

**BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**  
**Marriott St. Louis Grand, St. Louis, Missouri**  
**Tuesday, July 20, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Judge Dan Michael, NCJFCJ President, called to order the NCJFCJ Business Meeting of the General Membership at 12:18 p.m. CT and welcomed everyone present.

Judge Michael presented the registration of proxies, as follows: Judge Susan Carbon, New Hampshire – 1; Judge Gayl Branum Carr, Virginia – 1; Judge Faith Graham, Indiana – 16; Judge David Katz, New Jersey – 100; Chief Judge Michael Newell, Delaware – 23; and Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo, Washington, DC – 1.

Judge Michael announced the following appointment of Convention Officers:

- Parliamentarian – Judge Kathleen Quigley
- Sergeant at Arms – Justice Darlene Byrne
- Tellers – Chief Judge Anne Hirsch, Judge Nora Polk, and Judge Lyn Simmons

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

**President's Report**

Judge Michael drew attention to **Exhibit I**, a notice from the NCJFCJ Legislative Committee encouraging members to engage their legislators during the August Congressional recess.

Judge Michael presented the 2021 President's Award to Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo, NCJFCJ President-Elect, for his work advancing the NCJFCJ's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts; and to Joey Orduña Hastings, NCJFCJ CEO, for her leadership and dedication.

**Treasurer's Report – Exhibit II**

Trudy Dulong, NCJFCJ Finance Director, outlined highlights of the past year, including a Tech Assessment to analyze security and management, timely completion of the financial Audits, a successful Department of Justice (DOJ) desk review of six of the NCJFCJ's grants, and timely completion of the IRS Form 990s. She also shared the endowment fund remains healthy at \$2.5 million despite the challenges faced by COVID-19. Financial goals for the future include an application to request forgiveness of approximately \$670,000 in Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loans.

**Membership Report – Exhibit III**

Judge Barbara Mack, NCJFCJ Secretary, reported that as of July 1 the NCJFCJ has nearly 1,900 members. She asked all new members to stand and be recognized.

Judge Mack shared the NCJFCJ has loyal members dating back to 1980-1986, and the NCJFCJ would like to recognize the following longest-term members: Judge Leonard Edwards, Judge Ernestine Gray, James C. Howell, and Judge J. Dean Lewis Lohman. NCJFCJ logo jackets were given 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 1986 during the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Reno/Sparks, Nevada, in July 2022.

### **Ad-Hoc Committee Items**

Judge Michael welcomed the Chairs of the Court Management and State-Tribal Partnerships Ad-Hoc Committees to the stage. Cynthia Stoltz and Judge Michael spoke on behalf of these committees and shared the importance of the NCJFCJ's partnerships with NACM and NAICJA. They noted the committee charges have been approved by the NCJFCJ Board of Directors and were provided as handouts with the meeting materials. Bylaws revisions have been included with the Action Items and the committees are requesting approval from the membership to be made full standing committees.

### **Action Items**

Judge Mack brought forward **Exhibit IV**, the minutes of July 21, 2020 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 Bylaws revisions to establish the Court Management and State-Tribal Partnerships Ad-Hoc Committees as full special standing committees. A motion was made and a second received that the revisions be approved as presented. There was no discussion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Judge Mack presented **Exhibit VI**, the ceremonial resolution in appreciation of those who helped to make the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference a success. A motion was made and a second received to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **NCJFCJ Diversity Initiative**

Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo provided an overview of the DEI Collaborative and noted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summit will be held on Wednesday, July 21, at the conclusion of the NCJFCJ's 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Judge Puig-Lugo shared the Agenda (**Exhibit VII**) and the DEI Collaborative Draft Charter (**Exhibit VIII**), and noted the primary goal of this year's summit is to discuss future governance of the collaborative to ensure its sustainability.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Judge Marshall Murray presented the names of those elected to Officer positions by the Board of Directors on Saturday, July 17:

Immediate Past President: Judge Dan H. Michael, Memphis, TN  
President: Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo, Washington, DC  
President-Elect: Judge David B. Katz, Newark, NJ  
Treasurer: Donald Gimbel, Livingston, MT  
Secretary: Judge Aurora Martinez Jones, Austin, TX

Judge Marshall Murray 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 2021-2022 Officers**

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

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

Judge Michael and Joey Ordunña Hastings 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 the NCJFCJ serves with its programs and services made possible by contributions and funders.

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

Joseph Asher  
Justice Darlene Byrne  
Judge Anthony Capizzi  
Judge Leonard Edwards  
Paul Georgeson  
Judith Horgan  
Mark Krasner  
Dr. Robert Simon  
Judge Katherine Tennyson

Judge Michael invited Don Gimbel to the stage to receive a special gift, and NCJFCJ brand book, for his continued dedication and contributions to the NCJFCJ.

### **Recognition of Outgoing President**

Judge Puig-Lugo thanked Judge Michael for his term as 2020-2021 NCJFCJ President and presented him with the Past President's plaque and the Past President's pin. Judge Michael thanked those who assisted him during his presidential year.

### **Other Business**

Judge Michael announced the 2022 Annual Conference will be held July 17-20, 2022 in Reno/Sparks, Nevada, and the Business Meeting of the Members will be on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

### **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

Judge Michael encouraged all Members to participate in the evening Installation and Awards event where Judge Puig-Lugo 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 1:12 p.m. CT a motion was made and a second received that the meeting be adjourned. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Judge Barbara Mack  
NCJFCJ Secretary 2020-2021

*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.*