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Minutes for the April 24, 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 April 24, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Judge Jeff Ford, President of the Board, at 12:30 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	
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**

January 23 meeting minutes were presented. Hugh Brady motioned to approve the minutes, Judge Holmgren seconded. Minutes were approved by voice vote.

Michelle Rock discussed the new website. She noted that if there is incorrect information or pictures that board members want to update, please get corrections to Matt Kindler.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Beginning balance as of 1/9/18 \$84,152.63 Ending balance as of 4/12/18 \$86,119.53 Total Revenue as of 1/31/18 \$2468.83 Total Expenditures as of 1/31/18 \$1086.93.

Two checks have been written – Cincinnati Insurance Company \$855, Matt Kindler for website fees \$231.93.

Five deposits have been made – ILAPSC Membership Fee \$30, 2017 conference registration fees from Tazewood for \$195 and Adult Redeploy Illinois \$585, Eventbrite 2018 Conference Sponsor/Exhibitor Deposit \$1,743.83 and COE for exhibitor/sponsor fees for 2018 \$500.

Financial information has been submitted to the Benning Group who has been doing the taxes. Waiting on paperwork to pay for services.

Hugh Brady asked if the audit committee completed any documents. Michael Roman reported that he has some documents and is working on finding the best way to provide the information to the committee.

3. **Committee Reports**

a. **Executive Committee**

Jean Solon and Scott Slonim have resigned from the ILAPSC board. Judge Bowden may not be in a position to be on the board anymore. Call for nominations will be coming out and hopefully a number of applicants will be submitted.

Darrell Hite is going to reach out to Judge Lisa Wilson who runs Drug Courts in the Tazewell area.

Department of Revenue provided a 19-page order denying ILAPSC request to be a charitable organization. Burdon to show exemption is clear and convincing evidence that ILAPSC met all of the standards that were necessary to show that ILAPSC has an exemption. There are five different areas that we need to show about how we are organized and that we should be exempted. The committee acknowledged the second of five. In the ordering Judge's opinion, she provided a number of cases that made the same arguments that ILAPSC did, and the appellate court or supreme court determined the organizations were not eligible. Judge Sawyer has sent an e-mail to the board recommending that ILAPSC appeal the determination by the Administrative Law Judge to the Circuit Court. ILAPSC would have to show the Judge abused her discretion or went against the evidence in order to win an appeal. An appeal would have to be filed 35 days from April 8. Judge Ford presented three options – 1) Do nothing, 2) Go through

opinion and see if anything can be changed to put in compliance with state requirements, and 3) file complaint in Circuit Court. Law language was provided saying that any doubt about exemption lends to the organization paying taxes.

Darrell Hite asked what the level of the taxes are that ILAPSC pays. He questioned if it is worth the money of the organization to pay an attorney to appeal. Michael Roman and Michelle Rock looked at the 2017 conference bill and pointed out different taxes that were charged to ILAPSC at the conference. An estimate of \$5,000-\$7,000 in taxes is paid at the conference.

Michael Roman pointed out that the conference has been doing well the last couple of years and it may not be worth the time or money to pursue an appeal.

Judge Ford noted that he feels the judge put a lot of time and effort into her opinion and, despite thanking the board members for what they do, had to rule against ILAPSC. He thinks it may not be worth appealing.

Judge Holmgren wondered why Judge Sawyer is recommending we appeal. Judge Sawyer is not available for comment currently as he is not in attendance at this meeting. Judge Holmgren agrees that it may not be worth the appeal.

Judge Ford suggested the board allow the executive committee to make the final decision after Judge Sawyer is given the opportunity to explain why he feels an appeal is warranted.

Baron Heintz moved to allow the executive committee to talk to Judge Sawyer and then make a decision as to whether to proceed with the appeal, including the authority, if approved, to retain council. Judge Shaner seconded the motion. Judge Holmgren noted it may be beneficial to see if things can be changed to meet the criteria. Michelle Rock noted some specific criteria that would need to be changed to meet the criteria. Motion passed.

Judge Ford has signed a contract, as discussed and approved in previous meetings, with the Center of Excellence for conference preparation.

b. Conference Committee

Michelle Rock presented conference information. Exhibitor and Sponsor registration is now open and we have received registrations. 9 companies registered for 12 total registrations. Dollar amounts have changed for exhibitors and sponsors. Several people have said that they will be a sponsor, they just don't know what level yet. We discussed what the different levels of sponsorship means. Price was raised after a lot of research with other state conferences and realizing that we were the lowest priced.

Doug Marlowe will be presenting on Thursday morning and presenting a breakout session on medical marijuana and problem-solving courts. Norma Jaeger is presenting on Friday morning and is doing a breakout session on rural issues. She is surveying rural counties in Illinois to specifically address issues in Illinois.

NADCP/NDCI is helping to support speakers. Two speakers are doing two breakout sessions each. Terrence Walton will be presenting a breakout about communication in problem-solving court and another one about professional ethics. We have also asked for Meghan Wheeler and are awaiting confirmation. She would be doing a panel on sustainability and another one on complementary services. Since we only asked for two speakers, NDCI is paying for all of Norma Jaeger's travel and speaker fees and the travel for Doug Marlowe. We will only pay the speaker fee for Doug Marlowe - \$6,000.

The Center for Court Innovation is sending a free speaker for a teleservices breakout session.

Breakout sessions were discussed. We would have three national speakers and three local panels for each breakout session. We are considering making five breakouts instead of six. Judge Ford noted that he feels that Doug Marlowe will likely get a lot of attendees.

We discussed a breakout session option of Dr. Kenneth Robinson from Moral Reconciliation Therapy presenting a breakout in exchange for a free exhibitor table. Judge Ford noted that Dr. Robinson is a great speaker and would be a benefit for the conference.

Judge Holmgren asked for more information about what Norma Jaeger is going to present on, noting that she would be able to improve mental health court information. Michelle Rock noted that rural issues are left out of the conference frequently, and Norma has to address it in Idaho in her job.

Darrell Hite asked about teleservices. Federally it is not paid for, and questioned if the state of Illinois pays for it. It was noted that Illinois does pay for teleservices. Discussion was held about different teleservices being used across the state.

Ms. Rock asked board members if they could recommend problem-solving court graduates to present at the conference.

A draft budget has been submitted to Judge Ford. Currently budgeted profit of about \$45,000.

Conference registration goes live June 1.

c. Technology Committee

Website is up and running and working well. Any content that needs to be added or changed, please send to Matt Kindler.

d. Public Awareness Committee/Fundraising

No updates

e. Nominating Committee

Call for nominations will go out in the very near future.

f. Government Committee

Hugh Brady discussed new bills. HB5285 which would raise Medicaid reimbursement rate for psychiatrists to 95% of Medicare rate. SB3023 which would create a community law enforcement for the deflection of addiction treatment – allow a law enforcement agency to establish a program to facilitate handoff of person from law enforcement to addiction treatment.

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

None

6. Important Dates

a. Board Meetings

- i. July 26, 2018 on the boat
- ii. August 28, 2018 at noon and on the phone
- iii. October 18, 2018 at the conference

7. Adjourn

Hugh Brady motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Anne Stevens seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Kindler