

Indiana Commission for Women  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 15, 2012  
Indiana State Library

**Present:** Senator Vaneta Becker, Linda Bloom, Senator Jean Breaux, Virginia Calvin, Betsy Corridan, Cindy Felsten, Kori McOmber, Rep. Gail Riecken, Patzetta Trice

**Staff:** Kristin Garvey, Executive Director

**Also Present:** Aurora Dreiling, Indiana Republican Caucus, Danny Lopez, Indiana Civil Rights Commission, and Jamal Smith, Indiana Civil Rights Commission

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:16 am by Commissioner Betsy Corridan, Chair. A quorum was established.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Board members and guests introduce themselves.

**Treasurer's Report:** In Treasurer Anne Jacoby's absence, Kristin Garvey reported on a year-end report, a July statement and a management spending report. She commented that the format for the July statement and future statements have been changed based on how ICRC submits reports. In addition to the mandatory reversion of \$3034, approximately \$3,800 will be reverted back to the State. For the most part, ICW was on target with its budget. The majority of the reverted funds was concentrated in salaries and benefits. Information regarding the special funds will be provided at future meetings as staff works through how to present it.

**Remarks from Indiana Civil Rights Commission:** Jamal Smith, ICRC Executive Director, provided remarks regarding the transition. He formally introduced Danny Lopez as a deputy director of education and outreach under which ICW is housed. He also mentioned that a possible area in which the commissions could collaborate is on the Black Barbershop health initiative, which is sponsored by the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males (ICSSBM). The Indiana Commission for Women could partner with ICSSBM to provide outreach to women at area beauty salons.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Cindy Felsten moved to accept the minutes from the June 2012 board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Chair Betsy Corridan indicated that Commissioner Erin Smith has done a good job on pulling everything together for the strategic plan. She asked for a motion to approve the revision to ICW's strategic plan for the year. Cindy Felsten moved to accept the revised strategic plan. The motion was seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

**Torchbearers Award:** First Vice President Patzetta Trice provided a brief report on the 2013 Torchbearer Awards. She indicated that a roadmap has been developed over the past few years on a successful event. The date for the event is March 6, 2013, at the Indiana Government Center Auditorium. She asked that board members submit any suggestions for improvements to Garvey or her by September 1, 2012. One area of improvement for this year is sponsorships. After discussion regarding the appropriate procedure of how to do this, Betsy Corridan requested that there be a discussion with Danny Lopez to understand how to proceed going forward.

**Public Service Workshop Exploration Taskforce:** Cindy Felsten reported that survey questions were developed to send out to people to solicit information about what to do. She, Corridan, and Garvey participated in a conference call with individuals from NAWBO-Indy to discuss collaboration on a

workshop in Indianapolis that NAWBO was hosting for their membership of women business owners. Cindy asked people to push out the survey to their networks. Further discussion on the mechanics of the workshops was needed.

**Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Kristin Garvey provided a short report and list of activities that lays out the dates, events, ICW role, and whether or not the event coincides with one of the five priority areas. She mentioned the next event, screening of *Miss Representation*, which ICW is co-hosting with the National Panhellenic Council and Vision 2020. ICW has been contacted by the Office of Women's Bureau to publicize their webinars. The first will be on their Trauma Guide, a guide for service providers working with women veterans. The second will be on helping women to explore careers in green jobs. On October 2, there will be an *Integrating Women Leaders* conference at which Patzetta Trice will be serving on a keynote panel discussion. Kristin and Cindy Felsten have been serving on the steering committee. Garvey has been helping with the charity spotlight, domestic Violence Network. Felsten has been working with one of the national keynote speakers, Susan Buckeley Butler and a panel presenter from Cummins. Commissioner Erin Smith is also presenting in one of the breakout sessions.

At the NACW conference, ICW received recognition for its *Hoosier Women Speak*. Garvey also went to Richmond, IN, to conduct a listening session for their community and is working on that report. They were very excited about having community-specific information and may ask ICW to return for other sessions. Kristin has also been talking to other groups about conducting additional sessions for specific populations so that ICW can expand the *Hoosier Women Speak* with more targeted information.

In reference to the conversation at the beginning of the meeting, Garvey indicated that there was a description of the Barber Shop Initiative in the packet of information provided for the board. She also mentioned that the next NACW conference will be in San Jose, CA. California has the most robust network of commissions for women. She suggested that it would be great to have a contingency from Indiana attend the conference.

New Business: Rep. Gail Riecken provided two suggestions that she would like the board to consider for future projects. The first was a health-related issue that showed certain counties are seeing a decrease in longevity for women. She asked the board to consider conducting a study in those counties to find out why the longevity is decreasing. A suggestion was made to contact the Office of Women's Health (OWH) to discuss the possibility for collaboration and seeking a grant together to study this issue. It was also suggested that it would be helpful to have a representative from OWH attend the next board meeting to make a presentation and have a discussion.

The second project involved the Ohio River bridges project in southern Indiana. She asked the board to consider adding ICW's name to endorse the project. The project is a huge endeavor that encompasses women business owners and minority business owners as well as civil rights issues. The board asked her to provide additional information to Garvey, who can then discuss it with other staff and provide it to the board for consideration.

As there was no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46PM

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Garvey as reviewed by Cindy Felsten, Secretary.