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MEETING MINUTES

Organization: Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys

Date and Time of Meeting: November 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Video Conferenced Between:

Office of the Attorney General
Executive Conference Room
100 N. Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Office of the Attorney General
Grant Sawyer Building
555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 3315
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Attendees:

Adam Laxalt, Attorney General, Chair
A.J. Delap
Arthur Mallory
Chris Hicks
Karl Hall
Robert Sweetin
Steve Wolfson
Patricia Cafferata, Executive Director

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

(Agenda Item No. 1)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken by Heather Cooney. A quorum was present.

2. Attorney General Adam Laxalt's Welcome. Self-introduction of members present.

(Agenda Item No. 2)

Attorney General Adam Laxalt welcomed the members and everyone introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment. Discussion Only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item, until scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting for possible action.

(Agenda Item No. 3)

No public comment.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2017 meeting.

(Agenda Item No. 4) (Attachment One (1) – Draft Meeting Minutes.)

Chris Hicks moved to approve the minutes for September 27, 2017. Robert Sweetin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action on Prosecutors Conference September 27 – 29, 2017.

(Agenda Item No. 5)

A synopsis of the Prosecutors Conference was reported by Patricia Cafferata, according to the compiled evaluation sheets. The presentations on *Impaired Driving under Marijuana*, the animal cases and prosecutions, and the crash reconstruction were particularly popular break-out sessions.

Chris Hicks made a suggestion to apply the Raggio award to a northern nominee again in September 2018, to remedy any travel expenses for a southern candidate at Lake Tahoe. Hicks explained that the north's nomination was presented at the Laughlin Conference, and while Judge David Clifton was honored to receive the award, he had to travel to Laughlin to accept it. The group agreed that the Raggio award should be given to a recipient in the area where the conference is held.

6. Discussion and possible action on Prosecutors Conference at Lake Tahoe in September 2018.

(Agenda Item No. 6)

Topics and issues to include at the Prosecutors Conference at Lake Tahoe were discussed among attendees. The recommendations include:

- a. To have the more popular presentations repeated, such as Marijuana and Impaired Driving, along with new content;
- b. To have an email circulated among attorneys and the Attorney General's Office to solicit suggestions on what to include that would focus the attention to different areas of law statewide for district attorneys and prosecuting attorneys;
- c. To have northern District Court Judges or Justices of the Peace present at the conference to provide diversity and a from-the-bench perspective to the prosecuting attorneys;
- d. Invite seasoned defense lawyers to attend the conference to provide an alternative viewpoint on a specific theme; and
- e. For a member of a joint task force to discuss how a case develops jurisdictionally from a task force level before being sent to a district attorney.

7. Discussion and possible action on additional trainings for prosecutors.

Agenda Item No. 7)

The Traffic Safety Training for DUI of marijuana has been presented in the 15 rural counties. This training will restart for 2017-2018, and the grant for this training now includes Washoe County. Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) Chris Halsor now has the software and equipment to offer webinars. He successfully presented his first webinar, which covered marijuana, approximately one week ago. Additional trainings for the rural District Attorneys are planned for the north and south. A list of prosecutions trainings from Clark and Washoe County District Attorneys for 2018 was recommended to be distributed to prosecutors. AG Laxalt added that the internal education classes that the AGO offers also be sent to any prosecuting attorneys that would be interested in attending the trainings.

8. Discussion and possible action on proposed legislation for the 2019 session.

(Agenda Item No. 8)

Discussion deferred until next meeting.

9. Meetings set for 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Attorney General's offices:

(Agenda Item No. 9)

- **January 17, 2018**
- **April 18, 2018**
- **July 12, 2018**
- **October 17, 2018**

10. Public Comment. Discussion Only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item, until scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting for possible action.

(Agenda Item No. 10)

Arthur Mallory mentioned that the Governor has been sued by the ACLU regarding legal representation of indigents in the rural counties. There are multiple issues that are of concern to the rural counties, including allegations about one defendant in Churchill County that were untrue, and yet Churchill County is not a party in the lawsuit, nor were they served – they just saw a copy of the lawsuit.

11. Adjournment.

(Agenda Item No. 11)

Attorney General Adam Laxalt adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Taylor Musselman and Tarah Sanchez, Office of the Attorney General.