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October 29, 1978

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Indiana Public Defender Council

Held at the Airport Hilton Inn, Indianapolis

Present:

Roy Dakich	Larry Combs	David Keckley	Gerald Thom
Thomas Cone	Don Gibson	Michael Deardorff	
(Larry Landis)			

Absent:

Joseph Williams	Mark McNeely
Mrs. Conn	Bill Gooden

1. Roy Dakich, Chairman, called the meeting to order.
2. Tom Cone, Secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting of the Board of Directors on June 23, 1978.

The minutes were corrected to show that Don Gibson had been present at that meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made and seconded, and approved by all present.

3. Reports of officers and committees, unfinished business, new business

Mrs. Conn, Executive Director, had the agenda for the meeting, but did not come or send the agenda with anyone present, so Mr. Dakich opened the meeting to any comments, reports or topics which the members wished to discuss.

Mr. Dakich reported that the By-laws of the Council had been adopted at the June 23rd seminar.

Mr. Keckley reported on the NLADA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in early October which he attended as a representative of the Council. He described various programs and workshops which he attended.

Mr. Landis, Director of Training, asked the Board members for suggested topics for future seminars.

Suggestions were: Death penalty cases, evidence, defenses, insanity as defense, voir dire/jury selection, bifurcated trials, sentencing & alternatives, confessions

Board members discussed the feasibility of conducting seminars in other parts of the state rather than Indianapolis, in order to reach a greater number of Council Members.

It was agreed that public defenders in the far northern and southern parts of the State would be more inclined to attend the seminars if they were held closer to their areas.

Board members discussed publications of the Council. A subject index of the Training Bulletins was suggested.

Mr. Landis reported on the status of the Criminal Trial Manual.

Mr. Landis presented to the Board members a verbal proposal to conduct an entry-level training program through the Council for new public defenders. Such a program could be funded through a grant proposal, seeking additional funds from the Criminal Justice Planning Agency. The program could be two weeks—with emphasis on criminal defense and trial advocacy. A tentative proposal might request \$35,000 to \$50,000 - which would include the costs of instructors, materials, an additional part-time staff attorney, facilities, equipment and some portion of room and board expenses for attending members.

David Keckley described a trial advocacy course offered at Notre Dame which he felt was particularly useful and which he felt should be looked into if the Council proceeded to gather information about conducting an entry-level training program.

The question of making the program also open to Council members who were not new public defenders was raised and discussed.

4. New Business

The grant application for the coming fiscal year for the Council is due November 30, 1978. Since Mrs. Conn had a copy of the application and was not present, it was decided that the meeting of the Board would not be closed - but that the members would meet at lunch the next day to consider the budget and vote on its acceptance.

Mr. Landis briefly informed the Board members of legislation to create a statewide public defender system which is expected to be proposed during the General Assembly beginning in January.

The Sunday night meeting was adjourned temporarily with the intention of meeting the following day at lunch to review and approve the budget for the coming grant period.