

Report of Vice President for Publications

Our first 2016 Counterbalance publication was distributed in August, labeled Summer 2016. We've received some very nice compliments. Our second and final 2016 Counterbalance will be put together at the end of October, showcasing the Seattle conference among other articles.

I believe we should consider whether we need to work back to a production schedule where both issues of Counterbalance that go out during any Vice President for Publication's one year term are the product of that Vice President. Currently one is, and one isn't. It used to that both were, but somehow we have gotten away from that. Perhaps several past Vice Presidents for Publication could be selected as a committee by the current president to meet by phone and to report to the next president what we should do in this regard.

Meanwhile, our evolving electronic world has made us an organization with many more publications. We now do an electronic monthly President's Message to all members, reciting the most recent NAWJ news, NAWJ events, and accomplishments of our President. Some District Directors also do a monthly email blast to their district members.

We are considering whether we might electronically do a "clippings service" regarding recent cases of interest, whether that be on the website or through email blast.

And occasionally there are email announcements to our members about an opportunity for immediate participate in an upcoming electronic seminar, such as the one offered to us through the ABA after the recent Olympics, about the International Court of Sports-- how international law can be made to work quickly in that arena, and what the opportunities are for retired or otherwise available judges to serve.

Overall I believe we have risen admirably to the occasion of communicating with our members using all the tools of the modern world.