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This evening I again reviewed Commissioner Julie Anne Rich's memo of January 28, 2014, along with her attachment suggesting language for a Supreme Court Rule on creation, membership, staffing, duties and coordination with others for a Supreme Court Finance Committee. She indicated that she had used Justice Roggensack's proposed rule language as a template for her draft rule.

Justice Roggensack deserves great credit for all of the work she has done on the proposal for a Finance Committee.

In the hope that we might reach a unanimous agreement on such a Supreme Court Rule, when we meet on Wednesday I intend to offer a motion that we adopt Commissioner Rich's draft Rule.

Now that the draft IOP has been withdrawn and all seem to agree that the mission of the Finance Committee is to provide

information to the Supreme Court on the Biennial, Operational and Grant Budgets, it seems to me that true unanimous adoption of a Supreme Court Rule establishing the Finance Committee is within our reach.

I sincerely hope that you will join me in voting for my motion.

SCR 70.125 Supreme court finance committee.

- (1) The supreme court finance committee, a standing committee of the supreme court, shall consist of:
  - a. The chief justice of the supreme court and two other justices elected by the supreme court.
  - b. The chief judge of the court of appeals.
  - c. The chair of the chief judges committee or his or her designee.
  
- (2) Staffing for the committee shall be provided by members of the director's staff responsible for the budget.
  
- (3) The supreme court finance committee shall participate in gathering and sharing of budgetary information with the supreme court as follows:
  - a. Biennial Budget: Be kept fully and timely informed by the Director of all budget proposals submitted as part of the court system's biennial budget process and work in conjunction with PPAC to review all submitted budget proposals.
  
  - b. Operational Budgets: Review draft annual operating budgets prior to final decision by the director.
  
  - c. Grant Operational Plan: Review draft annual operational plan for grants that the supreme court administers.