretary, reported that as of July 1 we have over 1,819 members, and NCJFCJ employees will now be allowed to join the NCJFCJ as Associate

Members if they choose. She reported every new, current non-member, participant of the virtual 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference is receiving one year of free membership as part of their registration fee.

Judge Mack announced a new annual conference tradition. She shared the NCJFCJ has loyal members dating back to 1973-1980, and the NCJFCJ would like to recognize the following long-term members: Judge Maurice Portley, Judge Thomas E. Hornsby, Judge Peter Sakai, and Judge Charles M. McGee. NCJFCJ logo jackets have been sent to these members in recognition of their dedication and commitment to the NCJFCJ. Judge Mack noted the NCJFCJ looks forward to celebrating the next four members after 1980 at the in person 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, in July 2021.

### **Action Items**

Judge Mack brought forward **Exhibit IV**, the minutes of July 30, 2019 Business Meeting of the Members. A motion was made and a second received that the minutes be approved as presented. There was no discussion. **MOTION CARRIED**

Judge Mack presented **Exhibit V**, the ceremonial resolutions in appreciation of those who helped to make the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference a success.

- A motion was made and a second received to adopt Resolution No. 1. There was no discussion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **NCJFCJ Diversity Initiative**

Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo acknowledged Judge Chris Wickham, Judge Juliette Scales, and Judge Susan Maven for their support and assistance with the NCJFCJ's Diversity Committee and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts. He provided an overview of the DEI Collaborative and a recap of the inaugural Summit in 2019, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summit held on Sunday, July 19, prior to the start of the NCJFCJ's annual conference. He acknowledged the collaborative partner organizations and members of the NCJFCJ team instrumental in the conversation. During the summit, the group identified two key projects: organizational resource sharing, and the development of a census video.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Judge Peter Sakai presented the names of those elected to Officer positions by the Board of Directors on Saturday, July 18:

Immediate Past President: Judge Ramona A. Gonzalez, La Crosse, WI  
President: Judge Dan H. Michael, Memphis, TN  
President-Elect: Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo, Washington, DC  
Treasurer: Donald Gimbel, Livingston, MT  
Secretary: Judge Barbara Mack, Seattle, WA

Judge Peter Sakai presented the slate of judicial director candidates proposed for election to a three-year term on the NCJFCJ Board of Directors. A motion was made and a second received to elect the Director candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. There was no discussion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Swearing in of 2020-2021 Officers**

Judge Ramona Gonzalez called upon all newly elected Officers and Directors, and administered the oath of office.

### **Recognition of \$5,000+ Lifetime Donors**

Justice Nancy Saitta, Vice Chair of the NCJFCJ's Development Committee, provided an overview of the NCJFCJ's donor recognition program, which recognizes every \$5,000 donated over a lifetime with one of nine tiles. When all tiles are received, they make up a donor tree representing the children and families supported by the courts and communities that NCJFCJ serves with its programs and services made possible by contributions and funders.

Those receiving recognition for \$5,000 or more included:

Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon  
Paul Georgeson  
Don Gimbel  
Judge Robert Hofmann  
Judy Horgan  
Mark Krasner  
Judge Dan Michael  
Judge Michael Nash  
Judge Janice Rosa  
Judge Stephen Rubin  
Dr. Robert Simon  
Judge Katherine Tennyson

### **Recognition of Outgoing President**

Judge Dan Michael thanked Judge Ramona Gonzalez for her term as 2019-2020 NCJFCJ President and noted she will receive the Past President's plaque and the Past President's pin by mail, and a picture will be taken and shared. Judge Gonzalez thanked those who assisted her during her presidential year.

### **Other Business**

Judge Gonzalez announced the 2021 Annual Conference will be held July 18-21, 2021 in St. Louis, Missouri, and the Business Meeting of the Members will be on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

### **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

Judge Gonzalez encouraged all Members to participate in the evening virtual Installation and Awards event where Judge Dan Michael will take the oath of office as President of the NCJFCJ, and the Justice Innovation Awards – Innovator of the Year and Impact of the Year – will be presented.

There being no other business, at 12:31 p.m. a motion was made and a second received that the meeting be adjourned. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Judge Barbara Mack  
NCJFCJ Secretary 2019-2020

*All exhibits referred to in these minutes were distributed to members and posted prior to the meeting at: [www.ncjfcj.org/membership-meeting](http://www.ncjfcj.org/membership-meeting). They are on file in the Reno Headquarters Office and are available upon request. All reports referred to in these minutes are incorporated herein by reference.*