

AMERICAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION

2008 Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

(Language to be deleted is crossed out; language to be added is bolded and underlined.)

Sec. 2. COMPOSITION. The Board of Governors shall include as members:

(a) The duly elected and qualified officers of the Association;

(b) ~~The immediate past President of the Association;~~ The AJA Past Presidents, who, following the completion of their term of office shall serve as at-large, voting members of the Board of Governors as long as they remain dues-paying members of the Association;

(c) (1) One duly qualified member of the Association for each fifty members residing in each District of the Association as defined in Article VII, Section 7. No District shall have more than three members on the Board of Governors regardless of the number of members in that District. Any District having less than fifty members shall be entitled to have one representative on the Board of Governors. Any District having more than fifty members but less than one hundred members shall be entitled to have two members on the Board of Governors and any District having more than one hundred members shall be entitled to have three members on the Board of Governors. In the event the membership in a specific District shall be reduced so as to eliminate

one or more members of the Board of Governors of that District, the sitting Governor may continue to serve for the balance of the unexpired term of office, but in the event of a vacancy for any reason that office shall cease to exist.

(c) (2) If a District includes more than one state, province or territory, then no state, province or territory shall have more than one member on the Board of Governors unless there are no candidate members in good standing from any other state, province or territory in that District.

~~(d) All past Presidents excluding the immediate past President,~~ The Editors of this Association's Official Publications and the Assigned Representative of the Secretariat, shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board of Governors, without voting powers.

Sec. 8. MEETINGS.

(b) A majority of the voting members of the Board not counting the past presidents shall constitute a quorum. For the purpose of determining the number of members of the Board for quorum purposes, only the number of voting members not counting the past presidents shall be considered.

AJA's Midyear Meeting: "Understanding the Senior Moment," *continue*

believed to be abused, who spoke about the need to have clearer criteria for diagnosing and differentiating between elders who may be abused or neglected, or may just otherwise be in need of medical, psychiatric, rehabilitative, or protective services

Judges Carter and Fell were able to share their experiences with the program participants when addressing the needs of elders and to demonstrate how they use or evaluate the expertise of folks like Detective Boatwright, Atty. Waldoch, and Dr. Pandya in analyzing information, reaching conclusions, crafting orders, or exercising their administrative responsibilities as judges.

The program received excellent evaluations from all of those who attended the midyear meeting. This

program is an excellent example of how the AJA Education Committee continues to explore ways to present high-quality, professional development experiences, which will, in very practical ways, improve the skills of judges and enable them do their daily work in ways which bring due credit to our profession, one of the main missions of AJA.

Should you like further information about the "Understanding the Senior Moment" program, please contact Hon. Sheila Fell at sfell@courts.org or Hon. Marjorie Carter at mcarter@courts.org. If you have interest in serving as a faculty member or want to suggest future programs for AJA meetings, please contact ezide@prodigy.net. 