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NAALJ NEWS

I. DRAFT REPORT OF LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Prepared by
Judge Paul Wyler

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For consideration by the general membership. Comments should be sent to Hon. Paul Wyler, 1311 Talmadge Street, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

A. PUBLICATIONS


2. Improve and expand Journal. Increase frequency of copies.

3. Provide coordination between Publications Committee and membership so that material is solicited and obtained.


5. Increase circulation of Journal to outsiders.

B. JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE, PAY AND WORKING CONDITIONS

1. Develop clearinghouse for information regarding pay, working conditions and title so that state ALJ’s may obtain information and advice on seeking improvements.

2. Study ALJ pay, prepare statistics on comparisons with judges of Article III courts.

3. Contact USDOL regarding pay and working conditions, title for Unemployment Insurance ALJ’s.

4. Resolve that pay and working conditions of state ALJ’s should be improved.
5. Set up minimum standards of working conditions: clerical support, equipment, facilities, etc.

C. LAW STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

1. Obtain co-sponsorship with

   ABA: Law Student Division, NCALJ, Ad Law Section, Section of Legal Education
   Association of American Law Schools

2. Increase prize.

3. Establish committee to oversee program.

D. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1. Frequent regional symposia and meetings.

2. Coordinate activities with

   National Judicial College
   Administrative Law Section, ABA
   NCALJ
   Others

3. Urge states and USDOL to provide administrative leave and funding to attend meetings. Obtain commitments.

E. ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

1. Establish part-time staff office to assist in conducting activities. Hire part-time executive director and clerical assistance.

2. Establish full-time office. Hire full-time director and staff.

3. Establish a state coordinator for each state. Liaison with state affiliates and state ALJ's.

4. Establish committees for each subject matter (e.g., welfare, taxation, public utilities, etc.).
5. Consider revision of by-laws regarding committees. Establish constitutional committees.

6. More frequent meetings of Board of Governors.

7. Conduct semi-annual membership meetings.

8. Increase dues to meet increasing organizational activities.

F. INTERFERENCE WITH DECISION AND HEARING PROCESS: INDEPENDENCE OF ALJ: PROTECTION AGAINST ARBITRARY TERMINATION AND LAYOFF

1. Set up committee or body in NAALJ to hear complaints from ALJ’s regarding interference in decision and hearing process or about arbitrary termination or layoff of ALJ’s, with power to make recommendation to Board of Governors.

2. Urge states to adopt peer review system.

3. Establish Code of regulations regarding non-interference.

4. Meet with USDOL on any problems of interference.

5. Meet with state agencies on problems.

G. MEMBERSHIP

1. Establish membership committee.

2. Prepare recruiting or membership bulletin.

3. Develop membership campaign.

H. BUDGET AND CASELOAD PROBLEMS


2. Circulate to all members the Report of Committee. Time: 3 months.

4. Consult with ICESA and others on plan of action.

5. Propose Plan of Action (Discussion of USDOL, Congress, etc.).

CENTRAL PANEL SYSTEM

1. Coordinate efforts with NCALJ.

2. Establish Clearinghouse for Project. Obtain or prepare literature. State ALJ’s will be supplied with materials and advice on obtaining central panel in their state.