

NACM PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 2009-2010 Report of Projects and Results

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1. **Project Title: *The Court Manager***

Results: Andra Motyka continued in her role as editor and produced four excellent issues of this premiere NACM publication. The highlight of the year was the publication of the 25th Year Anniversary Issue (Volume 25, Number 1) which included comments from all 6 of the past editors along with the current editor. In addition, Larry Myers wrote a very informative history of NACM for this issue. Lorie Gomez and the National Center for State Courts provided excellent support throughout the year.

2. **Project Title: *Court Express***

Results: Jeanine Tucker and Peter Coolsen continued in their role as co-editors for the first full year of NACM's electronic publication. The response from the NACM membership has been very positive. We have had a good mix of both submitted and solicited articles. In addition, a number of articles have evolved as regular features including Helpful Websites and the Membership Zone. Staff support from Lorie Gomez has been excellent. The co-editors will continue to pursue the mission of the publication to bring NACM members a publication that delivers time-sensitive information regarding issues within the NACM organization and introduces innovations and current trends in court administration.

3. Project Title: 2010 Mini-Guide

Results: The *NACM Media Guide* was developed, through the leadership of David Slayton, in a close working relationship with the National Center for State Courts. David served as the Chair of the 2010 Mini-Guide Workgroup and Joe Fazari as the Editor of the publication. Experts were solicited, in each topic area of the publication, to write an article from their own perspective. Lorri Montgomery and the NCSC were very helpful in developing the publication and in bringing it in on time, so it could be ready for distribution at the NACM 2010 Annual Conference.

4. Project Title: 2011 Mini-Guide

Results: In effort to get the mini-guide process underway sooner in the year, the Publications Committee reviewed the 14 prior NACM Mini-Guides and by March, 2010 had developed a number of suggestions regarding the focus of the 2011 Mini-Guide. After considerable discussion about the various topic recommendations, the committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the NACM board that the 2011 Mini-Guide should focus on the subject of court re-engineering. This is a very hot topic which has already received some attention from the National Center for State Courts, COSCA and others. The committee felt that it was important to look at the materials and publications which are already available and, after reviewing that material, make a decision as to the format and specific focus of the court re-engineering on which the NACM 2011 Mini-Guide would focus.

5. Project Title: *The Court Administrator*

Results: The NACM Publications Committee decided to produce two publications this next year in addition to *Court Manager* and *Court Express*. In addition to the 2011 Media Guide, the committee will revise/rewrite *The Court Administrator*. Janet Cornell has agreed to chair the sub-committee and act as facilitator/editor of the revision. Other members of the committee, who will be contributing to the publication, include Cydney Fowler, Amy Kehner, T.J. Bement and Christopher Bleuenstein. The committee has set a date for final copy in early September, 2010 and a ready for publication copy by December, 2010.

Recognition

NACM would like to thank the thirty members of the Publications Committee and the members of the 2010 Media Guide Workgroup for their assistance in developing the NACM publications and in making this past year a very productive and successful one.