

**MISSISSIPPI COURT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE  
2024 FALL CONFERENCE BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OCTOBER 22, 2024**

The Mississippi Court Administrators Association 2024 Fall Business Announcements. President Lynn Conner did not open a meeting for business and a quorum was not established due to the 2024 Fall Conference being held via Zoom. Business Announcements will be distributed via email.

**The Secretary's Report - Candace Payne-Johnson:** The minutes from the 2024 Spring Conference were distributed via email.

**The Treasurer's Report - Kinshasa West:** The Treasurer's Report was distributed via email.  
The Membership dues payment form will be available on the webpage.

**Message from President Lynn Conner:**

Hello fellow Court Administrators!

I hope this email finds you all well and that you are attending the zoom meetings. On behalf of the Board of the MS Court Administrators Association, please know we did not want a zoom conference and voiced our concerns over the conference being zoom. We hope this is the only time we have to meet via zoom and we cannot wait to see your smiling faces in the Spring.

Please take time to review the documents that have been sent to you and reach out to the Board if you have any questions.

If we have any new court administrators that have been hired this year (2024) please email D. LaShae Gilmore at [dgilmore@co.hinds.ms.us](mailto:dgilmore@co.hinds.ms.us) and Kinshasa West at [kwest@copiahcountymtms.gov](mailto:kwest@copiahcountymtms.gov).

Please visit our website at <https://www.mscaa.org/forms> to find our nomination forms for Award of Excellence, Justice Achievement Award and the Robert D. "Bob" Church Scholarship form.

We also need nominations for committees and/or the Board. If you are interested in serving our association please let us know or nominate someone you think would like to serve.

If anyone has any announcements they would like to send to the Board for us to share please do so.

## **Reports and Announcements from Committees:**

### **The Membership Committee – D. LaShae Gilmore, 2nd Vice President:**

Welcome all new members to the Association.

New members are asked to contact the Membership Committee Chair, *D. LaShae Gilmore, 2nd Vice President*, or you may contact your Court Liaison so that you are added to the member list. Please toggle through the page for more info: <https://www.mscaa.org/forms>

Due to the retiring of Paula Cable, the Association has 1 opening for a Court Liaison, term ending April 2025:

1. *Noelle McKinnon - Chancery Court*
2. *Melanie Sanders - Circuit Court*
3. *County Court - **Vacant***
4. *Youth Court – Paulette Jones Wallace*

The Court Liaisons are part of the Association's Board of Directors. Their 2-year term of service will end Spring of 2025.

Association members are urged to get acquainted with their perspective Court Liaison. Remember, your Court Liaison is who you can go to with questions and/or for guidance.

As always members are encouraged to submit news, and announcements for the Associations' Monthly Motivations to the Membership Chairperson.

### **The Continuing Education Committee – Brooke Pollard, 1st Vice President:**

*Continuing Education Committee:*

1. *Donna Walker – At-Large*
2. *Melba Chauvin – At-Large*

The Chair, and two at-large members serve on the Continuing Education Committee.

The at-large committee members serve a term of 1 year. The term of service ends Spring of 2025.

### **The Nominating Committee – Shanna Spann, Immediate Past President Chair:**

*Committee Members are:*

3. *Stacie Shoemaker*
4. *Tonya Anderson*
5. *Valerie Underwood*
6. *Betsy Boone*

Members serve on Nominating Committee for a term of 1 year. Their term of service will end the Spring of 2025.

**Nomination forms for open Board and Committee positions are now posted on the webpage. All forms must be completed and submitted by the March 31, 2025, deadline to allow the Nomination Committee ample time to review the submissions.**

**Please return all forms to Shanna Spann.**

**The Awards Committee: Joy Danzey, Chairperson**

*Awards Committee members are:*

1. *Cindy Bray*
2. *Molly Jackson*
3. *Mona Martin*
4. *Leigh Ann Atherton*

The Chair and Committee Members serve a term for 1-year. The term of service will end Spring 2025.

***The Mississippi Court Administrators Association Nomination Forms:***

**The 2024-2025 Award of Excellence**

**The 2024-2025 Justice Achievement Award**

**The 2024-2025 Robert D. Church Memorial Scholarship**

\*\*All nomination forms are now posted on the webpage.

Nominations must be received no later than January 31, 2025.

Please email nominations as indicated on each form.

**Upcoming conferences:**

Spring 2025 Conference- April 23<sup>rd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025- Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS

NACM Conference Mid Year- February 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Atlantic City, NJ

Annual- July 20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025- Omaha, Nebraska

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