

**ABA JUDICIAL DIVISION
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES**

**Minutes of the NCALJ Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 4, 2001
Hotel Inter-Continental
Chicago, Illinois**

Burnham, 8th Fl. S. Tower:

CALL TO ORDER 8:20 AM

The Chair, **Judge Ed Felter**, called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

Ed Felter - Chair

Chris Graham

Ron Bernoski

Robert A. Fitz

Larry Craddock

James. W. Kerr, Jr.

Ed Schoenbaum

Ronnie A. Yoder

Gregory Holiday

Ann Young

Donald B. Jarvis

Ann Breen-Greco

Victor Futter

Brian Chadron

James Simpson III

Tyrone Butler

Errol H. Powell

Carroll D. Little

Tela L. Gatewood

James L. Simpson

Richard C. Goodwin

Charles Bechhoefer

Dan Solomon

Jodi Levine

Jean Cooper

Richard (Rick) Luis

Janet M. Coulter

Thomas W. Snook

William Dressel

Ruth Kleinfeld

8: 20 AM:

Chair **Judge Ed Felter**, opened the meeting with a discussion of Resolution 107D (in the Agenda Book). This resolution was tabled yesterday pending further information. After discussion by participants: **Judges Jodi Levine** and **Victor Futter**, **Judge Jean Cooper**, moved to put the matter back in front of the Board, **Judge Chris Graham**, seconded.

Judge Charles Bechhoefer, offered a comment. The matter was placed back on the table by unanimous vote.

After a call from the Chair, **Jean Cooper** moved to have our Conference co-sponsor the resolution, **Judge Carroll Little**, seconded.

Judge Dan Solomon, offered additional comment to the motion. There was further discussion with comments from **Judges Ed Schoenbaum, Victor Futter, Ed Felter, Jodi Levine** and **Chris Graham**. The motion was voted on and passed with one against. Our conference will co-sponsor the Ombudsman resolution.

Victor Futter, our liaison to the Board of Governors, reported from the Board of Governors.

1. ABA will move its headquarters, scheduled for July 1, 2004.
2. Described and explained several reports made to the Board of Governors
 - A. Taking the pulse of the profession, members are interested in:
 - i. CLE
 - ii. To improve image of the profession
 - iii. Social issues are not very high on the agenda
 - B. Report from the Futures Commission
 - C. Programming and Planning
 - D. Ethics 2000, forwarded to House w/o recommendation.
 - E. Ombudsman resolution forwarded with a recommendation for approval.

Jean Cooper, opened a discussion re: "Ethics 2000". **Victor Futter** offered some further clarification on the progress of the resolution through the House. **Jodi Levine**, stated that other sections are actively working on the issues of "Ethics 2000". **Judges Ed Schoenbaum, Donald Jarvis** and **Ronnie Yoder**, offered comments and viewpoints on the resolution.

Judge Brian Chondra, reported that **Judge Chris McNeill** was awarded the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) fellowship. Chris is the first ALJ to be awarded the fellowship. Brian thanks the conference and **John Hardwicke** for the work of the selection committee.

Dan Solomon, delivered the Health and Benefits Committee report. The report was supplemented by comments from **Judges Ronnie Yoder** and **Ron Bernoski**.

William Dressel, Nation Judicial College (NJC), President is present and reported on NJC issues. He stressed the importance of the ALJ community to NJC in the development of the college's ALJ curriculum. **Ed Felter** suggested that there be formed an AD Hoc Committee to work with NJC. **Jodi Levine** noted that a committee has already been formed, comprised of: **Ed Felter**, Chair, **James Kerr, Gregory Holiday, Larry Craddock, Ed Schoenbaum, Judge Ruth Kleinfeld**, and **Judge Janet Coulter**. **Janet Coulter** was appointed to the committee because of her strong ties to the NJC.

The Health and Benefits report was continued with comments and discussion from **Ron Bernoski, Dan Solomon, Jean Cooper, Jodi Levine, and Judge Richard Goodwin.**

Dan Solomon wrapped his report by noting the following:

1. COLA issues
2. Pay initiatives involving federal employees
3. Retirement issues
4. Senior Judges corps
5. Perry v. McGuinness, has been reversed followed by a discussion of the case with added comment from **Ronnie Yoder.**
6. Social Security adjudication issues with clarification from **Ron Bernoski** who identified the AALJ website: WWW.AALJ.ORG
<<http://WWW.AALJ.ORG>>

Richard Goodwin, reported on the Division and Conference's arrangements for **John Hardwicke.** **Jodi Levine** moved that a specific amount be authorized from NCALJ's budget for the purchase of flowers, **Chris Graham**, seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Ruth Kleinfeld, presented the report and update of the Judicial Security Committee. There have been a disturbing number of incidents reported that the agency failed to address with any kind of sufficiency. **Donald Jarvis** offered additional information regarding security issues. A discussion concerning various security matters followed in which **Jean Cooper, Ron Bernoski, Ed Felter, Richard Goodwin, Jodi Levine, Dan Solomon** and **Errol Powell** participated.

Judge Thomas Snook, presented the report on technology: video teleconferencing, case management software, voice recognition software and faster CPUs at lower prices. **Jodi Levine** recommended the NCALJ web site as good reading.

Thomas Snook, Jean Cooper and **Richard Goodwin** offered some information on the "Federal Protective Services" and their practices.

Meeting to move to room 1110, for Conference elections.

Chris Graham moved to adjourn to room 1110, **Jean Cooper** seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Tyrone T. Butler