

**Task Force on Countering Disinformation
State Courts Building, Phoenix
Meeting Minutes: September 15, 2021**

Members attending (remote unless otherwise noted): Aaron Nash (Chair) (in person), Hon. Bradley Astrowsky, Fredric Bellamy, Jessica Fotinos, Dawn Gilpin, Joe Hengemuehler, Krisanne LoGalbo, Scott Ruston, Deborah Schaefer, Shelly Bacon, Eduard Goodman, Patience Huntwork.

Absent: Hon. Todd Lang, David Fuller

Guests: Public members: Lori Ford, Malinda Sherwyn

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) staff: Alicia Moffatt (in person)

1. Call to order. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The Chair welcomed members and made administrative comments. Members should anticipate October and November to be working meetings where items are presented for the supplemental final report. Meetings will remain virtual. The concluding report is targeted for review and approval between October and November, with November reserved for final items and the completion of the task force's term. Patience Huntwork offered to help proof the concluding report. The December meeting might be canceled.

2. Approval of minutes. The Chair called for corrections to the August 18, 2021 2021 meeting minutes. No corrections offered.

Motion: A member moved to approve the August 18, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. CDTF: 2021-17

3. Workgroup Reports. The members provided updates on workgroup progress.

Workgroup 1: Lead, Debi Schaefer. The workgroup held its last meeting in September and reported no more activity for the past month. Workgroup members have since participated in other workgroups.

Workgroup 2: Lead, Krisanne LoGalbo. The public information one-pager is complete, and the AOC is translating to Spanish. A QR code is shown and will direct to the Task Force resources page. The AOC will distribute statewide to law and public libraries and courthouses. A business card version is still in the works.

The workgroup continues its review and development of a disinformation playbook and is in discussion with the Arizona Broadcasters Association in organizing quarterly media roundtables with local media in 2022. The roundtable is intended to promote accuracy in court processes and information. Members were asked to send ideas and suggestions to Krisanne.

Workgroup 3: Lead, Chair Aaron Nash. The suggested language for voicemails when the public calls is complete. The branding site is still in progress along with the community outreach page. When complete, the AOC will partner with the Commission on Diversity, Equality, and Justice in the Judiciary (CODEJ) to provide resources.

Workgroup 4: The Chair provided the update. The AOC is moving forward with replacing the “Our Courts Arizona” website content with a “Community Outreach” website and is still in progress. The website will include new forms for the public to request presenters and for judicial branch judges and employees to register as presenters. The Chair will share the progress at a future meeting when the website is put in production.

Workgroup 5: Lead, Jessica Fotinos updated the task force that the workgroup is finalizing the spreadsheet for reporting suspected disinformation to social media platforms and those platforms’ requirements and will provide that information in the final report. The workgroup continues to update the media contact spreadsheet.

Krisanne LoGalbo reported that Facebook does not monitor for look-alike sites, but those can be reported for review. Checking courts’ social media presence on a regular basis could be part of best practices to stop or prevent fake sites.

4. Liaison updates.

Arizona Council for the Social Studies (ACSS)

<http://acssaz.org/>

Civic Education Community Engagement Program (CE2)

<https://www.azed.gov/civicengagement>

As liaison, the Chair reported that the groups will have Fall and Spring conferences and, moving forward, will incorporate pre-recorded sessions to maximize participation from stakeholders.

5. Call to the public. The Chair made a call to the public. Lori Ford and Malinda Sherwyn addressed the Task Force.

6. Roadmap. The next Task Force meeting will be October 13, 2021 (virtual).

7. Good of the Order and adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 9:30 - Noon.

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