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**Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts**  
**Minutes for the August 28, 2018**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

The board members of the Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts met via telephone conference on August 28, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Judge Jeff Ford, President of the Board, at 12:00 PM. The following board members were in attendance via telephone conference:

Name	Present	Telephone	Absent
Judge Jeff Ford, President		X	
Judge Ericka Sanders, Vice President			X
Michael Roman, Treasurer			X
Ali Abid			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. Minutes from 7/26/18**

Judge Ford asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Shaner motioned, Anne Stevens seconded. Minutes were approved by voice vote.

## 2. Committee Reports

### a. Conference Committee

Sponsors, Exhibitors, and Attendees - Matt Kindler provided the number of attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors. Based on the number of attendees, the tables will be tables of 10. Marriott can only seat 464 people at rounds of 8 or 580 people at rounds of 10. We have longer to break down rooms this year so we will see if they can add tables in aisles to increase the number. We also spoke to the hotel about having sponsors and exhibitors eat in another room in the hotel rather than in the ballroom to increase capacity. We also plan to have chairs in the back of the room. With graduate speakers not being during lunch, we may ask board members and COE staff to eat in the board room instead of in ballroom if needed. We have 200-300 people who attended last year who haven't registered this year.

We have two sponsorships available, we are unlikely to fill these spots so we are considering, making additional Bronze sponsors spots. Discussion was had as to whether that would be desired.

We were contacted by a Jewelry Exhibitor who wants to be at the conference. The COE asked the Board their opinion as they have no connection to problem-solving courts. Baron suggested that it may be welcome to have a non-professional exhibitor. Questions if there are any issues with host site or any of our tax issues. Judge Ford said all exhibitors are vendors and trying to sell something. Judge Ford questions if the hotel has an issue. Michelle brought up a consumer who sold jewelry at the mental health court conference in the past. Anne thinks it's a bad idea because there is no connection to what ILAPSC is doing. If people want to shop they can shop in Bloomington. Anthony agreed with Michelle and Anne that it would be inappropriate. Judge Ford suggests we pass on the opportunity. Judge Holmgren agrees.

The COE discussed the lanyard offer from Total Court Services. They offered to provide 600 free lanyards but only with their logo. Michelle suggested it would be a deviation from what was originally proposed to potential sponsors. Judge Shaner said that the risk of offending other sponsors may not be worth it. Matt suggested charging \$500 more for the ability to have their lanyards in the bag. Baron Heintz suggested it may be beneficial to have nicer lanyards. A motion was made to allow them to provide their own lanyards if they would pay the additional \$500. A roll vote was taken. Anne and Mike voted no, all others voted to approve if sponsor is willing to pay more.

Board Assignments at the Conference - Board volunteer assignments will be sent out soon. There will be a meeting at 4pm on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, for volunteers.

Awards – There are two award nominations currently, one individual, and one organization. The board was asked if there were additional nominations and gave the board a short time period to respond.

Board Nominations – There are 8 board nomination which are heavy from Cook and Winnebago counties. Judge Ford discussed the needs of the board as to discipline and geographic area. A discussion of each of the nominations was had and board members were asked if they had any additional information. Based on the discussion it was decided that the following people would be placed on the ballot.

Bernadine Howard – ballot  
Lori Roper – ballot  
Ed Zapala – ballot  
Judge Aguilar – ballot  
James Lane – ballot

Michelle brought up what to do about members of the board who may not be participating very much and may not be a part of a problem-solving court anymore. Judge Ford read the by-laws which say that “all members of the Board must be a member of a problem-solving court or involved in the problem-solving court movement.” He asked that Michelle send him the information and they will discuss it further.

Retreat - The ILAPSC Board Retreat will be November 8 and 9 at Starved Rock.

Other - Michelle asked if any Board members knew of any mentor programs or people who would be good for a mentor panel as the panel we had has had a change of availability.

**3. Old Business**

None

**4. New Business**

Michelle brought up Winnebago County Information Technology. When ILAPSC first was formed, Winnebago County IT provided a website platform and other services. This year ILAPSC fully transitioned from Winnebago County IT and the COE if providing the IT services needed. Winnebago County IT contacted Michelle a couple of weeks ago to officially inform us that they could no longer have an arrangement or connection with Winnebago County IT as they are now restricted to only providing services for Winnebago County.

**Important Dates**

- a. Board Meetings
  - i. October 18, 2018 at the conference

**5. Adjourn**

Judge Ford adjourned the meeting at 1:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Kindler