

MINUTES
Judicial Education Committee
January 27, 2012

Members Present: Bill Hughes, Chair; Teresa Harper; Kathleen Lang; Robyn Moberly; Earl Penrod; Mary Willis. By Telephone: Sherry Gregg-Gilmore; Jay Toney

Staff Present: Vicki Davis; Anne Jordan; Barbara Harcourt; Julie McDonald.

1. The members approved the minutes from the October 21, 2011 meeting.
2. Staff reported on the Winter Conference for Judicial Officers, held December 9, 2011. Attendance was up from last year (320 conferees this year, 270 last year). Evaluations showed that, while some people felt the speaker on U.S. constitutional law was a bit dry and without a lot of practical application for Indiana judges, others said that the session was a brain feeder. Suggestions for future sessions: bring him back and ask him to talk more about criminal law; ask an Indiana appellate judge to discuss how Indiana law differs from federal law.
3. Staff reported that the City and Town Court Judges Orientation, held on January 24 and 25, 2012 was well received. The first day was an administrative overview, while the second day was more nuts and bolts on infractions, ordinance violations, and misdemeanors. The conferees were interested and engaged. Adrienne Meiring and Elizabeth Murphy were especially excellent presenters.
4. Staff reported that only 14 judicial officers were not in compliance with the first year of the new Continuing Judicial Education requirement. Of the approximately 450 judicial officers in compliance, 64 people earned more than 60 hours, and 8 earned more than 100 hours in one year. The CLE commission will send out notices to the noncompliant judges.
5. Staff reported that 27 people have registered for the March 27, 2012 Evidence Workshop. Vicki Davis will include hotel information in email correspondence about future workshops to advise people where to look for accommodations.
6. The Committee discussed the 2012 Spring Judicial College, scheduled for April 11-13.
 - a. The domestic and family violence session is a kickoff for three other regional trainings, each of which will be limited to 50 participants. The Committee recommended that materials about the Spring session and the regional trainings emphasize how these programs will be different from past programs, including focusing on other types of cases (not just domestic violence cases). The Committee also emphasized that judicial officers should be informed of all four trainings before they register for the Spring Judicial College.
 - b. The Committee recommended that the e-discovery session be more in-depth than past programs and that it also discuss its use in non-complex litigation, such as criminal cases.
 - c. The Committee recommended moving the Family Court session to September, and that it focus more on collaboration with other judges, including protocols and best practices. Sharing "Turf" (funding, judicial economy, and weighted caseload numbers) should be

considered. In addition to family courts, the session should consider criminal and juvenile cases within a county and between counties. While a uniform court system can be discussed, it should not be the focus of this session.

- d. The Committee suggested that the sessions on the risk assessment instruments should tackle some common misconceptions, such as the impact of alcohol use on the final score.
 - e. Should the designer drugs and drug recognition session stay on the agenda, the Committee recommended including the science of recognition and reliability and the qualifications of drug recognition experts.
7. The Committee members began brainstorming what sessions they would be interested in seeing at the Annual Meeting in September 2012. Topics of interest included:
- a. A keynote presentation from the new Chief Justice of Indiana, Sarah Evans Barker, David Hamilton, Jane Magnus-Stinson, Tanya Walton-Pratt, Mary McQueen, Justice Stevens, Justice O'Connor, or Chief Justice Roberts. The Committee noted that it may be too late to secure a national speaker for September 2012, and that perhaps a national speaker should be considered for the 2013 Bench-Bar Conference.
 - b. Computer/Internet: The Cloud.
 - c. A combination of these topics:
 - i. Elder Abuse;
 - ii. The Role of GAL in Dissolution, Guardianships, Paternity; and
 - iii. Probate Law.
 - d. The Attorney General's Office and the Courts (issues the AG has for judges, and issues judges have for the AG).
 - e. Access to the Courts, including deaf and hearing impaired litigants and litigants in the armed forces. This could be a plenary session to ensure that judicial officers hear this important information, but should not be made a plenary session just because judges may not attend it in breakout format.
 - f. Campaigning and elections, including ethical pitfalls, war stories, history, and how running for election affects judges – but only if it is not a problem to provide this information only to incumbent judges, and only in a non-election year.
 - g. Juvenile Law 101 for non-juvenile judges.
8. The Committee recommended that the 2012 Winter Conference set for December 6 cover Clarence Darrow: Honor the Judiciary. They recommended that the program include one hour of ethics.
9. The 2012 Pre-Bench Orientation is currently being planned by staff, who also recommended using distance learning for some of the topics, such as State Court Administration, payroll, etc. An organizational chart of IJC, STAD, IJA, etc. would also be helpful.

10. The Indiana State Bar Association and the Indiana Judges Association are contemplating a bench-bar conference in 2013. Judge Penrod offered to serve on a subcommittee for this event. Again, a current or retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice was discussed as a speaker.
11. Staff presented the second phase of the two-step needs assessment, which will be used as the basis for the core curriculum for judicial education in Indiana. The Committee expressed concern that too many questions are asked by the second phase document, and that many judicial officers won't take the time to complete it. They recommended shortening the questionnaire and using an online format to ensure more participation. Surveying judges who have served on the bench for different lengths of time and adding in-depth interviews were also discussed. Staff also presented a sample of the end product in the core curriculum process – a course outline, including general description, method of delivery, learning objectives, recommended faculty, educational content, suggested materials and handouts, and frequency of presentation. The Committee recommended considering using learning objectives to create more in-depth evaluations of courses to ascertain if participants learned what the course sought to teach.
12. Staff presented the results from the first phase of the two-step needs assessment, which will be used as the basis for the core curriculum for judicial education in Indiana. Topping the list of topics that responding judges say they need or use, see changing in the future, or see as challenges were:
 - a. Personnel, court staff, HR, and staff workload;
 - b. Evidence, hearsay, and character;
 - c. Budget, funding, and grants;
 - d. Case, and docket management;
 - e. Workload, and caseload; and
 - f. Computer and software skills.
13. Staff reported that the judicial education department is considering computer training separate from other educational offerings, to ensure that judges do not opt out of computer courses in favor of substantive law courses while at judicial conferences. The Committee recommended offering computer training around the State.
14. The Committee discussed the judicial education grid created several years ago, and recently used to determine whether educational offerings met preapproved percentage goals for legal ability, judicial skills, personal growth, contemporary and interdisciplinary, and judicial authenticity. The members chose to continue using the grid until the core curriculum is completed.
15. The Committee will consider distance learning at the next meeting.
16. The Chair recommended that the Committee members have dinner with Spring Judicial College presenter Joseph Sawyer while he is in Indianapolis. He is an expert on distance learning and faculty development.

17. The Chair adjourned the meeting.

18. The next meeting will be at the Indiana Judicial Center on March 23, 2012 from 11am to 3pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes

Judicial Education Committee

Friday, March 23, 2012

Indiana Judicial Center

Members present: Bill Hughes, Chair; David Ault; Steve Heimann; Kathleen Lang; Robyn Moberly; Jay Toney; Mary Willis.

Staff present: Vicki Davis, Barbara Harcourt, Anne Jordan, Julie McDonald.

1. The members approved the minutes from the January 27, 2012 meeting.
2. Staff reported on the upcoming March 27 Evidence Workshop. The maximum number of possible registrants is 45, and 45 people have registered. The May and July programs are also full; spots are still available in August and October. Faculty will use the responder system at each workshop.
3. Staff reported on the Spring Judicial College, scheduled for April 11-13, 2012. The Domestic & Family Violence session is capped at 60 attendees, but three more identical sessions will be offered around the state in October. The Faculty Development course is now a one-day session, but the material will cover the same scope as the original plan: learning styles inventory, learning objectives, learning activities, program lesson plans. Attendees will be asked to bring a topic to develop during the session, and to submit what they develop to the faculty and the Judicial Education Committee.
4. Staff submitted an agenda for Juvenile Judges Annual Meeting, scheduled for June 21-22, 2012 at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel.
5. Staff presented a first draft of the proposed schedule for the September Annual Meeting.
 - a. The committee discussed whether to include one or two "brown bag" box lunch sessions on Wednesday, but decided to move those sessions to 9am Early Birds, with registration opening at 8am. For the Computing in the Clouds session, Professor Cate was highly recommended, and file security was mentioned as an important topic.
 - b. Staff sought input from the Committee on a topic of general interest for the Thursday plenary. Judge Willis recommended parenting time guidelines and change of judge rules. Judge Harcourt recommended compassion fatigue. Staff recommended access to justice. Judge Moberly recommended sports law.

- c. The Committee talked about options for the Friday plenary speaker: George Taliaferro, Vi Taliaferro, Cheri Daniels, Sue Shields, Shirley Abrahamson, Penny White, Judy O'Bannon, Sarah Evans Barker, and Larry McKinney.
 - d. Another topic ideas for a concurrent session was top ten mistakes judges make.
- 6. Staff reported on the Winter Conference, scheduled for December 6, 2012. Staff is looking for actors and four panelists at the session. Judge Hughes recommended adding a late bird session on Inherit the Wind.
- 7. The committee discussed orientation programs for new judges. At the very least, there will be thirteen new judges.
 - a. The committee discussed paring down the Pre-bench Program to one day and doing some topics via distance learning (such as salary, payroll, benefits, etc.). Face-to-face topics must include: transition to the bench and ethics, top ten employment laws, and existing and new employees. Judge Heimann suggested informing candidates before the November election that we will offer a pre-bench program that will cover employment issues and other potential pitfalls. Jane Seigel already sends out a letter on these pitfalls well before the November election; other options include beefing up that letter, a powerpoint presentation on the web, or "candidate school" like the one in Ohio, perhaps sponsored by the State Bar Association, Judicial Qualifications Commission, Secretary of State Election Division, and Disciplinary Commission. Judge Willis suggested having the Pre-bench Program on the days before or after the Winter Conference. Judge Hughes suggested holding the session in the last week of November.
 - b. The committee discussed the General Orientation Program, including whether to include concurrent breakout sessions, whether to hold a separate juvenile judges orientation (and if so, for one or two days), and the overall length of the program. Judge Moberly suggested organizing lunch tables on one or two days based on jurisdiction or other issues. Other committee members agreed that having the media presentation over lunch was also a good idea. The Committee agreed to send any other suggestions to Vicki.
- 8. Bob Rath and Brad Lile demonstrated IJC's distance learning capabilities.
- 9. The committee discussed an IJA/State Bar proposed one-day bench/bar conference in Winter 2013. Judge Hughes will confer with Judge Pera about the proposed program.
- 10. Staff reported on the second phase of the core curriculum needs assessment: 158 judges have responded. The top two most important topics so far are evidence and ethics. The bottom two are email/social networks and succession planning

11. The committee discussed and deferred until a future meeting a policy on requests to present an award or otherwise recognize a judge or justice. The committee also approved a motion that no awards would be given at the April 2012 conference.
12. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
13. The chair adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes

Judicial Education Committee

Friday, May 18, 2012

Indiana Judicial Center

Members present: Bill Hughes, Chair; Sherry Gregg Gilmore; Terry Harper; Kathleen Lang; Earl Penrod; Nancy Vaidik; Mary Willis.

Staff present: Vicki Davis, Barbara Harcourt, Anne Jordan, Julie McDonald, Jane Seigel.

14. The members approved the minutes from the March 23, 2012 meeting.

15. Review & Status Report: Evidence Workshops:

- a. Participants enjoyed the format (one-day, smaller class) and loved the presenter (Judge Hughes).
- b. The room's columns made the set-up a little awkward for the participants and the presenter, but the participants' facing each other worked very well to foster discussion.
- c. Future workshops scheduled in 2012 are nearly at capacity.

16. Review of the Spring Judicial College Program

- a. Attendance was approximately the same as last year.
- b. The faculty development session was good. The domestic violence session went very well, and the organizers learned how to improve it even further.

17. Staff Proposal: Restructure Conference Schedule to Fulfill the Original Concept of the Spring Judicial College

- a. The implementation of the Spring Judicial College has not lived up to its original concept (limited enrollment, interactive, repeated sessions, in-depth). Staff submitted a proposal to restructure this conference to meet its original goals.
- b. Staff proposed to reduce the number of tracks in spring, add more one-day options throughout the year, and reduce the amount of training in spring to a one-day conference in 2014.
- c. Judge Hughes said he was reluctant to change the Spring Judicial College, because it was an innovation in judicial education when it began.
- d. Judge Vaidik would like to have more classes to have smaller class sizes. To reduce hardship on staff, repeat the classes from year to year. Staff reported that more tracks could only be accommodated at the convention center. Judge Hughes suggested using law schools for space (and cost-savings) – rotating Indy, Bloomington, and Valparaiso – during summer or spring breaks. Staff questioned whether there would be enough hotel overnights. Judge Harper suggested Ivy Tech and other college buildings. Judge Vaidik questioned whether the room sizes in the law schools would accommodate the classes and whether catering would be workable at the law school.
- e. The committee discussed having a recent legislation session every year. Judge Harper suggested including sample forms in the recent legislation session. Jane Seigel stated that this session would be offered in May, and there would be a repeat session in the afternoon of the same day.

- f. Judge Lang stated that doing more one-day conferences throughout the year could detrimentally affect trial calendars.
- g. Jane Seigel stated that the staff proposal is designed to keep the same number of hours of CJE at the same level of quality but restructuring those hours. The proposal was also designed to have opportunities throughout the year for judges to get together.
- h. Judge Hughes suggested offering courses around the State, with faculty travel. Judge Penrod agreed and stressed the burden on staff of developing courses.
- i. Judge Hughes stated that the original plan behind the Spring Judicial College involved much more judge-faculty involvement in planning.
- j. Judge Harcourt suggested placing some of the responsibility for judicial education back on the districts. Judge Hughes suggested that IJC develop a short (1-1.5 hour program for a brown bag lunch) for use in district meetings.
- k. Judge Harper also discussed the increased travel time involved in more one-day conferences (instead of one multi-day conference). She also mentioned using the case clips and legislation materials and/or presenters from the public defender council and the prosecuting attorney's council.

18. Status Report: Juvenile Judges Annual Meeting: This meeting is scheduled for June 21-22 at the Renaissance in Carmel, and is progressing well. An open forum will be included in the program, where the hotline may be discussed.

19. Status Report: September Annual Meeting

- a. Wednesday morning's schedule has changed – the opening session starts in the morning, with one round of early bird sessions before it.
- b. Judge Hughes suggested including district meetings in the September schedule, perhaps at breakfast. He also said that IJC could suggest to the Board of Directors that they plan a dinner for their districts on Thursday evening.
- c. Judge Willis suggested using the report of the Small Claims Taskforce to address best practices and to deal with problem practices that occur across the state in courts and cases other than small claims. This session should involve ethics credit and may involve some discussion of how the topic relates to SRLs. Judge Harcourt asked if this should be a plenary session. Judge Penrod also suggested that any education on this topic should focus on why the taskforce recommendations are right. Suggested title: Better Practices for Access to Justice. Judge Vaidik suggested that Judge Penrod serve as faculty for this session.
- d. Committee members suggested that computer classes be more than Odyssey and InCite – they should also comprise information on Word, Excel, websites, Lexis.

20. Status Report: Winter Conference:

- a. Honoring Clarence Darrow through a discussion of four of his trials.
- b. The main presenters and lead judges are confirmed; staff will contact actors for the remainder of the parts.
- c. Judge Vaidik mentioned that Sandy Brook does a one-man play on Clarence Darrow. This may be good for future conference entertainment.

21. Orientation Programs

- a. The top numbers for orientation programs would be 33-44.
- b. Staff proposed a one-day agenda for the Pre-Bench Program, which removes from the agenda State Court Administration responsibilities and payroll/benefits. If these are included again, this program would be two days. Or representatives to discuss payroll/benefits could be available at the Pre-Bench Program at a table to answer

- questions. Judge Hughes suggested including “telephone numbers to know” in these materials.
- c. Staff also submitted a proposed agenda for the General Orientation Program that removes the track method of teaching, because there will be a separate Juvenile Judges Orientation Program. Judge Penrod stressed that using a smaller number of faculty at the general jurisdiction program to increase cohesiveness.
 - d. Committee members suggested that the Juvenile Judges Orientation Program include juvenile law for non-juvenile judges, similar to the session in September.
22. Staff provided a status report on the Proposed One-Day Bench/Bar Conference, proposed for winter 2013. A subcommittee has been organized to work with the Indiana State Bar Association.
 23. Judge Hughes discussed opportunities for Indiana based on discussions with staff from the National Judicial College.
 24. Staff reported on the second phase of the needs assessment of the core curriculum project, focusing on the priorities for future education. Two subcommittees will be created to work on developing a course design (including learning objectives, learning activities, etc.) for what responders thought were among the most important topics – evidence and sentencing. Each subcommittee will first identify the main subtopics for each topic, and then develop a course for one of those subtopics by the October 12th meeting.
 - a. Judge Harper and Judge Gregg Gilmore will work on sentencing.
 - b. Judge Hughes and Judge Vaidik will work on evidence.
 - c. The Committee also discussed that the average “importance” of the topics from the second phase of the needs assessment were based on self-identification; it may also be helpful to ask what judges think their colleagues need to know, or to ask attorneys what they think judges need to know. These may be additional needs assessments that could occur in the future.
 25. The committee approved an internal policy on how to handle requests to present an award or otherwise recognize a judge/justice. Only awards given by the judicial conference or approved by the Chief Justice of Indiana will be permitted at judicial conferences.
 26. The committee also discussed the methods by which faculty are identified. Judge Harcourt also pointed out that some judges would be good at preparing materials, while others would be good at presenting materials that are already prepared. We should separately identify these judges and pair them together.
 27. Future 2012 meeting dates (from 11am to 3pm): July 13 (in Hamilton County), October 12 (at IJC).

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes

Judicial Education Committee

Friday, August 18, 2012

Hamilton County Courthouse

Members present: Bill Hughes, Chair; David Ault; Steve David; Earl Penrod (via telephone); Jay Toney; Mary Willis.

Staff present: Vicki Davis, Barbara Harcourt, Anne Jordan, Julie McDonald, Jane Seigel.

28. The members approved the minutes from the May 18, 2012 meeting.
29. Staff reported on the Annual Meeting of the National Association of State Judicial Educators, sharing information learned about learning and teaching styles inventories, experiential learning, needs assessments, instructional design, teaching fairness, media relations, and mentoring. NASJE memberships and conference scholarships for Committee members were suggested.
30. Staff reported that there are three city-wide conferences in Indianapolis in September 2014, and presented two options to deal with potential scheduling conflicts for the 2014 Annual Meeting: (1) moving the meeting to October, and (2) moving the meeting from Indianapolis to French Lick. The Committee preferred the French Lick option.
31. The Committee discussed the following goals of the Spring Judicial College:
 - a. Smaller classes (approximately 50 participants per class);
 - b. Interactive teaching;
 - c. Multiple concurrent courses for more choices;
 - d. Repeated courses;
 - e. Internal faculty to reduce education expenses;
 - f. Different levels of courses based on experience and expertise; and
 - g. Faculty development assistance from Judicial Education Committee.
32. The Committee agreed that the Spring Judicial College is not adequately meeting the goals and the overarching objective of providing high quality, interactive judicial education. The members therefore resolved to improve judicial education offerings by moving away from large, lecture-style courses in the Spring.
33. The Committee therefore proposed to move toward offering four interactive, small-attendance, 5-hour courses (or two related 2.5-hour courses offered together) that will be offered on a repeating basis. These repeating courses would be offered four times per year in 2014.
 - a. Three of those times would occur at regionally-located one-day meetings (North, Central, and South) where lunch would be provided for all 200 attendees to offer an opportunity for collegiality.
 - b. The fourth repeat of each session would take place at the Indiana Judicial Center's conference facility scattered throughout the year.

34. Online registration for these sessions will be available early in the year, so that judges may register early to avoid scheduling conflicts. Electronic materials were also proposed as an option to reduce costs. So that senior judges can serve for sitting judges during these conferences, a senior judge conference was briefly discussed, but not decided upon.
35. Faculty for these repeating sessions may be identified using suggestions from Committee members, attendance lists from past faculty development sessions, ICLEF and ISBA recommendations, and a teaching interest form. Faculty may team-teach together or teach in one or two of the regions. Judges may also be involved in the sessions in different ways to use their strengths, from developing the program, to a panel presentation, to team teaching, to solo teaching.
36. The 2013 Spring Judicial College will reflect a step toward the new teaching plan, by offering two small, interactive classes limited in attendance to 50 people, along with two large classes with unlimited attendance for the remaining attendees.
37. The Committee will circulate this strategy for full committee review via the minutes, then propose it to the Board of Directors, and finally communicate it to the Indiana Judges Association and the judiciary at large via a Court Times article.
38. Future 2012 meeting dates (from 11am to 3pm): October 12 (at IJC).

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Minutes

Judicial Education Meeting

Friday, October 12, 2012

Indiana Judicial Center

Members present: Bill Hughes, Steve David, Tom Felts, Earl Penrod, and Jay Toney.

Staff present: Vicki Davis

1. The members approved the minutes from the August 17, 2012 meeting.
2. Three new committee members (Vicki Carmichael, Clark Circuit Court; Tom Felts, Allen Circuit Court; and Mic Jensen, Marion Superior Court) were welcomed to the judicial education committee.
3. The committee reviewed the evaluations from the Annual Meeting, September 12-14, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.
 - a. Everyone agreed the conference was very well received, and the sessions were all highly rated. Some of the individual sessions were discussed in more detail. Everyone agreed Sarah Evans Barker and Josh Bleill were excellent choices for the opening and closing sessions.
 - b. Ms. Davis reported fifteen minute breaks between sessions were not long enough from a staff perspective. She advised that the 2013 Annual Meeting schedule would see a return to thirty minute breaks.
 - c. Ms. Davis distributed a preliminary schedule for the 2013 Annual Meeting at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne. The opening session will be the first event for the 2013 program; there will not be any morning early bird sessions. In addition, there are plans being made to increase the pomp and circumstance of the opening including: (1) asking the mayor of Fort Wayne to attend and welcome the judges, asking a judicial officer to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, and having a soloist or a children's choir sing the National Anthem. The committee recommended asking one of the judges from the host county or surrounding county to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Judge Felts suggested a local choir –Voices of Unity. Staff suggested adding a movie/short film preview the evening of September 18 and following that up with a judicial system in the movies/cinema discussion as an early bird session on September 19. The committee generally liked that idea. They also liked the idea of a law in literature discussion as a Thursday late-bird session. Ms. Davis reported Closing Plenary session would be moved to be the final "official" event of the conference from roughly 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
 - d. Justice David asked the Judicial Center to consider inviting Indiana Supreme Court agency staff members to one of the lunches at the next Annual Meeting held in Indianapolis. Justice David suggested it would be an opportunity for the trial judges to meet the staff members who support their work.

4. Staff reported on plans for the remaining 2012 programs including the Evidence Workshop, the Pre-bench Orientation, and the Winter Program.
 - a. Evidence Workshop. Currently 61 judicial officers have registered for the November 13th evidence workshop. The conference is “over-booked” by 11 people but staff anticipates cancellations once the confirmation notice is sent out.
 - b. Pre-bench orientation is scheduled for Friday, November 30 at the 30 South Meridian Street conference facility. The minimum estimated attendance is 19 judicial officers. Thirteen incumbent judges are in general election races.
 - c. The Winter Conference is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. The committee decided to add an early bird session if Judge Mathias is willing to repeat one of his prior sessions.

5. The committee discussed the Spring 2013 program and reviewed proposed topics.
 - a. Several programs have been confirmed for Spring 2013 including: 3.0 hour jury issues/jury management; Judge Boklund’s Power, Politics, Pensions, and the Story of Nine Old Men; Interpreters in Indiana’s Courts; and Administrative Rule 9.
 - b. Judge Hughes agreed to present the Art of Judging Evidence Workshop once during the 3 day conference.
 - c. Staff was asked to contact Judge Vaidik to gauge her interest in reprising her 2009 evidence program on exhibits.
 - d. The committee approved the idea of having a third evidence program on opinion and expert testimony. Judge Felts noted he, along with Judge Nelson and Judge Lett, attended an out-of-state program which included a segment on testimony from Drug Recognition Experts. Judge Felts would be willing to help put together a program on opinion and expert testimony. Judge Hughes offered the materials he had previously prepared on opinion/expert testimony.
 - e. Other topics of interest included: Implementing Juvenile/Adult Risk Assessment in your decision making, judge as employer, effective strategies for SRLs, domestic relations track, adoptions, domestic/family violence, standards/guidelines for managing domestic relations cases, and dealing with concurrent jurisdiction.
 - f. Committee members concluded that a poverty simulation program would be best held as a separate program apart from the Spring Judicial College. The members were concerned with the need to ensure this program and the learning provided would be relevant to the work of judicial officers.

6. Judge Hughes gave a brief summary on his report to the Board of Directors about the Committee’s plans to revise the Spring Judicial College program as well as the Committee’s recommendation to hold the September 2014 Annual Meeting in French Lick. The Board of Directors voted to go to French Lick.

7. Reports were given about the work of our two subcommittees. Ms. Davis reported the 2013 Bench Bar program will be held on December 4, 2013 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. There will be a bench/bar reception sponsored by ISBA Young Lawyers Section the evening of December 3 from 5-7 p.m. at the J.W. Marriott. The program format will be a plenary session with breakout sessions. The planning committee is pursuing the possibility of a United States Supreme Court Justice as a keynote speaker (Chief Justice Roberts, Justice Sotomayor, or Justice Breyer). Judge Felts will be joining the bench/bar subcommittee. There was no report on the curriculum development project.

8. Ms. Davis provided a report on a staff proposal for a “paperless” online material distribution method for conference materials: an electronic copy of the materials would be posted online at least 5-7 days in advance of the conference with an email notification that materials are available for download. At the conference, conferees would receive a folder (with the agenda, evaluations, CJE form, and Judicial College credit forms), a tablet of paper, and a pen. Committee members present were in favor of the proposal, provided there is a period of transition from paper copies to materials being posted online in advance of the conference for download. The members discussed the possibility of materials on a CD or flash drive before going the “paperless” route. The members decided the Center should not provide “free” wireless internet access in the session rooms to allow conferees to download the materials during an education session.

9. In 2013, the committee will be meeting on: January 18, March 15, May 17, July 19, and October 25. The meetings will be held at the Indiana Judicial Center from 11 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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