

Utah Prosecution Council Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
Conference Call

Approved Minutes

Present:

Stephen D. Foote, UPC Chair, Duchesne County Attorney
Robert VanDyke, Co-Chair, Kane County Attorney
Scott Stephenson, TITLE, (*designee of Jess L. Anderson,*
Utah Commissioner of Public Safety)
Kathy Locker, UPAA Chair, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office
Robert L. Cosson, St. George City Attorney
Jann L. Farris, Morgan County Attorney
Steven L. Garside, Assistant Layton City Attorney
William Carlson, Deputy Salt Lake County District Attorney
(designee of Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney)
Ed Montgomery, City of South Jordan
Ryan Peters, Juab County Attorney
Craig Barlow, Assistant Attorney General (*designee of Sean Reyes,*
Utah Attorney General)
Yvette Rodier, Deputy Wet Valley City Attorney

Excused:

Jess L. Anderson, Utah Commissioner of Public Safety
Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney
Sean Reyes, Utah Attorney General

1. ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETING RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
 - a. Council reviewed and discussed the "Utah Prosecution Council Electronic Council Meeting Rules, Policies and Procedures" proposed document.
 - b. Hearing no questions or concerns. Rob VanDyke made the motion to adopt the "Utah Prosecution Council Electronic Council Meeting Rules, Policies and Procedures" document as proposed. Ryan Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS FEES
 - a. Report on modifications to Spring Conference
Bob reported that we were able to cancel the contract with the Sheraton for this year's Spring without any penalties. A new contract for 2021 is being negotiated for April 29-30, 2021. When the Training Committee met on March 26th they discussed whether to postpone the conference until later in the year, but recognized that the information from this conference was time sensitive and those reporting with the Bar this year would need the hours. Keynote speakers Justice Himonas have rescheduled for next year's (2021) keynote speaker and Ms. Houston will present at this year's 2020 Fall Conference in Vernal, Utah. The 2010 Spring Conference agenda will follow the presentations in the same order.

- i. It was proposed to broadcast the conference on April 30 - May 1 from the Layton City Council Chambers. Steve Garside recommended Bill Francis who does live-feed broadcasting and recording of the Layton City Council meetings. Mr. Francis has agreed to do the broadcast at the contracted rate of \$1,600. CLE hours will be reduced to 8.5 hours including one hour of ethics. The broadcast can be accessed from the UPC website and it will be recorded for future CLE access. Rob VanDyke made the motion to broadcast and record the 2020 Spring Conference as proposed by the UPC Training Committee. Stephen Foote seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- ii. The Training Committee also recommended reducing the registration fee for the 2020 Spring Conference. Bob explained that the Legislature proposed HB485 which routes the surcharge to the general fund as dedicated funding. For FY 21, UPC will receive \$492,000 which is the total amount of surcharge dollars received last year. In addition, UPC had \$32,000 in non-lapsing carryover from the previous year equaling \$524,300 UPC was able to spend, still not enough to cover everything. Bob will be meeting with Kimberly Schmelling to discuss our budget, carryover, etc. We will still receive funds from registration fees, grants and HB200 funding. Also as directed by the AG's finance, those participants who registered pre-COVID-19 and paid for their \$125 registration fee will be credited the difference toward another UPC conference instead of a refund. All state employees (AG employees) paying via IAT will be billed after the event. Also, public attorney's fee of \$350 will not be eligible for a reduced rate. The cost of the conference will be approximately \$6300 which includes \$4500 for CLE, \$1,600 for live broadcasting service, mileage and catering \$200. Council discussed the budget which to date appeared to be breaking even not including any grant deposits. After a lengthy discussion, the Council recommended three reduced registration rates of \$25, \$50, or \$75. Ryan Peters, Juab County Attorney made the motion to reduce the 2020 Spring Conference registration fee from \$125 to \$50 for public attorneys, no reduction for private attorneys. Craig Barlow, Assistant Attorney General seconded the motion. Will Carlson, Deputy Salt Lake County District Attorney opposed. With no other objections, the motion passed with a majority vote.
- iii. Budget wise, holding UPAA and future conferences in 2020 was not prohibitive. Depending on reassessing current events by the middle of April will determine if the UPAA Conference would be postponed until the first of September 2020.

3. NEXT MEETING

- a. Wednesday, April 29, 2020
- b. 10:30 a.m.
 - i. BYOF (bring your own food)
 - ii. Gotomeeting. Bob will send the link.