

Minutes

Meeting of Events Subcommittee
October 14, 2010

Present: Judge Susan Handy and Karen Florin, co-chairs; Claude Albert, Judge David Gold, Judge Robert Holzberg, Adriana Venegas-McCormick & Dave Ward.

I. Call meeting to order

Ms. Florin called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of minutes

The subcommittee approved the minutes of its meeting on January 11, 2010.

III. Begin planning for 2011 Journalism School for Judges

Mr. Albert opened the discussion by saying he thought that the topic of social media – such as tweeting -- would be something that would be of interest to the bench. All agreed that the subject of social media would be relevant to judges and the media.

Committee members also discussed the online comments posted anonymously on news sites and how that topic should be addressed as well. Judge Gold added that he thought the judges would be very interested in how such comments are handled by media organizations. Judge Holzberg added that he didn't understand how the media could allow anonymous comments that besmirch people's reputations for no reason. Mr. Ward responded by citing a controversy in a town, where some of the anonymous comments were educational and representative of an engaged citizenry.

Committee members discussed what items that would fall under the umbrella of new technology: readers' online comments, tweeting, Facebook and blogs. A panel of media people could address these different areas along with the economics of the new media.

The committee set Tuesday, March 8th, as the date of the event. Journalists on the subcommittee also agreed to get together to start planning the agenda.

IV. Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 4:30 p.m. and scheduled its next meeting for December 9th.