



ILAPSC

Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts
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April 9, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda

ILEAS: 1701 E. Main, Urbana

12:00 pm

Call In Information: 877-903-2255
ID 7581828

Attendance

Board Members: Al Pizza; Alicia Kusiak; Craig Cooper; Hugh Brady; Joe Ewers; Judge Darron Bowden; Judge Janet Holmgren; Judge John Bell; Judge Lawrence Fox; Judge Scott Drazewski; Mark Raskie; Michael Roman; Michelle Rock; Nancy Cooper; Sarah Carlson; Scott Block

Guest(s): Mary Lee, Mike Carrey, Dell Ryan

- I. Welcome and Introductions – *Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm*
- II. Review and Approve Minutes of the January 10, 2013 Meeting – *Noted that Leigh Bell is from Kane County, not Cook County – Motion to approve: Scott Block; Second: Larry Fox – Motion Approved*
- III. Treasurer's Report – *Scott Block gave a brief report in Lauri's absence. Current ILAPSC Balance is \$55,805.24. February/March expenditures were all website related.*
- IV. Filing of Association Taxes – *Scott Block reported that Lauri Remsen has had contact with: Deborah K. Hannan, 6801 Spring Creek Road - Rockford, IL 61114 (815) 316-2244 Fax: (815) 316-2245 dkhcpa@comcast.net and Ms. Hannan has volunteered to File ILAPSC Annual Tax Documents – Discussion pursued regarding Ms. Hannan's business affiliation and how she became affiliated with ILAPSC. Scott was unsure but it was suggested that Ms. Hannan is employed by the firm which use to file the Mental Health Court Association of Illinois Annual Tax forms prior to dissolution. Lauri will inform the board of the history and relationship at the next scheduled ILAPSC Meeting.*
- V. Set Association Annual Dues (Action) – *Historically dues have been \$25.00 per year for an individual membership. The current ILAPSC bi-laws only allow for individual membership. Therefore it was suggested to keep a \$25.00 yearly fee – Motion: Craig Cooper; Second: Michelle Rock – Motion Approved. Discussion: ILAPSC must decide what benefits one gets in return for being a dues paying member.*
- VI. Legislative Committee Update – *Judge Bell discussed Senate Bill 1497 which added language to the Mental Health and Veterans Court Treatment Acts. Language added revised eligibility criteria to make further exemptions per non-probationable offenses. Discussion ensued regarding how this impacts pre vs. post adjudicatory courts.*

Hugh Brady referenced the following:

HB 1046 which seeks to restore Medicaid benefits more efficiently for those who are released from incarceration.

HB 1538 which would provide federal funds for Mental Health First Aid training which could be supplemented as a shortened form of CIT.

HB 2469 which proposes an exemption to the 4 medication limit placed on those who receive Medicaid benefits.

Judge Bell informed the board that he has had some communications with Chief Justice Kilbride's Office regarding the possibility of addressing the conference attendees.

VII. Technology - Website Committee Update

1. Webmaster Agreement – Agreement was signed and approved. The shell of ILAPSC.ORG is active. Pay Pal – the website does have pay pal infrastructure which will allow for conference registration and payment.

2. Content - Craig Cooper, Alicia Kusiak and Jan Leone make up the website committee and they are authorized to request additions to content. They will seek information from the board regarding start up content. It was requested that all materials related from the 2012 Annual Conference be removed and replaced with the SAVE-THE-DATE for the 2013 conference.

VIII. Congress of State Drug Court Associations Call – Michelle Rock – Discussion about the All Rise America Van tour will run through McLean County on May 15th at which time there will be a combined Recovery Court/Drug Court Graduation Ceremony. The tour will run through Cook County on MAY 16th. Scott Drazewski and Larry Fox are the contacts. Michelle Rock reported approximately 44 Drug Courts, 22 MHCs and 14 Veterans Courts in Illinois. The CSDCA calls are scheduled quarterly.

IX. Conference Committee Update

1. Save-the-Date – ready for distribution

2. Draft Agenda – Keynotes are confirmed. Breakout Sessions are coming together.

3. Purchase ILAPSC Logo Items – Board approved for these items to be purchased under conference expenses.

4. COE – Contract Proposal (Action) – Scott Block brought forward the proposal to enter a Contract with the Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice (COE) to coordinate and plan all conference activities. The COE has started to draft a contract in the amount of \$5000.00. Once the contract is complete, the ILAPSC Executive Committee will vote on approval/revisions. Motion to approve the entering of a contract between the ILAPSC and COE: Scott Block; second Hugh Brady – Motion Approved – Michelle Rock Abstaining

X. Miscellaneous Discussion

1. Judge Bell – FOID Card Act – Discussion ensued about the act centering on “adjudication as a mental defective.” It was generally felt that Problem Solving Courts would not be saddled with a duty to report to the Illinois State Police since PSCs are not engaged in these types of proceedings. It was also felt that if someone was found as “mentally defective” in a civil proceeding prior to committing a criminal act and engaging in a Problem Solving Court, the clerk's office should have already provided notification. It is the courts duty to be sure this notification is provided. This would not limit one's eligibility to participate in a Problem Solving Court. There was some concern as to the possibility of the collective mainstream thought that all those engaged in a Mental Health Court may be “mental defectives” but the only way for us to combat such beliefs is through education. The Problem Solving Courts do not seek to take this topic lightly or dissolve themselves of any responsibility so we will continue to discuss and monitor the process.

XI. Next Association Meeting

1. July 12, 2013 – Cook County (Location TBD) – Possible August date as the Annual NADCP Conference is July 14-18, 2013. A new date will be set.