



# ILAPSC

Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts

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## Minutes of the IAPSC Board Meeting

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 pm

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The board members of the Illinois Association of Problem Solving Courts met via telephone conference on August 25, 2016 at 12:00pm. The following board members were present:

Jeff Ford  
Craig Cooper  
Lynn Pedigo  
Judge Bowden  
James Carpenter  
Michelle Rock  
Baron Heintz  
Scott Slonim  
Jean Sol  
Alicia Kusiak  
Judge Fox  
Judge Sanders

Also in attendance Mary Gubbe Lee

The meeting was called to order by Judge Jeff Ford at 12:05pm. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

I. Update on the 2016 IAPSC conference.

It was reported by Mary Lee that last year, of the 16 people that had not paid the fee for the conference in November, 2015, 14 had paid by the end of February,

2016, bringing the amount that the association was in “the red” to \$2,577.00. We plan to make up this deficit this year. At this time, 312 have registered, which includes attendees, speakers, exhibitors and sponsors. 139 have paid with credit cards. Feedback about the online registration process has been favorable, specifically regarding the ease with which people can register.

Mary Lee indicated that we need more paying exhibitors. If the expected number of people (198), conference sponsors and paid exhibitors (5 more) attend the conference, we expect to net a profit of \$16,000.00.

A discussion was had about the possibility of allowing a therapy dog to attend portions of the conference, if the hotel is amendable and the handler is available to answer questions.

Mary Lee and Michelle Rock discussed the need for volunteers from the IAPSC board to help during the conference, especially given the large number of breakout sessions scheduled this year. Board members volunteered to assist with the bag tournament. If any t-shirts are left, we will again sell them at the conference.

AOIC staff will be present at specific times during the conference for questions about the certification process.

## II. Board of Director nominations

The terms of board members, Ericka Sanders, Sarah Carlson, James Carpenter and Steve Sawyer, are to expire this year, but all wish to remain on the board. By the date of the conference, the 21 members of the Board of Directors will reduce to 18. There are seven potential applicants that have sent their information. Discussion was had about how the election of new officers will be handled at the conference.

## III. First Offender Initiative

The board briefly discussed the first offender initiative statute and the portion of the statute that directs drug court to perform an assessment. Judge Ford will send a letter about this issue to the rest of the board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judge Fox and seconded by Alicia Kusak. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 1:05pm.

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Important dates: The annual IAPSC retreat at Starved Rock State Park: November 10-11, 2016.