

INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL

**Board Meeting
January 20, 2006
Crown Plaza
Indianapolis, Indiana**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council (IPDC) was called to order by Chair Doug Garner at 6:05 p.m. in the Executive Board Room of the Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis, Indiana. Board members present were Doug Garner, Dave Cook, Mike McDaniel, Neil Weisman, and Lorinda Youngcourt. Terry Harper participated by conference call. Also present was Larry Landis, Executive Director.

II. APPROVAL OF MINTUES

The minutes of the meeting on September 24, 2005, were amended to show that Terry Harper was present at the meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Seminar Profit and Loss Statement

Larry Landis distributed a seminar profit and loss statement which showed the income and expenses for all programs for 2005, with the exception of the Trial Practice Institute programs and the Forensics program.

B. ICJI Grant

Larry Landis reported that the Congressional appropriation to Indiana was reduced from \$13 million to \$6 million for Byrne grant programs. This means that, at the minimum, the Council's grant will be reduced by 60%. The current grant is for \$275,000. A new grant which would start April 1, 2006, will be submitted for \$110,000. After a discussion of the current expenditure of \$60,000 to pay for free Lexis/Nexis services for our members, the Board unanimously approved a motion to charge Lexis subscribers \$120 per year for services under our contract.

IV. LEGISLATION

A. Pending Legislation

The Board reviewed bills filed in the 2005 session of the Indiana General Assembly and took positions in support or opposition as indicated on attachment A.

B. Positions on Legislation not Filed

1. The Board voted to approve seeking an amendment to the serious violent felon statute, I.C. 35-47-4-5, by restricting criminal confinement to offenses that are a Class B or C or felony.
2. The Board voted to support amendment to I.C. 35-50-2-1, that would add a reference to I.C. 35-38-1-1.5 which would exclude from the definition of Class D felony those convictions where the sentence was reduced to a Class A misdemeanor within three years of the imposition of the sentence. This was an oversight when this bill was passed in 2003.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board unanimously approved the salary schedule as proposed by Larry Landis, Executive Director, which included a 2% increase for all employees consistent with that approved by the Executive and Legislative branches of state government. The board also approved a special merit raise for Teresa Campbell of \$2,400.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board was set for April 20, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Larry Landis, Executive Director

Date: _____

Approved:



Doug Garner, Chair

Date: 7/31/06