

**Executive Committee**  
**North Dakota Judicial Conference**  
September 12, 2016  
Supreme Court Front Conference Room  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Present: Judge Bruce Romanick, Chair  
Justice Daniel Crothers  
Judge Bruce Haskell  
Judge Stacy Louser  
Judge Steven McCullough  
Justice Dale Sandstrom

Staff: Lee Ann Barnhardt  
Sally Holewa

The Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference met on September 12, 2016. Chair Romanick called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**Judge Haskell moved to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Justice Crothers. Motion carried.**

Chair Romanick directed the committee to the memo from staff regarding the need to name a replacement member on the Committee for Legislation due to Justice Sandstrom's pending retirement. **Judge McCullough moved to appoint Judge Jerod Tufte as Chair of the Committee on Legislation to a term beginning January 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Judge Louser. Motion carried.** Staff was directed to contact Judge Tufte regarding the appointment.

At the request of Chair Romanick, Lee Ann Barnhardt, Director of Judicial Education and Communication, explained that there are three members of the Judicial Education Commission whose terms are set to expire on December 31, 2016. She explained that all three members are eligible for re-appointment and have indicated a desire to remain on the Commission. **Judge Haskell moved to reappoint Judge Grinsteiner, Justice Crothers, and Dean Kathryn Rand to their respective term. Seconded by Judge McCullough. Motion Carried.**

Ms. Barnhardt then reviewed the proposed agenda for the November 2016 Judicial Conference and indicated that the start time for each day, the length of the lunch break, and the timing of the retirement recognition were issues that needed to be decided. After discussion, it was agreed that the start time for the Monday session would be 9:15 a.m. and the Tuesday session would be 8:45 a.m. and that the lunch break on Monday would be limited to one hour. Ms. Barnhardt informed the Committee that due to scheduling conflicts, the Law and Literature session has been moved to the Judicial Institute. Following discussion, it was decided that since there will no longer be a luncheon session during the Judicial Conference that the recognition of retiring and retired judges will be moved to the business meeting. **Judge Louser moved that the Committee approve the Judicial Conference date, location, and agenda as modified. The motion was seconded by**

**Judge Haskell. Motion carried.**

Discussion followed regarding the agenda and length of time needed for the business meeting. Justice Sandstrom and Justice Crothers identified two legislative proposals that will be addressed at the meeting. Justice Sandstrom reminded the Committee that the November session is the session in which the Conference sets its legislative priorities so sufficient time should be set aside for that purpose. Judge Romanick suggested that the business meeting begin at 8:15 a.m. and that we allow 45 minutes for it. **Justice Crothers moved that the Committee approve the business meeting agenda as modified. The motion was seconded by Judge McCullough. Motion carried.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, **Justice Crothers moved for adjournment. Seconded by Justice Sandstrom. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Holewa  
Executive Secretary to the Judicial Conference