

**COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY
e-COURT SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

**December 15, 2005
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Conference Call 602-542-9010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Hurwitz, *Chair*
Robert Brutinel, *General Jurisdiction*
Karl Heckart, *AOC*
Jeanne Hicks, *Clerks*
Donald Jacobson, *Court Administrators*
Michael Jeanes, *Clerks*
Donna Killoughey Bird, *State Bar*
Dennis Lusk, *Limited Jurisdiction*

MEMBERS ABSENT

GUESTS

Hon. Patricia Noland, *Clerk of Court, Pima Superior*

AOC STAFF

Stewart Bruner, *ITD*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Justice Hurwitz welcomed members at about 1:33 p.m. and took the roll of those on the call. He reviewed last meeting's discussion about the Top 10 list items, the next milestone of presenting the list of principles to Commission on Technology (COT) at its January 6 meeting, and the decision made not to expand the membership of this group, though various workgroups will include wider membership as time goes on.

There was brief discussion about whether the COT meeting scheduled for January 6 would be held, due to schedule conflicts of the three justices involved in the meeting. Members felt the March 3, 2006, meeting would be a more realistic time to bring the principles and details in front of COT.

REVIEW OF e-COURTS PUBLIC FACING WEBSITE

Justice Hurwitz asked members for any comments they had regarding the draft web pages Stewart Bruner created to describe the work of the subcommittee to the public and vendors. The consensus was that the site is fine at the moment but must continue to be enhanced as various decisions are made. Stewart agreed. The site will not be publicized until COT approves the principles, since they figure prominently on the front page.

DETAILED DISCUSSION ABOUT REVISED PRINCIPLES

Members again engaged in item-by-item discussion of the principles as revised to reflect decisions made in the previous meeting. COT talking points were also included in the version members reviewed in the meeting. Changes will be made to the language of Principles 1 and 5 to clarify their scope and intent. Further review will take place at the next meeting to ensure consensus on the exact wording before the COT presentation.

More detail will be added about incentives for e-filing after further discussion.

REVIEW OF e-FILING PROJECT FOR PIMA AGAVE

Patti Noland shared a proposal to enable the Pima AGAVE case management system, currently being developed, to handle electronic case filing using the Maricopa model right out of the box. This would effectively standardize the general jurisdiction filing interface as AGAVE is rolled out statewide to replace AZTEC. The data transfer format would be XML. She described the advantages of a multi-vendor environment and assured members that AGAVE will have the necessary security controls to support it.

She highlighted the alignment of the proposed project with the draft principles item-by-item. Members agreed that the proposed project upheld the principles and was worthwhile from their perspective, but referred Patti to the Commission on Technology for formal approval. Patti will inform COT that the project has received a favorable review by e-Court.

Patti also called attention to some issues she feels need to be resolved before the AGAVE system can go live with e-filing. She specifically mentioned needing a decision on how to recoup costs of e-filing and whether a separate fee or surcharge would be levied, clear direction on the way to recoup merchant fees for credit card and e-check transactions, whether PayPal and VeriSign type payments will be allowed, and what to do for authentication of court electronic documents both inside and outside the court system.

Members felt the real-world test of the principles provided by Patti's project proved their breadth and value, confirming that the principles do steer projects down the right path.

NEXT STEPS

Justice Hurwitz asked Stewart to circulate the principles with revised wording resulting from discussion before the next meeting. He also asked members to suggest any other issues for discussion in addition to the ones Patti raised.

The next meeting, another conference call, will take place January 23, 2006, at 1:30 PM. The focus will be on completing the principles and the talking points for the upcoming COT presentation as well as strategizing approaches to resolving the specific issues.

After verifying that subcommittee members had no further business to discuss, Justice Hurwitz adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.