

North Dakota Judicial Conference

June 15, 2017

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Fargo, ND

Chair Bruce Romanick called the business meeting of the Judicial Conference to order at 3:30 p.m. on June 15, 2017. Rod Olson, acting in place of Sally Holewa, State Court Administrator, called the roll:

Justices of Supreme Court

Gerald W. VandeWalle
Carol Ronning Kapsner

Daniel J. Crothers

Lisa K. Fair McEvers
Jerod E. Tufte

Judges of District Court

John A. Thelen
Laurie A. Fontaine
Anthony Swain Benson
M. Richard Geiger

Frank L. Racek
Steven L. Marquart
Wade L. Webb
Bradley A. Cruff
John E. Greenwood
Gail Hagerty
Sonna M. Anderson
Cynthia M. Feland
James S. Hill
David E. Reich
Bruce A. Romanick
Dann E. Greenwood

Gary H. Lee
Todd Cresap
Stacy J. Louser
Douglas L. Mattson
Robin A. Schmidt
Daniel S. El-Dweek
Paul W. Jacobson
Benjamin J. Johnson
Joshua B. Rustad
Kirsten M. Sjue

Judges of Municipal Court

Robert A. Keogh

Surrogate Judges

Ronald E. Goodman
Mary Muehlen Maring

Joel D. Medd

David W. Nelson
John T. Paulson

Attorney General

Wayne K. Stenehjem

Clerk of Supreme Court

Penny Miller

Members of the Bar

Lee M. Grossman
Ulysses S. Jones

Jordan T. Moe
Larry J. Richards

A quorum was declared and the business meeting proceeded.

Judge Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Judge Paulson. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Chair Romanick called on Justice Tufte to deliver the report of the Committee on Legislation.

Justice Tufte recognized the contributions of the other members of the committee, Judge Mattson and Judge Irby, and said that the Committee on Legislation met weekly during the legislative session. He asked that ideas for further legislative changes be submitted to himself or other members of the Committee on Legislation.

Justice Tufte called on Lindsey Nieuwsma, staff attorney with the State Court Administrator's Office, to provide an update on legislation that impacts the judiciary.

Chair Romanick then passed the gavel to Justice Daniel Crothers as the new Chair of the Judicial Conference.

Chair Crothers opened the floor for nominations for the Chair-Elect of the Judicial Conference. Judge Hill nominated Judge Feland. The nomination was seconded by Judge Mattson. No other nominations were received. **Judge Medd moved that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Judge Feland. The motion carried and Judge Feland was elected as the new Chair-Elect.**

Justice Crothers' first order of business as Chair was to present Judge Romanick with a plaque to recognize his service as Chair of the Judicial Conference.

There being no further business, **Judge Paulson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Judge Hill. The motion carried and the meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Olson, acting in place of Sally Holewa
State Court Administrator
Executive Secretary to the Judicial Conference