

**Community Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

**Minutes
May 17, 2019**

1. **Members present.** Mary DeBoer, Greg Granger, Maria Granger, Michael Morrissey, Tiffany Vivo, and Sheryl Lynch, chair.
2. **Staff Present.** Jenny Bauer and Sarah Kidwell provided staff assistance.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from August 17, 2018 and November 1, 2018 were unanimously approved.
4. **Update on Broadcasting Pilot.** Jenny Bauer reported that the Supreme Court reviewed the proposed broadcasting pilot order in late 2018 and asked IOCS staff to make several changes to the order. The justices are still reviewing the revised order and IOCS staff hopes to hear some news about the pilot soon.
5. **Constitution Day.** Sarah Kidwell reported that a reminder about Constitution Day was included in the May 1 weekly bulletin. Judges were encouraged to reach out to teachers before the end of the school year. Judge Lynch reminded the committee members that Constitution Day is September 17th. Judge Lynch also reported that she hopes to increase participation by judges this year and encouraged committee members to register later in the summer. Sarah Kidwell also reported that the committee service form will have a section for judges to sign up for the speakers bureau.
6. **IJA Awards.** Jenny Bauer reported that the committee selects the annual recipients for the Indiana Judges Association's Awards for Excellence in Public Information and Education. The committee solicits nominations for the judge and journalist award and then makes the awards at the September conference. Sarah Kidwell suggested the following timeline for the nomination process: July 10—announce nominations in weekly bulletin, July 24—reminder about nominations, August 2—nominations due, August 16—committee votes on recipients.
7. **Recognition of retiring members.** Jenny Bauer reported that committee terms will end on July 1st and the following members have completed their service to the committee: Doug Fahl, Therese Hannah, and Helen Marchal. Judge Lynch thanked the retiring members for their service to the committee and wished them well in their next committee assignments.

8. 2019 meetings. The committee is scheduled to meet on the following dates at the Office of Court Services: August 16 and November 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Minutes
August 16, 2019**

1. **Members present.** Mary DeBoer, Michael Morrissey, Lori Schein, and Sheryl Lynch, chair.
2. **Staff Present.** Jenny Bauer, Sarah Kidwell, and Josh Hicks provided staff assistance.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** The committee did not have a quorum to approve the May meeting minutes.
4. **Update on Broadcasting Pilot.** Jenny Bauer reported that the Supreme Court justices are still reviewing the revised order. She hopes for an update soon.
5. **Constitution Day.** Sheryl Lynch reported that Constitution Day is September 17 and the committee is hoping to increase the number of participating judges. Sarah Kidwell reported a reminder about Constitution Day will go out next week and August 23rd is the deadline to register for the with OCEO and be part of the court's press release. Ms. Kidwell stated that there are currently 20 judges signed up to participate. Jenny Bauer reported that the Judges Speakers Bureau increased by 4 pages as judges signed up during the committee request process.
6. **IJA Awards.** Jenny Bauer reported that the committee received 9 nominations for the Indiana Judges Association's Awards for Excellence in Public Information and Education—7 journalists and 2 judges. She distributed the information on each nominee prior to the meeting. Due to the lack of a quorum for the meeting, Judge Lynch asked staff to conduct the award voting by email. Sarah Kidwell will send an email to the committee members asking them to send their votes to Ms. Bauer by August 21st.
7. **2019 meetings.** The committee is scheduled at the Office of Court Services on November 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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