Minutes from Events meeting on Dec. 18, 2008

Present: Co-chairs Karen Florin and Judge Susan Handy; Claude Albert, and Judge Robert Holzberg.

I. Karen Florin called the meeting to order.

II. The subcommittee devoted the meeting to planning the upcoming Journalism School for Judges on March 19, 2009.

The program will be called “Inside the Newsroom: Behind the Scenes – A Journalist’s Discretion.” A rough outline of the afternoon program is as follows:

1 p.m. – Lunch
Begin at 2 p.m/go until 4:30.
Start off with brief explanation of role, what External Affairs does.
Claude Albert then will moderate a panel of journalists. The panelists will represent print, electronic, online and wire; a representative from the editorial page also will participate. Topics that the subcommittee would like addressed include:

- What makes a story newsworthy?
- How does the media decide what to cover?
- The information-gathering process;
- What is used in a story? What is not used in a story? How are those decisions made?
- Placement of stories; who writes the headlines?
- Does the editorial board decide what to write and how does this work?
- Blogs and anonymous online discussion boards;
- Journalistic ethics;
- The “rules of the road.”

III. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at the New London Judicial District Courthouse.

IV. The meeting adjourned at about 4:30 p.m.