

## **NCBJ 2024 Annual Meeting Report: Membership Services Committee**

The Membership Services Committee addresses multiple areas supporting NCBJ members and the Annual Conference. This year, the Membership Services Committee (“MSC”) was active in the following areas:

New Attendees’ Guide to the Annual Conference: On behalf of the MSC, Elizabeth Gunn is updating a guide to the Annual Conference for new attendees. It will be sent out before the conference to all attendees that indicated in their registration that this would be their first, second, or third time attending the annual conference. A Zoom meeting will also be held for attendees that would like to ask questions before the Conference begins.

Conference News Article: Jeff Cavender and Selene Maddox, on behalf of the MSC are contributing an article to the Conference News providing information on the upcoming Annual Conference for NCBJ members.

Memorials: A sympathy card and memorial contribution was sent to family members of judges that passed away since the last Annual Meeting. These judges are James Barta, Larry Lee Lessen, and Douglas O. Tice, Jr. In addition, notes were sent to judges who lost family members or were addressing health issues during the year. With the passing of Randy Dunn in 2023, the MSC increased its membership to assist with memorial information for bankruptcy judges who passed in the year prior to the annual conference. These committee members are Laura Grandy, Ronnie King, and Anita Shodeen.

Awards: Committee members Julia Brand and Jennie Latta are working with President Norton to select and purchase awards for individuals and committees that will be recognized at the 2024 Annual Conference. Recipients will receive a photo of the award at the conference and the award will then be shipped directly to the recipient.

Benefits: Committee member Henry Calloway gathered a dozen articles explaining various benefits available to judges. These articles were prepared by Carol Sefren or Henry Callaway. They are now easily accessible on the judges’ section of the NCBJ website in the “Resources for Judges” section.

Speakers Bank: Henry has also gathered sample scripts for a “Speakers Bank” focusing on naturalization ceremonies and weddings.

Archives: The Centennial Committee is working with the Biddle Law Library to obtain information from the National Bankruptcy Archives. The Biddle Law Library staff are enthusiastic about NCBJ’s Centennial project.

New Members’ Subcommittee: The New Members’ Subcommittee was active in welcoming and supporting new judges that joined the bankruptcy bench since the last Annual Conference. Please see their separate report.

Transition: Elizabeth Gunn will become chair of the Membership Services Committee at the conclusion of NCBJ’s 2024 Annual Conference.

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