

Wyoming District Judges Conference
September 15, 2021 Meeting

The September meeting of the District Judge's Conference was held on September 15, 2021. The meeting occurred in person and via the TEAMS platform. Present at the meeting were Judges John Fenn, John Perry, Tori Kricken, Marv Tyler, Bill Edelman, Catherine Wilking, Rick Lavery, Pat Korrell, Tim Day, Dawnessa Snyder, Jason Conder, Tom Campbell, Steve Sharpe, Suzanna Robinson, Joe Bluemel, Tom Rumpke, Bill Simpson, Stu Healy, Catherine Rogers, Dan Forgey, Rick Peasely, Bobbie Overfield, Froelicher

The minutes were presented and reviewed. –Judge Campbell moved to accept, Judge Sharpe seconded The conference approved the minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Judge Forgey moved to approve them Judge Lavery seconded. The conference approved the report.

Old Business – An update on the Hay Study was provided. The committee is finalizing job descriptions and then a salary study will be completed,

The Guide to Judicial Employment – provided by Supreme Court are reviewing information for correction.

There are some Proposed Changes to Rule 43.1 – consent vs. non consent of defendant, potential Crawford implications raised by Supreme Court. Drafts will be provided to the conference for review and comment.

New Business

Legislative Liaison Committee – Judge Campbell moved for the creation of the committee. Judge Bluemel seconded the motion. The conference approved the creation of this committee. The committee will be comprised of five members two three year terms, three two year terms. The members of the committee will be selected by the Chair of the conference. The chair has selected Judges Peasely, Rumpke, Rogers, Snyder and Conder to be the initial members of the committee.

Court Reporters/FLSA – Judge Snyder/Judge Conder provided an update of the issues related to the application of FLSA to court reporters. Each office should develop a policy to deal with the issues like if they work over 40 hours of a week. Judge Rumpke moved that rule be amended to require each court to maintain a policy and file it with the District Court Conference that complies with FLSA. Motion carried.

Approval of Annual Report to JJC – must be filed by November 1 – will be provided electronically by Judge Lavery to conference when it is prepared to be filed. And approved by the conference.

Motion by Judge Overfield seconded by Judge Rumpke to put a hyper-link to best practices manual for court reporters onto the Supreme Court website. The conference approved placement of the hyper-link.

Motion by Judge Rumpke to have the Docket Review Committee establish a subcommittee to establish guidelines regarding timeliness of hearings and issuance of orders Judge Lavery seconded. The conference approved creation of the subcommittee.

Election of Officers was conducted. The following slate of officers was proposed.

Past Chair – Catherine Wilking

Chair – Rick Lavery

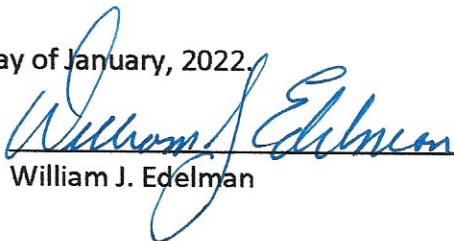
Vice Chair – Bill Edelman

Secretary Treasurer – Steve Sharpe

Judge Campbell moved that the slate be approved. Judge Peasely seconded the motion. The conference approved the proposed slate of new officers.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the conference approved.

Submitted this 18th day of January, 2022.



William J. Edelman