

Minutes

Meeting of Events Subcommittee

November 16, 2009

Present: Karen Florin & Judge Susan Handy, co-chairs; Claude Albert, Paul Giguere, Adriana Venegas and Dave Ward.

Also present: Rhonda Stearley-Hebert (staff)

I. Call meeting to order

Ms. Florin called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes

Subcommittee members unanimously approved the minutes from their meeting on September 28, 2009.

III. Continue planning for Law School for Journalists

Judge Handy went through the format she envisions for 2nd *Law School for Journalists* on March 18, 2010. Subcommittee members also watched a sentencing of Judge Handy's that will be presented to journalists at the program. In addition, journalists also will view a sentencing by Judge David Gold in Hartford. That sentencing was to be taped soon.

The goal of the program will be to show journalists what goes into a sentencing. This "sentencing primer" will address such issues of how someone gets to sentencing, the presentence investigation, the actual sentencing hearing, sentencing factors, what the court needs to know about the defendant and victim, and what kinds of sentences are possible, i.e. flat, split, concurrent/consecutive, etc. Participants also will receive a notebook of information about sentencings.

Subcommittee members agreed that the program would be very educational and useful. Mr. Giguere added that CT-N probably would cover the event.

IV. Adjourn

Committee members scheduled their next meeting for January 11, 2010, at which time they plan on viewing the sentencing before Judge Gold. They adjourned 3:15 p.m.