

**Community Relations Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

**Minutes  
February 28, 2020**

The Community Relations Committee met on February 28, 2020 by teleconference. The meeting was chaired by Judge Sheryl Lynch.

- 1. Members present.** John Broden, Peggy Lohorn, Sheila Moss, Christopher Newton, Lori Schein, Jason Thompson, Tiffany Vivo, and Sheryl Lynch, chair.
- 2. Staff Present.** Jenny Bauer, Sarah Kidwell, and Josh Hicks provided staff assistance.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** The committee approved the minutes from May and August 2019.
- 4. Update on Broadcasting Pilot.** Jenny Bauer reported that the Supreme Court approved the broadcast pilot. She stated that the pilot will last four months and participating judges will have complete discretion as to which proceedings are broadcast. She reported that Office of Judicial Administration Chief Administrative Officer Justin Forkner requested that the pilot end before September so results can be shared with the Supreme Court justices at their late September retreat. Ms. Bauer stated that she and Amanda Wishin will convene a meeting of the Broadcast Workgroup to work on a timeline for the project. Ms. Bauer and Ms. Wishin will also contact the participating judges to make sure they can still participate in the project. The Workgroup needs two new members from the Community Relations Committee. Judge Lynch asked for members interested in serving on the Workgroup to email Ms. Bauer.
- 5. Constitution Day.** Sarah Kidwell reported that Constitution Day is September 17. She stated that the Office of Communication, Education, and Outreach will send reminders about Constitution Day in the weekly bulletin. OCEO will prepare a registration and prepare a press release with details on participating judges and schools. Jenny Bauer reported that Constitution Day overlaps with the Annual Judicial Conference in South Bend this year.

- 6. IJA Awards.** Jenny Bauer reported that the award ceremony for the Indiana Judges Association's Awards for Excellence in Public Information and Education will be held on September 16 in South Bend. She stated that she will work with OCEO staff to determine the timeline for nominations and strategy to publicize the nomination process
- 7. 2020 meetings.** The committee is scheduled at the Office of Court Services on the following dates in 2020. All meetings are at 1:00 p.m. and conference call is available: June 5, August 21, November 13

Respectfully submitted,

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