

# IAPSC Board Meeting

January 22, 2015 at 12:00 pm

Via telephone conference

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The board members of the Illinois Association of Problem Solving courts met via telephone conference on January 22, 2015 at 12:00pm. The meeting was called to order at 12:05. All board members were in attendance except for Judge Bowden, Scott Block, Cheryl Meyers and Tonya Smith- Jeffries.

Minutes were approved. Judge Ford reported that we had paid for continued Director's insurance. Michael Roman let everyone know it was for a 3-year period. Judge Ford asked Michelle Rock about Winnebago County taking over the website management. Michelle has had some discussions with Winnebago County and they were receptive. Michelle and Craig Cooper needed to speak with each other and back with Winnebago County IT.

## Treasurer's report:

Michael reported that the contract has been signed and fees paid for the retreat at Starved Rock on November 5 and November 6, 2015. MHCAI and any IRS problems have been addressed. All IRS documents for IADCP have been filed. We are still waiting on tax exemption status for ILAPSC. We need a new registered agent. Michelle Rock moved that Michael Roman be the new registered agent. Janet Holmgren seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

The association's bank account second signer was Scott Block who is no longer on the Executive Board. Therefore, we need a new signer. The bank is US Bank and it was determined that there were branches in Madison County. Craig Cooper agreed to be the second signatory on the account. Discussion was held regarding the amount requirement for a second signature on a check. Michael will put together a protocol for handling money and signature requirements as well as external and internal audits and provide it to the board for approval. The Board discussed whether we need an outside agency or whether we should conduct an internal audit. It was suggested that an external audit occur every 3 to 5 years, but that internal audits should be conducted yearly at the Starved Rock retreat.

## Nominating Committee:

It was decided that Ms. Smith-Jeffries would be contacted and asked to contact Judge Ford so that her desire to remain on the board could be discerned.

Judge Ford requested that the rules for nominations include a requirement that nominees submit a letter expressing his or her desire to be a member of the board. The call for nominations will occur in April of 2015. The deadline for submission of nominations is June 5, 2015 and recommendations made to the board on July 6, 2015.

#### Government/Legislative:

Hugh Brady reported that Governor Rauner announced a 20% reduction in budgets for agencies. There is a predicted 5.7 billion deficit for 2016 and a 5.8 billion deficit for 2017. The Governor's budget speech is February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Speaker Madigan has put together task force, which is chaired by Representative Greg Harris from Evanston. The purpose of the task force is to look at measures to prevent another Sandy Hook.

There is a legislative push to require to DHFS to enroll inmates in Medicaid prior to parole. Nothing has been drafted or introduced.

Michelle Rock reports that the Governor froze funds that were going to be used for mental health courts.

#### Technology Committee:

Craig Cooper discussed links on the website and the need for parameters. After a discussion, it was decided that links should be to conference sponsors and to the national website and research. Baron Heintz will draft language for a formal policy.

#### Conference Committee:

Mary Lee reported that the contract with the Crowne Plaza is 99% complete. Participants will have a longer time to register and there will be free display tables. The hotel is providing two, free suites. The deposit must be paid in one week. It was agreed that Michael can cut the check. If people want to stay longer to see Springfield, the Crowne Plaza will extend the state-rate for a couple of days before or after conference. All meetings and vendors will be downstairs. After a discussion occurred about a possible miscommunication about the exact location of the conference rooms (upstairs vs. downstairs), it was decided that the deposit check would not be sent until this issue is resolved.

#### Public Awareness Committee:

Alicia Kusiak is working on a flyer for the fundraiser on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The rain date is Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Other business:

Michelle Rock reported that the address for IASPC was changed to the Center for Excellence's address. Judge Ford will send the new letterhead to the Secretary. It was also noted that Scott Block's e-mail needs to be changed on the website. Michelle Rock indicated that the bi-laws need to be updated.

Craig Cooper subsequently reported to the Secretary that he was at the Starved Rock retreat. The minutes did not indicate that he was present.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hugh and seconded by Judge Fox. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Important Dates: Next Board Meeting – April 30 at ILEAS in Urbana.

Boat meeting – July 17<sup>th</sup>