

Minutes from Events meeting on Dec. 18, 2008

Present: Co-chairs Karen Florin and Judge Susan Handy; Claude Albert, and Judge Robert Holzberg.

I. Karen Florin called the meeting to order.

II. The subcommittee devoted the meeting to planning the upcoming *Journalism School for Judges* on March 19, 2009.

The program will be called “Inside the Newsroom: Behind the Scenes – A Journalist’s Discretion.” A rough outline of the afternoon program is as follows:

1 p.m. – Lunch

Begin at 2 p.m./go until 4:30.

Start off with brief explanation of role, what External Affairs does.

Claude Albert then will moderate a panel of journalists. The panelists will represent print, electronic, online and wire; a representative from the editorial page also will participate.

Topics that the subcommittee would like addressed include:

- What makes a story newsworthy?
- How does the media decide what to cover?
- The information-gathering process;
- What is used in a story? What is not used in a story? How are those decisions made?
- Placement of stories; who writes the headlines?
- Does the editorial board decide what to write and how does this work?
- Blogs and anonymous online discussion boards;
- Journalistic ethics;
- The “rules of the road.”

III. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at the New London Judicial District Courthouse.

IV. The meeting adjourned at about 4:30 p.m.