

INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL
Board Meeting
April 22, 2004
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 Bob Hill at 6:30 p.m. on April 22, 2004 in the O'Connor Boardroom, Marten House, Indianapolis, Indiana. Board members present were Doug Garner, David Cook, David Hennessy, Mike McDaniel, Neil Weisman and Lorinda Youngcourt. Staff present: Larry Landis, Teresa Campbell, Don Murphy and Loretta Jackson. Absent were Susan Carpenter, Terry Harper, Kitty Liell, and Michelle Kraus.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held January 16, 2004 were unanimously approved.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. LEXIS UPDATE

Larry Landis reported that Lexis-Nexis has agreed to a one year contract for \$58,404, an increase of approximately \$3,000 over last year. The contract will run from April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005. Bob Hill asked if our policy is that Lexis is to be used for public defender work only. Larry responded that the free Lexis service to members should only be used for indigent defense cases.

B. TRAINING REPORT

Don Murphy presented his report to the Board on planning for training programs.

Don distributed the results of the self-assessment questionnaire completed by participants of the Southern TPI, in which they evaluated their skill levels before and after the program. There was an approximate 1 point improvement on a 5 point scale, with 20% of the participants reporting no change in their skill levels. These results have been sent to the Southern TPI faculty.

The learning objectives for the Appellate Seminar scheduled for May 21 were distributed to the Board. Don stated that they will be sent to the faculty members for their feedback.

Lorinda Youngcourt commented that the faculty book for the Killer Cross seminar was outstanding.

F. INDIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

The ISBA House of Delegates will be voting next week on a recommendation that the state provide some sort of loan forgiveness for attorneys who work in the public sector. Larry requested that the IPDC Board support a resolution that ISBA support loan forgiveness for attorneys who work in the criminal justice system. He believes that the focus should be on the criminal justice system because of the high turnover rate in both public defenders and prosecutors' offices. Support of the resolution was unanimously approved by the Board.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

David Hennessy distributed a letter requesting our materials be made available to prison libraries. Bob Hill questioned whether this might cause problems. If we provide materials to prisons, does this weaken our position that prosecutors not have access to our manuals and seminars? Larry reported that our policy has been that we will sell our materials to prison libraries and we are selling an abridged version of the Indiana Criminal Law on Disk to sheriffs' offices. Larry said he would follow up with the DOC about providing materials to prison libraries.

Mike McDaniel referred to an article in ABA's Criminal Justice magazine on trial technology. It was suggested by Lorinda Youngcourt that we should have a training session/seminar on the use of new technology in trials.

V. BOARD RETREAT

The board retreat will be held at Caesars Hotel in Elizabeth, Indiana on September 25, 2004.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the IPDC Board will be held on June 25, 2004 immediately following the Annual update seminar.

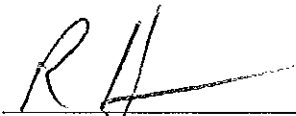
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



Loretta Jackson, Acting Secretary
Date: _____



Bob Hill, Chair
Date: _____