

IPDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Summary of Activity

1977

Interim Board of Directors

Roy Dakich, Crown Point - *Chairman*
Harriette Bailey Conn
Michael K. Deardorff, Kokomo
Keith A. Dilworth, Richmond
Donald E. Gibson, Veedersburg
Edward C. Hilgendorf, South Bend
Terrance W. Richmond, Versailles
Merle B. Rose, Indianapolis
Gerald R. Thom, Jasper
Robert C. Way, Kendallville
Joseph A. Williams, Fort Wayne

The IPDC was established by the Acts of 1977, P.L. 321, I.C. 33-9-12-1, effective August 29, 1977 at 1:00 p.m.

Meetings

August 29, 1977 (INTERIM BOARD)

1. September 1, 1977

- Roy Dakich was designated as chairman (by motion), chairman needed as second signature on upcoming grant application.
- Authorized employment of Larry Landis as Training Director.

September 30, 1977 - *no written record.*

- Established election procedure.
- Solicited nominations for election held by mailed ballots.

Election results opened December 15, 1977.

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Interim Board

MINUTES

On Monday, August 29, 1977, at 1:00 P.M. the Public Defender Council of Indiana began its legal existence. On Thursday, September 1, 1977, many public defenders attended the Governor's Penal Code Seminar, at which time the statutory Executive Director called a meeting of a select group of public defenders, asking them to serve as an interim board of directors until election of the statutory board.

At the meeting, attended by Donald E. Gibson (Fountain County), Robert C. Way (Noble County), Keith Dilworth (Wayne County), Merle Rose (Marion County), Gerald R. Thom (DuBois County), Roy Dakich (Lake County), Edward Milgendorff (St. Joseph County), Michael Deardorff (Howard County), and Harriette Bailey Conn (State Public Defender), she announced that it was imperative to have a functioning board in advance of the election because the Training Grant obtained by the Public Defender of Indiana was about to terminate and a new grant application would have to be submitted in order to continue the training function which ~~is~~ the statutory responsibility of the Public Defender Council, which, at that time, had only one member of the board, the State Public Defender who is also the only staff member, being Executive Director, whereas the rules of the Indiana Criminal Justice Planning Agency require more than one person to sign grant applications.

The persons in attendance had, in addition to Joseph Williams (Allen County), and ~~MICHAEL~~ Walro (Jefferson County), had been selected as a representative group -- with four of the oldest and largest public defender offices represented, two of the smaller county statutory public defenders, and four appointed counsel from the four geographical quadrants of the State. Mrs. Conn stated her desire for advice and, in view of their past attendance at seminars sponsored by the Public Defender's office and support of the Public Defender Association, she hoped that they would also be willing to stand for election to the board.

Designation of a chairman of the board was asked in order to have the necessary second signature to the grant application, and it was strongly suggested that that person should be from outside of Indianapolis and of the opposite political party from Mrs. Conn in the event that there should need to be representation of the council before the Legislature. It was moved and seconded that Roy Dakich serve as the first chairman, and adopted by acclamation. (In view of the deadline for filing a grant application, Mr. Dakich agreed to confer by telephone and authorize his name to be signed without physically presenting him with the grant application.)

The amount of the grant application was next discussed, and the problems inherent in the fact that the amount in the 1977 Plan for the Training project was so inadequate that Mrs. Conn had been discussing the possibility of channeling all funds planned for

projects of her office to be diverted to this one program, giving a sum of \$38, in contrast with the first year funding of the project at \$42,222 -- and most inadequate. (However, there was some willingness to provide a slight amount more money to the council, and a question as to how much should be sought.) There was a review of the Legislative history and the disastrous effect of a \$236,000 fiscal note, counteracted by reference to the \$2 , already in the plan for this office, the fact that ICJPA would be expected to provide funds and that it was unlikely that there would be willingness to spend as much for training defenders as for prosecutors and judges. The question was how much more to ask. Larry A. Landis, employed as project training director by the Public Defender suggested a need for \$100,000 if there was to be adequate staffing. It was then moved that the request be for \$100,000. No second. Mrs Conn indicated unwillingness to so far exceed the amount in the Plan but said that it was so late in the 1977 Fiscal Year that 1978 funds should be available in a few months and suggested that this grant application be for a partial year and in the amount of \$50,000, with an intention to ask for another \$50,000 or so when 1978 funds became available and there was a duly elected board to make the request. Accepted by consensus.

The next item of business was authority to employ Larry A. Landis as training director for the Public Defender Council when his employment by the Public Defender of Indiana ceased. Agreed.

Finally, it was determined that another meeting of the board should be set when there was not a seminar competing for attention. Agreed to meet in the Office of the Public Defender of Indiana, 501 State Office Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, on September 30, 1977, at 1:00 P.M.

Approved by the Board of Directors