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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors file
FROM: Larry A. Landis
RE: Program and Publications Committee meeting on
October 24, 1979
DATE: October 25, 1979

DISCUSSION

At the Program and Publications Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 24th, the following board members were in attendance: David Keckley, Larry Combs, Tom Cone, Mike Deardorff, Don Gibson, Linda Wagoner and Terry Richmond.

The staff members in attendance were Brent Westerfeld and myself.

Publications

The committee recommended that we contract with the Judicial Center to make the Case Clips available to our members. It was also recommended by the committee that the focus of the Training Bulletin be changed to concentrate on a particular subject such as was done on Entrapment and "Other Crimes Evidence". Therefore, the options available are: (1) To continue to publish the Training Bulletin twice a month with one issue concentrating on a particular subject and the other reviewing significant Appellate Court decisions; (2) Publish the Training Bulletin once a month and include a section on a specific subject and a review of the Appellate Court Opinions; (3) Combine the Training Bulletin and Newsletter into a new format such as the Michigan Newsletter, which would include newsletter-type information, discussion of a particular subject and review of Appellate decisions.

We need to have a staff meeting to decide what recommendations we will make to the board at the meeting on the 8th of November.

Manuals

The committee recommended that we publish one manual per year on a specific subject other than those prepared in conjunction with a seminar. It was requested that the first manual (after the completion of the Trial Manual) be an extensive review of the Law of Evidence.

Seminars

The committee recommended the following seminar schedule for 1980:

- April - Legislation and Sentencing (it was requested that the sentencing portion of the seminar include the discussion on the habitual criminal charge).
- July or August - Trial Advocacy
- September - Insanity, Mental Competency, and Diminished Capacity.
- November - Evidence (to include search and seizure)

It was agreed that I should contact Jim Seckinger, National Director of NITA, to discuss contracting with that organization to assist in conducting the Trial Advocacy Program. A suggestion was made that a questionnaire be sent out to all members requesting information as to their interest in such a program. From this feedback it should then be easier to determine whether the program should be designed for entry level or more advanced defenders.

Fiscal Information

Larry Combs requested that the Council prepare a summary from the information we have received from the counties regarding the expenditures for public defense. What he would like is a breakdown by county and court as to the salaries of public defenders and the amount of support services they receive. Other board members indicated this would be

useful to them in their negotiations with judges and county commissioners as to their salaries and contracts. I indicated that I would talk with Mary to determine if we had adequate information to prepare this summary or if a questionnaire to members would be necessary. We should be prepared to report to the board on this matter at the next meeting.

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