

**Executive Committee  
North Dakota Judicial Conference**

March 1, 2017  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Present: Judge Bruce Romanick, Chair  
Justice Daniel Crothers  
Judge Bruce Haskell  
Justice Lisa McEvers  
Judge Stacy Louser

Staff: Sally Holewa  
Lee Ann Barnhardt

The Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference met on March 1, 2017. Chair Romanick called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**Judge Haskell moved to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Justice Crothers. Motion carried.**

Chair Romanick informed the committee that there is a need to appoint two members to the Pattern Jury Instruction Commission because Judge Hagerty has resigned her position and Judge Schmidt has declined reappointment. Judge El-Dweek, Judge Louser and Judge Marquart have expressed interest in serving on the Commission. Judge Louser abstained from participating in the discussion and vote on this matter. Following discussion, **Justice Crothers moved to appoint Judge El-Dweek and Judge Louser to the Commission. Seconded by Justice McEvers. The motion carried.** Judge El-Dweek will serve out the remainder of Judge Hagerty's term. Judge Louser will replace Judge Schmidt. Chair Romanick will notify the new members of their appointment.

Chair Romanick informed the committee that there is a need to appoint a member to the Judicial Education Commission to serve the remainder of Judge McClintock's term following his retirement on April 1, 2017. He said that Judge LeFevre has expressed interested in joining the Education Commission. **Justice Crothers moved that Judge LeFevre be appointed to finish out the 3-year term currently held by Judge McClintock. Seconded by Judge Haskell. Motion carried.** Chair Romanick will notify Judge LeFevre of the appointment.

Lee Ann Barnhardt, Director of Judicial Education and Communication, reviewed the plans for the June 2017 Judicial Conference. The Conference will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the State Bar Association, at the Ramada Plaza Suites, in Fargo, on Thursday, June 15, 2017, with a 90-minute timeslot starting at 3:30 p.m. The agenda for the business meeting will include approval of the minutes from the last meeting, a committee report from the Committee on Legislation, legislative and administrative updates, and the passing of the gavel to the new chair and election of the chair-elect of the Judicial Conference. Justice Crothers and Ms. Barnhardt explained that they have worked with the SBAND planning committee to have a full

day session on 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment issues that, although not a separate judge track, would serve as a full-day CJE for judges. **Justice Crothers moved that the Committee approve the agenda, date, time, and location of the meeting as presented. Seconded by Judge Haskell. Motion carried.**

Chair Romanick then asked if there was any further business for the good of the order. There being no further business to come before the committee, **Judge Haskell moved for adjournment. Seconded by Justice Crothers. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Holewa  
Executive Secretary to the Judicial Conference