

NACM CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
2007-2008 Report of Projects and Results

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1. Project Title: 2008 Annual Conference, Anaheim, California

Results: Through monthly phone conferences and sub-committee work, the conference development committee has finalized plans for the 2008 Annual Conference, " Partnering for Justice, Case Management and Service Excellence," including educational programs, the vendor exhibition, sponsorships, social events and a new opportunity for break-out meetings of Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

2. Project Title: Future Conference and Site Selection

Results: The committee has established conference educational themes, conference sites and dates through the year 2010:

Conference	Dates	Location	Theme
2009 Midyear Conference	March 5 – 12, 2009	Portland, OR	<i>The Purpose and Responsibilities of Courts</i>
2009 Annual Conference	July 7 – 11, 2009	Boston, MA	<i>The Human Side of Court Management</i>
2010 Midyear Conference	Jan. 30 – Feb. 2, 2010	Colorado Springs, CO	<i>Court Security, Space & Emergency Planning</i>
2010 Annual Conference	July 20 – 24, 2010	New Orleans, LA	<i>Wisdom in Action: Proven Court Practices</i>

Given the large number of NACM conference attendees, there are limited conference sites large enough to accommodate these association events. NACM is transitioning from a three to a five year planning horizon, to ensure a range of options for conference sites and the most economical rates.

3. Project Title: **Special Interest Groups**

Results: A sub-committee developed a plan for break-out meetings of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) at NACM conferences. The plan provides for separate gatherings of clerks of court, jury administrators, technology managers, state administrative office managers, etc.

4. Project Title: **Vendor Sponsorship**

Results: Board member Warner Hassell has worked with the Vendor Subcommittee and the National Center for State Courts to develop policies for the vendor show participation and the Court-2-Court Showcase (formerly known as the Knowledge Fair).

The new Vendor Policy defines the types of companies or organizations that would qualify to be exhibitors: Vendors that provide “business” products directly to the task or operational needs of the courts. The policy allows companies/organizations to provide products or services directly to members, subject to approval by the Board. The new Vendor Policy also addresses the use of the trademarked NACM logo by vendors. The use of the NACM logo may only be used with the expressed permission [licensing] by the Board. The licensing agreement

is maintained by the National Center for State Court's NACM Vendor Coordinator and provided to the vendors upon request.

New Vendor Showcase Sessions have been added to this year's annual conference vendor show.

5. Project Title: Michigan State University Educational Program

Results: Through a partnership of NACM and Michigan State University (MSU), NACM conference attendees can earn credits in the MSU judicial administration certification program. Graduation of the first class of participants is targeted for the year 2010. Dr. Maureen Conner serves as liaison from MSU to the Conference Development Committee. President Elect Marcus Reinkensmeyer represents NACM on the MSU Advisory Committee.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS:

Special thanks go to Past President Richelle Uecker and Adriana Savan for their outstanding local planning efforts in support of the 2008 annual conference, and to Board member Warner Hassell for his exemplary work in organizing vendor sponsorship of the conferences.