

Draft Minutes of the Judicial-Media Committee's Events Subcommittee
Oct. 16, 2007

Present: Attorney Stan Twardy Jr., Ms. Lynne Tuohy, Judge Susan Handy, Judge Robert Holzberg, Mr. Paul Giguere, Ms. Adriana Venegas-McCormick.

Absent: Attorney Lou Pepe and Judge Michael Shay.

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call meeting to order

Subcommittee co-Chair Lynne Touhy called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Approval of minutes from meeting of Sept. 10, 2007

The subcommittee unanimously approved the minutes of its meeting on Sept. 10, 2007.

Agenda Item No. 3—Discuss Spring 2008 program for journalists

The subcommittee discussed its plan to have a “Law School for Journalists,” tentatively set for March 19, 2008, at a location to be determined. Featured topics will include sexual assault cases, as they involve access issues, sensitivity, etc. The subcommittee also plans to hold a couple of “mini-sessions” that day that would involve basics of court coverage, i.e. terminology.

Subcommittee members discussed potential speakers for the program, including representatives from probation, the prosecution, the defense and victim services. This varied representation is important to provide an overall view of the topic, subcommittee members agreed. Judge Susan Handy agreed to moderate this portion of the program. In addition, Judge Robert Holzberg volunteered to offer a presentation on how a case works its way through criminal court. Ms. Tuohy also suggested a primer on access, specifically what are the changes to the rules. She offered to make that presentation.

Agenda Item No. 4 – New business/schedule next meeting

The subcommittee scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Adjourn

The subcommittee adjourned at about 4 p.m.