

HISTORIAN REPORT
June 26, 2006

Historian: Lawrence G. Myers

Committee Members: None at this time.

I Project Title: To assess the current and future needs of NACM in order to preserve its history

BACKGROUND: As mentioned in previous reports the minutes and budgets of the Board of Directors have been saved electronically since 1992 and information on the annual and mid-year conferences has been saved electronically since 1993.

Prior to 1992/1993 Linda Perkins, Association Manager established three ring notebooks that she has maintained and which contain hard copies of all education programs, information on the annual and midyear conferences, and the minutes of the Board of Directors and budget information of NACM. These also contain current information.

Activities:

1. The Historian has talked with several people regarding scanning of the hard copies of NACM History. These have included:

Janet Cornell, Scottsdale, AZ
Lisa Westfall, Branson, MO, and
Linda Perkins

Janet Cornell and Lisa Westfall have scanning equipment. However, this would mean that the material would have to be shipped to Scottsdale, AZ or to Branson, MO. However, both said it could be done at little, if any cost to NACM. **Nothing further has been done in this area.**

Linda said that the National Center has used Kinko's and was very pleased with their service and the quality of the end product. She was asked to get an estimate as to cost. **Nothing further has been done in this area.**

2. The Historian has received two shipments of old pictures from the Association Services and over 2,200 pictures have been sorted as to year and location and have been placed in acid/lignin free coverings and placed into three ring notebooks as to year and location. Pictures that could not be identified as to year and location were also put into protective plastic pockets and placed into three ring notebooks and labeled as to location and year unknown. One three ring notebook has been established just for the Boards of Directors of NACM.

3. No one process has been developed to identify who is in each picture. At least six processes will be used:
 - a) Using a magnifying glass name tags that are visible in the picture may identify the person wearing it.
 - b) The three ring notebooks can be on display at the Annual and Midyear Conferences and attendees can help identify the people in the pictures in the notebooks..
 - c) At the Annual and Midyear Conferences pictures could be posted at the NACM Booth and people asked to help identify those in the picture(s).
 - d) The pictures can be scanned published in the Court Communiqué and Court Manager and readers asked to help identify the person, when and where it was taken.
 - e) Past and current members of NACM can be asked to help identify who is in the pictures, where and when they were taken. The Historian has already gotten some excellent feedback from Bob Wessels, Joi Sorensen, Louie Hentzen and Dale Kasperek and offers of help from Don Cullen..
 - f) The Historian will meet with Linda Perkins and Lorie Gomez at Ft. Lauderdale to see if location and year can be determined and to identify individuals in the pictures.

4. The pictures from the Midyear Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado have been::
 - a) Labeled
 - b) Put into photo albums
 - c) Put on DVDs
 - d) Copies of the DVDs will be sent on 6-28-06 to:
 1. Linda Perkins, Association Manager
 2. Lorie Gomez, Publications
 3. Andra Motyka, Editor of the Court Manager
 4. Kept by the Historian

5. A collection of photo representing NACM Leadership from A (Arnold) to Z (Zelda) and from 1986 until the current date will be on display on the display wall at the NACM Booth in Ft. Lauderdale.

6. There were a number of pictures that were not of NACM that were shipped to the Historian. These have been labeled as belonging to AJA, CJC and NASJE and have been returned to Linda Perkins.

Future Activities:

1. There are a number of years that we do not have pictures of the Annual or Midyear Conferences, Officers and/or the Board of Directors – some of them are the past conferences in Washington, DC and Grapevine, Texas. Attempts will be made to locate pictures for those years. These will include checking with publications and in storage.
2. Information is also missing on NATCA and NACA. This is an important part of our history and should be preserved. It is the Historians understanding that such material may be in storage at the National Center of State Courts. The material will be located and preserved.
3. The issue of scanning needs to be resolved and completed.

If the current Historian is reappointed to the position the above tasks and activities will continue to be worked on and completed. The following recommendations are made to the NACM Board of Directors:

1. A line item be created in the budget for up to \$500.00 for the expenses of the Historian or such an amount be a part of the President's discretionary budget. This would be used for supplies and duplication of pictures and/or printed material. It is estimated that less than \$300.00 be used annually for this.
2. The Historian should not become the "photographer" for NACM. We should continue to hire a photographer to take pictures of the Annual Conference. However, a part of that contract should be:
 - a) That at least four copies of all photos be made and distributed with one copy to Association Services, one copy to the Editor of the Court Manager, one copy to Publications at the National Center for State Courts and one copy to the Historian to be preserved and put into the three ring notebooks stored at the National Center.
 - b) Four DVDs of all pictures taken should be distributed in the same manner.
 - c) A ledger of all the photos on the DVDs should be included with the DVDs.

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