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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Organization: Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys

Date and Time of Meeting: November 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Video Conferenced Between:

Office of the Attorney General
Mock Courtroom
100 N. Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Office of the Attorney General
Grant Sawyer Building
555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 3315
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Members Present:

Adam Laxalt, Attorney General, Chair
A.J. Delap
Chris Hicks
Arthur Mallory
Robert Sweetin
Steve Wolfson
Patty Cafferata, Executive Director

Guests Present:

Tarah Sanchez, Attorney General's Office
Nick Trutanich, Attorney General's Office

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

(Agenda Item No. 1)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. Roll call was taken by Marsha Landreth. A quorum was present.

2. Attorney General Adam Laxalt's Welcome. Self-introduction of members present.

(Agenda Item No. 2)

Attorney General Adam Laxalt welcomed the members, and everyone introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment. Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item, until scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting for possible action.

(Agenda Item No. 3)

No public comment.

4. Discussion and for possible action to approve the September 13, 2018 meeting minutes.

(Agenda Item No. 4)

Chris Hicks moved to approve the minutes from September 13, 2018. Robert Sweetin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and for possible action on sharing CLE trainings.

(Agenda Item No. 5)

Patty Cafferata noted good relationships with Clark County and Washoe County District Attorneys' Offices and good sharing of information on CLE trainings. Steve Wolfson wanted to be sure that Chris Lalli and Nell Christensen are communicating with the AG's office. Cafferata has high praise for Nell Christensen. *After the meeting, Marsha Landreth followed up with Don Winne (AG's Office) to verify that he is receiving information on the CCDA's office's CLE opportunities.*

6. Discussion and for possible action on the 2018 Conference evaluations.

(Agenda Item No. 6) (Attachment Two (2) – Summary of Evaluations).

There was discussion regarding start times and how many credits are desired at the conference. The location has an effect on the start times, i.e., whether attendees are commuting or staying at the venue. Discussion ensued on providing other activities besides golf, i.e. camel rides, apple orchard tour, skeet shoots, or ATV tours. Cafferata created a folder of information for the person who will take this task over in the new administration. All suggested activities were included in the folder after the meeting. Sweetin volunteered to head up excursion committee for next year's conference in Mesquite.

7. Discussion and for possible action on topics for 2019 Prosecutors Conference and report on budget status from 2018 Conference. (Agenda Item No. 7) (Attachment Three (3) – Budget Status Report).

Sweetin suggested a breakout session on drug courts, as this would be particularly useful for the rural communities. Wolfson suggested a legislative update, and a discussion of Judge Linda Bell's new gambler's court. Hicks suggested a national speaker and the following topics: body cameras, social media at trial, help with jury selection, and trauma-informed speakers to discuss how trauma effects prosecutors and victims. Cafferata recalled that the District Attorneys Association voted for funds to bring in a national speaker to the conference in Mesquite. These topics were added to the folder mentioned in agenda item number 6. Cafferata reported that at the 2018 Conference, the revenue was \$3,000 - \$4,000.

8. Meeting tentatively set for 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Attorney General's offices in Carson City and Las Vegas:

- **January XX, 2019**

Art Mallory suggested coordinating these meetings with the District Attorneys Association meetings so that persons who travel long distances do not have to do so twice. It was decided to wait for the District Attorneys Association meeting to discuss further and attempt to coordinate this with the schedule of the new AG. Cafferata mentioned that this has been done before, but that it changed because the District Attorneys Association voted to separate the meeting dates because the District Attorneys usually have long meetings.

9. Public Comment. Discussion Only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item, until scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting for possible action.

(Agenda Item No. 9)

Wolfson thanked AG Laxalt for his service and wished him the best in the future. AG Laxalt thanked the council for their work and follow-through. Hicks thanked AG Laxalt for his leadership of the council, and Cafferata for her hard work in all of the arrangements she has made. AG Laxalt also thanked Cafferata for her efforts. Mallory thanked Cafferata for always including the rurals in discussions and projects. Sweetin thanked AG Laxalt for being the first AG to visit Mesquite.

10. Adjournment.

(Agenda Item No. 11)

Attorney General Laxalt requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mallory made the motion, seconded by Hicks. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marsha Landreth and Tarah Sanchez, Office of the Attorney General.