

**Executive Committee
North Dakota Judicial Conference**

April 4, 2018
Supreme Court Front Conference Room
Bismarck, North Dakota

Present: Justice Daniel Crothers, Chair
Judge Cynthia Feland
Judge Bruce Haskell
Justice Lisa Fair McEvers
Judge Bruce Romanick

Staff: Sally Holewa
Lee Ann Barnhardt

The Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference met on April 4, 2018. Chair Crothers called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

Judge Haskell moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Judge Romanick. Motion carried.

Sally Holewa informed the committee that there is a need to reappoint two members to the Pattern Jury Instruction Commission because Judge El-Dweek and Judge Marquart are both finishing out the terms of previous members and those partial terms will expire on June 30, 2018. Both have indicated they are willing to accept re-appointment. **Justice McEvers moved to re-appoint Judge El-Dweek and Judge Marquart to the Commission. Seconded by Judge Romanick. The motion carried.** The terms will run from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and will be considered a first term for both judges.

Lee Ann Barnhardt, Director of Judicial Education and Communication, reviewed the plans for the June 2018 Judicial Conference. The Conference will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the State Bar Association, at the Ramkota Hotel, in Bismarck, on Thursday, June 14, 2018. A 90-minute timeslot starting at 3:30 p.m. has been set aside for the Judicial Conference. Sally Holewa informed the committee that the agenda for the business meeting will include approval of the minutes from the last meeting and a committee report from the Committee on Legislation. She reported that at this time she is unaware of any proposed legislation to be reviewed and discussed at the meeting, and there may be additional time available for education. Ms. Barnhardt was asked to review options for filling in any additional time and make any arrangement she thought would be appropriate. **Justice McEvers moved to approve the agenda, date, time, and location of the meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Feland. Motion carried.**

Chair Crothers then asked if there was any further business for the good of the order. There being no further business to come before the committee, he declared the agenda completed and adjourned the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Holewa
Executive Secretary to the Judicial Conference