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Minutes for the January 23, 2018 Meeting of the Board of Directors
Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts

The board members of the Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts met via telephone conference on January 23, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Judge Jeff Ford, President of the Board, at 12:07 PM. The following board members were in attendance via telephone conference:

Name	Present	Telephone	Absent
Judge Jeff Ford, President		X	
Craig Cooper, Vice President		X	
Michael Roman, Treasurer			X
Judge Ericka Sanders, Secretary		X	
Ali Abid			X
Scott Block			X
Judge Darron Bowden			X
Hugh Brady		X	
James Carpenter		X	
Anthony Foster		X	
Baron Heintz		X	
Darrell Hite			X
Judge Janet Holmgren			X
Alicia Osborne			X
Judge Stephen Sawyer			X
Judge Mark Shaner		X	
Scott Slonim		X	
Jean Solon		X	
Jason Sterwerf		X	
Anne Stevens		X	
Mike Torchia		X	

Also in attendance: Michelle Rock, Executive Director, and Matthew Kindler, Assistant Director of the Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice.

1. Secretary's Report

a. Minutes 8/31/17

The minutes from August 31 were approved at the last board meeting/board retreat.

b. Minutes 11/2/17

Jean Solon motioned, Baron Heintz seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes will now be sent out to all board members shortly after the meeting for additions or corrections so they can be placed on the website sooner. Once members are given one week to respond for any corrections to the minutes, the President will call for a vote through email for approval of the minutes. Once minutes are approved, they will be placed on the website.

2. Treasurer's Report

Judge Ford presented the treasurer's report in lieu of Michael Roman. Balance of account at the end of 2017 was \$84,652.63, balance is currently \$84,152.63. \$500 has been paid for liability insurance for the association. There has been no contact from the Illinois Department of Revenue. Judge Ford will ask Steve Sawyer to follow up with the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding the status. The Treasurer recommends opening a savings account for the association for use of conference coordination, filing of taxes, association insurance, and the retreat. No more specific details were given. Baron Heintz would like more of an understanding as to why the recommendation was made before proceeding. More information will be sought at the next meeting.

3. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

There was a change in the insurance company name, however, insurance has been purchased and premiums are staying the same as they have the last three years. Internal audit is being conducted by the committee and is almost complete. Judge Ford addressed concerns that Hugh Brady had and Judge Ford will follow up with Michael Roman. The Board needs to start talking about and working on a reserve fund policy.

b. Conference Committee

Keynote speakers have been secured. Thursday morning will be Doug Marlowe and Friday morning will be Norma Jaeger. Michelle Rock provided Norma Jaeger's background for the board members who are unfamiliar with her. The board discussed possible additional sponsorship ideas including tote bags or lanyards. Michelle Rock asked if these options were explored with sponsors whether the Board believed that the ILAPSC name should be on any items as well as the sponsor name. The Board agreed that any materials should have the ILAPSC logo on it. Also discussed was the possibility of raising the cost of booths for vendors at the conference. Michelle told the board that the Center of Excellence had researched other state association conferences and that we are the second largest and our prices are much lower than other conferences for the registration fee and the sponsor fees. The board agreed that increasing the cost of general sponsorships would be appropriate. Baron Heintz discussed using

these additional funds to improve amenities offered at the conference. The Center of Excellence also shared with the Board that they applied for and was approved for a speaker from the Center for Court Innovation for the conference.

Summary from last conference: four individuals haven't paid for conference yet, three are state employees.

Jean Solon offered the suggestion that the conference has been more focused on drug court in the past. She suggested adding more information regarding mental health and veterans courts. Michelle Rock discussed that this year we have Norma Jaeger who will be having a heavy mental health focus and that we have traditionally had many free speakers from NADCP which naturally makes a drug court focus. Michelle Rock stated that we agree that more focus needs to be placed on other type of courts and will continue to strive to meet that goal.

Judge Sanders offered the opinion that she is glad Doug Marlowe is secured. She reported that Dr. Marlowe may be able to touch upon both drug and mental health courts in how to respond to participants behaviors. He will also be touching on how the criminal justice system compares to the medical model. He will also be doing a breakout on the effects of marijuana and having a medical marijuana card in a problem-solving court.

Jean Solon questioned if speakers get paid or if it is just that their conference fees get waived. She brought up a potential speaker topic by someone in DuPage County who works with process addiction who may be a good speaker for the conference. Michelle Rock discussed that in-state speakers generally aren't paid for their time, but have received free conference registration and some travel reimbursement.

Michelle Rock brought up the board's request to have more panel discussions during the conference this year. She noted that we need to add moderators to ensure the panels stays on task and hits the key points needed during the discussion. Board members will be asked to act as moderators with these panels.

We have all but one hotel for room blocks booked.

Michelle Rock asked for opinions about if there are items to take away from the conference what they would be. The board prefers totes and lanyards not pens.

c. Technology Committee

Craig Cooper sought clarification from Michelle Rock regarding the transition with Sue Adams position. Ms. Rock reported that Ms. Adams is phasing out and the Center of Excellence will be taking over the website. Any information that needs to be updated for added to the website should be sent to Matt Kindler and he will work with Sue Adams if needed. The transition should take place in February.

d. Public Awareness Committee/Fundraising

Judge Ford reported the Alicia Osborne has sent him and Michelle Rock a completion of media contacts from around the state. They will review to see if there are any missing areas of the state.

e. Nominating Committee

Judge Ford reported the call for nominations to the board will go out mid-spring. Nominating committee also needs to think about awards, if we are giving awards and to whom. Michelle Rock reported that the award nomination process is open year-round on the website and all nominations are to be sent to her. Once she receives award nominations, she will forward them to the President and the Nominating Committee Chair.

f. Government Committee

Hugh Brady reported that there hasn't been a lot going on because the legislature was out of session. A new bill was introduced during the veto session, HB4146, that hasn't been acted on. It would prevent insurance carriers from changing drug formularies mid-year. He also reported the Trump administration announced that states can enact rules stating that people who are receiving Medicaid have to be employed. He reported that the governor could implement the change without legislature approval. Michelle Rock questioned if there is the possibility of a doctor waiving the requirement to work. Mr. Brady reported that it would be up to how the state set the rules.

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

None

6. Important Dates

a. Board Meetings

- i. April 24, 2018 at noon in Urbana and by phone
- ii. July 26, 2018 on the boat
- iii. August 28, 2018 at noon and on the phone
- iv. October 18, 2018 at the conference

7. Adjourn

Hugh Brady motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Scott Slonim seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Kindler