

Judicial Section Board Meeting
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Judge Penny Roberts:

In attendance: Judge Penny Roberts, Judge David Evans Judge Alfonso Charles, Justice Evelyn Keyes, Justice Pat Pirtle, Judge Kerry Russell, Judge Kelly Moore, Judge Margaret Barnes, Judge Sam Medrano, Judge Maria Salas-Mendoza, Judge Brad Cates, Judge Amanda Matzke, Justice Paul Green, Justice Gina Benavides, and Judge David D. Garcia

Excused absence: Retired Chief Justice Linda Thomas, Judge Mike Keasler

Also present: Tracy Nuckols

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the January 9, 2014 board meeting were approved as corrected.

Financial Report: The Treasurer presented the financial report of the Judicial Section. The Board approved the financials as presented.

Chair's Report:

1. Texas Bar Foundation- TCJ grant will be reviewed at next week's Bar Foundation meeting.
2. Judge Robert Anchondo DWI Drug Court was recognized as one of only four National Academy Courts.
3. TYLA-Bsafe video passed around to show link on their website
4. Associate Judges-email to go out inviting them to join Judicial Section
5. Nomination committee presented:
 - a. Two District Judge positions are open
 - b. One Appellate Justice position
 - c. Chair will be an Appellate Justice
6. Lifetime Achievement Award-Judge Kelly Moore will start meeting either in June or July
7. TCJ are revamping their by-laws

2014-2015 Proposed Budget Discussion

Budget considerations:

1. Overnight stays
2. Board dinners
3. Nominating committee
4. Board Meetings possible meetings in Austin to coincide with TCJ meetings
 - (a) TCJ has conference at the Sheraton Feb. 25-26, 2015
 - (b) TCJ has conference at Lost Pines March 25-26, 2015

Committee Chair/Reports:

1. **ByLaws-** Justice Keyes presented the proposed by-law changes/modifications to the committee's recommendations along with Tracy Nuckols. Proposed by-law changes/modifications attached.

2. Judicial Section Nominations Committee—appointed by April 1, 2014 per by-laws were as follows:

Hon. Alfonso Charles	Region 1	Chair/DJ
Hon. Bret Busby	Region 2	App
Hon. Rex Davis	Region 3	App
Hon. Peer Sakai	Region 4	DJ
Hon. David Sanchez	Region 5	DJ
Hon. Robert Anchondo	Region 6	CCL
Hon. Marilyn Aboussie	Region 7	App (ret)
Hon. Jennifer Rymell	Region 8	CCL
Hon. John Board	Region 9	DJ

Nominations announcement will go out mid-late May

3. Legislative update-Judge Alfonso Charles

- a. Judicial Compensation-Committee will have an organizational meeting in May, but the pay raise will be contained in the initial budget
- b. Retired and Associate Judges did not get a raise so it will be a priority to bring them up this session.
- c. Legislature will again study on how we elect judges in our State

Texas Center for the Judiciary Report-Gina Benavides

1. Regionals went very well
2. By-laws revisions are almost complete
3. They will be eventually tackling the Associate Judges issue.

State Bar Report:

1. Private insurance exchange.
2. Budget was approved.
3. Two candidates for State Bar President Allan Dubois from San Antonio and Beverly Godbey from Dallas.
4. Preparing for Sunset Review
5. Executive Committee approved a new section-Legislative Law and Campaign Law Section (Lobby law)

Future Meetings:

June 26, 2014 State Bar Conference, Austin, Texas

September , 2014 Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas

Adjourn. The next meeting will be on June 26, 2014 at the State Bar Annual Conference. A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.