

## Carrie Janto - Fwd: Re: Response-- Rules Petition 12-07-- Finance Committee

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I agree that all proceedings in regard to rules petition 12-07 should be in open rules petition conference. It is my understanding that the IOP at issue was withdrawn, and that the role of the Finance Committee in regard to the Operational and Grant Budgets is to be informational in nature. If my understanding is correct, this should be confirmed at the next open rules petition conference on petition 12-07.

Thank you.

>>> Shirley Abrahamson 01/24/14 5:33 PM >>>

Dear Colleagues:

First, emails from MJG and PDR, requesting written comments about 12-07 and AWB's and PDR's written comments (as well as this e-mail) about the finance committee should be open and filed as part of the rules petition. We should not be having full court discussions behind closed doors.

Second, PDR does not respond to questions asked at open conference and repeated in AWB's response about the proposed IOP. THE proposed IOP is part of the rule petition 12-07 as a result of PDR's filings and my filings.

The proposed IOP has to be discussed at the 12-07 open rules petition conference and voted upon by the court.

On Sept. 18, 2012 PDR made the IOP part of the rules proposal by filing an amendment to an IOP in the rules petition file explaining: "Enclosed please find a modification to Supreme Court Internal Operating Procedure 1.A. Please file it as a comment to Rule Petition 12-07. I file it at this time, although we do not always publicly discuss changes to our Internal Operating Procedures, because the pendency of Rule Petition 12-07 brings it forward." See attachment.

Indeed the chief judges commented negatively on the IOP in response to the court's request for comments on the 12-07 rules petition.

Julie Rich's January 17, 2013 staff memo to the court views the proposed IOP as before the court as part of the rules petition and critiqued it at length calling it "daunting for the court."

Third, in a straw vote, DTP advised the court at open conference that he would vote in favor of the petition to preserve his right to offer "refinements." If written comments are viewed as helpful, DTP might offer his refinements in writing.

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