

NACM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE –
STATE ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE
2009-10 Report of Projects and Results

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1. Project Title: Information Update

Results: Starting with the materials compiled by the New Jersey Court Staff in 2008, an email distribution list was created in Michigan and subsequently updated as State Associations changed officers and provided new information. No further changes have been made in the regular mailing list, however, all available contact information will be provided to NCSC Association Services prior to the 2010 Annual Conference.

2. Project Title Networking and Information Sharing

Results: Four conference calls were conducted on November 3, 2009, January 5, March 2, and May 4, 2010. Approximately 12-15 states were represented on each call and a variety of topics were covered.

- **Resource Sharing:** Each conference call began with an update regarding NACM news and resources which may be of assistance to State Association officers, especially when planning state meetings, trainings, etc. Highlights included the NACM Mentoring pilot project, the Early Career Professionals group, and new publications (including the *Court Manager*, the electronic *Court Express*, and mini-guides). This review was followed by a roundtable discussion of innovative programs and resources available through the state associations participating on the call. Significant discussion was devoted to website resources.
- **Leadership Seminar:** NACM Immediate Past President, Marcus Reinkesmeyer, attended the March and May meetings to first seek input regarding content for the annual Leadership Seminar for state association representatives and second to provide an overview of the Agenda for the 2010 Leadership Seminar scheduled to take place during our annual conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Participation from State Association Officers was encouraged.

- **The Economy and Associations:** State Association representatives discussed the impact of the economy on their associations and courts. Some of the common themes were:
 - Decreased association membership
 - Less training money
 - Travel restrictions
 - Furloughs
 - Staff reductions
 - Budget reductions
 - Cost-effective professional development options
- **The National Agenda:** State Association Representatives reviewed the 2010-2015 NACM National Agenda and discussed a variety of ways it can be used in court management professional development efforts. For a more detailed discussion of the National Agenda, see the *Court Manager*, Volume 25, Number 1, Spring 2010:

Priority One: Emphasizing Caseload Management Improvements

Priority Two: Sustaining Excellence in Difficult Budget Times

Priority Three: Enhancing Public Perceptions of the Courts and Increasing Community Collaboration

Priority Four: Promoting Improved Court Leadership and Governance

Priority Five: Preparing For and Responding to Trends

Priority Six: Supporting Professional Court Management Education:

Ø Level I: In-service education targeting the NACM Core Competencies.

Ø Level II: University and college-level programs conferring a certificate or degree

Additional Comments:

Based on participant requests, the NACM State Associations sub-committee should schedule quarterly conference calls in 2010-2011. Efforts must be made to keep the information of state associations current and complete.