

**BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 16, 2017
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Government Center North
100 N Senate Avenue, Room N300 (ICRC/ICW Offices)**

PRESENT: Christine Altman, Senator Vaneta Becker, Kori Chambers, Representative Shelia Klinker, Patzetta Trice

VIA PHONE: Linda Bloom, Kayevonne Dailey, Heather Willey, Joie Winski

STAFF: Kristin Garvey, Executive Director

GUESTS: Lesley Gordon, Deputy Director of External Affairs

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Patzetta Trice at 12:17 PM EDT.

ROLL CALL: Kristin Garvey, Executive Director, called roll for attendance. Quorum was not established. Rep. Klinker arrived at 12:24 PM. Quorum was subsequently established. Kayevonne Dailey joined via phone at 12:42 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Christin Altman moved to approve the minutes and meeting notes from June, April, and February. Kori Chambers seconded. Roll Call was conducted and the meeting minutes/notes were approved unanimously. Financial Report also passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- Financial Report

- o *Financial Statement:* Executive Director Kristin Garvey presented the financial statement, which reflects the first month of the current fiscal year. The office has received an upgraded phone system, which gives a decrease in the monthly cost. She will be watching the decrease to see where the money can be diverted to other categories. The reversion for next year has not been established; however, Garvey believes that ICW may not have a reversion this year due to the tight financial situation.
- o *Sponsorship Prospectus:* Garvey presented the updated prospectus for board review. In addition, there was a list of organizations for potential sponsorships. The board accepted the prospectus as presented. There is an opportunity for sponsorship through EventBrite for the Torchbearers event. After the event, she can work on the distribution of the prospectus to contacts, targeting October for distribution. She and Commissioner Heather Willey are working on organizing the contacts. She asked that board members submit potential sponsor names to Garvey by September 15, 2017.

- External Affairs

- *Torchbearer Awards Update*: Garvey presented the statistical information regarding nominees (see packet info) as well as provided the list of Torchbearer recipients. She then outlined the timeline for notifications. Nominators will be notified by August 18, with an encouragement to those that weren't selected to submit their nominations next year. There was brief discussion about revising the application to add a question about what makes this nominee stand out. Garvey submitted the list to the Governor's office for review. The list is not public yet; however, the Board discussed making the list public without mention of the special awards to increase attendance at the event.
- *Paid Family Leave Grant*: The Advisory Board has narrowed down the list to the particular cost models that will be studied. Garvey mentioned that the US Department of Labor's Women's Bureau potentially will lose 75% of its budget in the President's proposed budget which has passed the US House. Garvey reported that there will be no symposium in September in Washington, DC, and no grants for the next fiscal year. ICW will likely hold a symposium in Indiana to present the research findings.
- Legislative Affairs
 - *2017 NACW Conference*: Garvey reported on suggested legislation that was discussed during the 2017 NACW Conference, which included the following:
 - RISE Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights: Information about this legislation was provided in the board material. This bill is designed so that the rape kits of victims are not destroyed and that police departments are required to keep the kit through the designated statute of limitations established in that state. It is one of only 21 bills that have passed unanimously through both chambers of the US Congress. The organization is trying to encourage all states to pass similar legislation. Five states have passed it already.
 - 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment: This legislation is in regards to a suitable observance of the centennial of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment providing for women's suffrage. This effort may be an issue ICW would want to add to its list of things to be involved with in 2020. This discussion will be added to new business at the next meeting.
 - Additional material: The NACW Conference included a lot of material and many initiatives were discussed. Because of the location, there were lots of information to learn about Women's Suffrage. Garvey also reported that the *Hoosier Women Speak* Listening Sessions has been used as the basis for several states and internationally (Moldova!). NACW voted to spearhead a national listening sessions initiative called *Voices of American Women* over the next two years, in which they encourage all commissions at the local, county, and state levels to host listening sessions. Then, all of the information gathered through these sessions would be collated into a national capstone report that would be published in 2020.

- Executive Director's Report

- *Hoosier Women Speak 2.0*: Garvey reported that she would be working to plan out the refresh of this initiative for 2018.
- *Benchmarking Women's Leadership*: Garvey reported that she is working with the director of IUPUI's Office for Women to partner on a research grant to IUPUI that would benchmark women in leadership positions in Indiana.
- *Wage Project*: Garvey reported that the American Association of University Women (AAUW) contacted her to host two Work Smart workshops for the Indianapolis community for November/December timeframe. She will have additional information later.
- *Girls Forum update*: Garvey reminded the board that they had decided to make this project more of an on-demand workshop for interested groups. There was a program in New York that was called First Amendment/First Vote and was designed for 17 year olds. This might be a program to review, especially along the idea of the "first vote" for girls who were on the verge of casting their first vote. The board decided that this project needed more review before a decision could be made.

As there was no additional business to come before the board, First Vice Chair Trice adjourned the meeting at 1:55 PM EDT.