

**Executive Committee
North Dakota Judicial Conference**

May 23, 2017
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Present: Judge Bruce Romanick, Chair
Justice Daniel Crothers
Judge Stacy Louser
Judge Steven McCullough
Justice Lisa Fair McEvers

Staff: Sally Holewa
Lee Ann Barnhardt

The Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference met on May 23, 2017. Chair Romanick called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m.

Justice Crothers moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Judge Haskell. Motion carried.

Chair Romanick informed the committee that there is a need to appoint two members to the Pattern Jury Instruction Commission. Judge Feland's first term expires on June 30, 2017. She is eligible for re-election and has indicated she is willing to continue on the committee. **Judge Haskell moved to continue Judge Feland's service on the Commission. Seconded by Justice McEvers. Motion carried.**

With Judge Geiger's pending retirement, there is a need to appoint someone to finish out the balance of his term, which would be from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Judge Marquart has previously expressed interest in serving on the Commission and indicated he is willing to accept an appointment. **Judge McCullough moved to appoint Judge Marquart to serve the remainder of Judge Geiger's term. Seconded by Judge Haskell. Motion carried.**

Chair Romanick will verbally notify Judge Feland and Judge Marquart of the appointments.

Staff noted that this is Judge McCullough's last meeting. He has been serving on the committee as past president and that position will go to Judge Romanick following the June Judicial Conference when Justice Crothers will assume the chairmanship. Chair Romanick thanked Judge McCullough for his years of service on the committee.

There being no further business to come before the committee, **Judge Haskell moved for adjournment. Seconded by Justice McEvers. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Holewa
Executive Secretary to the Judicial Conference