

Indiana Public Defender Council
Meeting of Board of Directors - October 7, 1988

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council (IPDC) was called to order by chairman Dan Weber at 4:50 p.m. on October 7, 1988 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Indianapolis, Indiana. Present were Gene Hollander, Sandy Bryant, Dan Weber, Terry Richmond, Susan Carpenter, Dan Toomey, David Hennessy, Linda Wagoner, Kevin McGoff and Sheila Zwickey. Staff members in attendance were Larry Landis, Mary Sinnock and Larry Vellani.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the Board meeting of July 16, 1988 had been mailed to all Directors for their review prior to this meeting. Sandy Bryant moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Kevin McGoff seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to a written Executive Director's Report dated October 1988, Larry Landis gave the following report.

- A. Alternative Sentencing Project - Exemplary Project Award
Larry Landis handed out the C.J.I. Awards information. The Alternative Sentencing Project was recognized as an outstanding program.
- B. FY 1989-91 Biennium Budget Request
Larry Landis requested the Budget be amended as stated in his report. This amendment to reduce the current budget request was seen as a good faith attempt to be fiscally responsible. Larry assured the board that the reduction would not affect those commitments which have already been made. David Hennessy moved to amend the Budget as requested by Larry. Linda Wagoner seconded the motion and it was approved by acclamation.
- C. Federal Habeas Corpus Death Penalty Resource Center
Larry advised the Board there would not be any funds available this year for the Federal Habeas Corpus Death Penalty Resource Center. This is contrary to the information provided at the July 19, 1988 meeting. Larry advised he would keep the Board aware of further developments.

- D. Public Education Campaign
Larry stated there plans for volunteers and a media campaign. He stated there would be a direct mailing in approximately one month.
- E. Staff Changes
Larry advised that Linda Spears had resigned effective October 14, 1988, and that a new bookkeeper, JoAnn Pickett, and a new receptionist, Teresa Franklin, had been hired.
- F. Personnel Policy
Larry advised he had learned that all non-merit employees are employees at will. This will cause a change in the employees manual. This will be corrected and ready for the next Board meeting. The Board also discussed a grievance procedure for employees who have complaints about Larry. There was much discussion whether employees should have direct access to the Board or to a specially designated committee. Linda Wagoner stated she believed there was a Statute which allowed for an employee to by pass the director. She agreed to report to the next meeting regarding the Statute.
- G. Juvenile Grant
Larry stated the juvenile grant must target the detention facilities of juveniles, not the Department of Correction. Larry Vellani reviewed his draft of JEM. The grant would call for local public defenders to monitor the incarceration of juveniles in their own counties and to take necessary action, including court action, to force the judge to comply with Federal law. David Hennessy expressed concern that the public defenders would turn into police and reporting agent, thereby wasting their time. Larry stated the grant for 1987 money must be submitted within two (2) weeks. The three (3) year plan must be submitted with three (3) weeks. Linda Wagoner moved to authorize the grant proposal. Gene Hollander then moved to amend the motion to create a committee to review the proposal. ~~Gene then seconded the motion as amended.~~ The motion ^{as amended} carried. The Board will create the committee.

AMENDED →

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Standards Committee
Susan Carpenter stated her committee had not met and had nothint to report.
- B. P.D. Legislation
Dan Weber stated he had received a progree report by the August 31, 1988 deadline from Sheila Zwickey. He advised he had sent letters and was hoping to obtain the services of a lobbyist for free. He advised all

members of the Board to get busy and to report their activity to him by November 30, 1988.

C. Payment Guidelines

Terry Richmond reported he had prepared a draft of a draft. He stated he would get the draft to members of his committee and be prepared to present the final draft.

D. Malpractice Insurance

Dan Toomey moved to disband this committee. Terry Richmond seconded the motion which carried.

E. Nominations-tie

David Hennessey gave the report of the committee. He moved that balloting close in each annual election at the end of the lunch break. If necessary, there would be a second vote after lunch with voting to close at the end of the seminar. Linda Wagoner seconded the motion which carried.

V. BOARD PLAQUES

The best offer on plaques to recognize past board members can from the Department of Correction. The Board looked at a sample of the plaque which cost \$18.00 a piece. Terry Richmond moved to give a plaque to each past board member with two (2) terms of service. The motion failed for lack of a second. Dan Toomey moved to give a plaque to each past board member with one (1) full term of service. The motion failed for a lack of a second. Linda Wagoner moved all past board members receive a plaque in appreciation of their service. The motion was seconded by Kevin McGoff and passed by acclamation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting


It was agreed the next meeting of the Board of Directors should be held in conjunction with the next IPDC seminar, on November 4, 1988. The meeting will commence immediately after the conclusion of the seminar. It will be at the Viscount Hotel at Castleton, 8181 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.

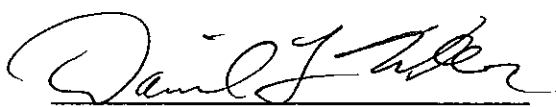
VII. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Wagoner moved for adjournment at approximately 6:30 p.m. on October 7, 1988. Kevin McGoff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Sheila K. Zwickey

Approved:


Sheila K. Zwickey, Secretary


Daniel L. Weber, Chairman

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