Formal Recommendations

Operating under the guidance and support of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA or “Bureau”), Office of Justice Programs (OJP or “Office”), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ or “Department”), the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (“Global” or “Initiative”) Advisory Committee (GAC or “Committee”) held its winter 2015 meeting in January. The GAC is a Federal Advisory Committee to the highest-ranking justice officer in the nation—the U.S. Attorney General (AG)—on justice-related information sharing issues.

The GAC meets up to two times a year in the Washington, DC, area. These events are open to the public and announced in the Federal Register, located at https://www.federalregister.gov/. Interested justice colleagues and members of the public are welcome to attend.

A summary of the topics, resolutions, and resources (including associated links) featured during the event is available at https://it.ojp.gov/gist/177/Global-Advisory-Committee--GAC----Winter-2015-GAC-Meeting-Summary. To supplement that overview and enumerate issues that were recommended by the GAC members and alternates, following is a listing of formal votes held on January 27:

- **Summer 2014 GAC Meeting Summary Approval**—As is the standing practice, the previous GAC meeting summary (outlining the June 23, 2014, event) was brought to the floor by Vice Chairman Carl Wicklund, Executive Director and GAC representative from the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), for Committee approval.

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1 For more on Global, please visit www.it.ojp.gov/global.
2 Meeting notifications are easily discoverable by entering “Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative” in the upper right search box. Notices are posted approximately one month prior to the meeting date.
Voting particulars:

- Executive Director Steve Correll, GAC representative from Nlets—The International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets) and Global Executive Steering Committee (GESC) member, made a motion to ratify the summary without revision.
- Mr. Kevin Bowling, GAC representative from the National Association for Court Management (NACM) and GESC member, seconded.
- Resolution: The motion was brought to a vote; it carried unanimously.

Global Leadership Elections—This event takes place every two years and is overseen by a Committee member declining nomination for the positions. For this election cycle, Chief Harlin McEwen, GAC representative from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and GESC member, graciously served as Elections Coordinator. Election guidelines are enumerated in the Global Bylaws.\(^4\)

Voting particulars:

- Prior to the meeting, Thomas Clarke, Ph.D., Global Standards Council (GSC, “Council”) Chair and GAC representative from the Nation Center for State Courts (NCSC), notified the membership of his intention to run for GAC Chair. The Honorable Michael Milstead, Sheriff of Minnehaha County, South Dakota, and GAC representative from the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA) and Chairman of the Global Strategic Solutions Working Group (GSSWG), notified the membership of his intention to run for Vice Chairman.
- Chief McEwen opened the floor for additional nominations; none were proposed.
  - Executive Director Correll made a motion to close nominations; Director Vernon Keenan, GAC representative from and Chairman of the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC), seconded.
  - The motion passed unanimously and nominations were closed.
- Chief McEwen entertained a motion to elect the leadership posts by acclamation.
  - Mr. Bowling formally made the motion; Mr. Michael Haas, GAC representative from DOJ, seconded.
  - ACTION/Resolution: Dr. Clarke and Sheriff Milstead were elected by acclamation.

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• **Global Recommendations From the Field**—Responding to priorities from the field, under the guidance of BJA, Global members, partners, and subject-matter experts from across the country supported development of the following new resources that were formally recommended at the meeting:

  o *Call to Action and Issue Brief: Justice System Use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs*—*Addressing the Nation’s Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Epidemic*
    - Voting particulars:
      - Sheriff Milstead presented the document for Committee consideration, serving as a motion for formal recommendation.
      - Director Keenan seconded.
      - **Resolution:** The motion was brought to a vote; the resource was unanimously recommended.

  o *Entity Resolution and Merge Notification* information exchange services
    - Voting particulars:
      - Dr. Clarke presented the services for Committee consideration, serving as a motion for formal recommendation.
      - Chief McEwen seconded.
      - **Resolution:** The motion was brought to a vote; the services were unanimously recommended.

• **Winter 2015 GAC Meeting Adjournment**—Hearing no further comments and having no further business, newly elected GAC Chairman Clarke made a motion to adjourn.

  o Mr. Douglas Robinson, Executive Director and GAC representative from the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (**NASCIO**), seconded.

  o **Resolution:** The motion was brought to a vote; it carried unanimously and the winter 2015 GAC meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.