

INDIANA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 8, 2015

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Altman, Sen. Vaneta Becker, Sen. Jean Breaux, Lindsey Craig (Governor's Liaison), Kori McOmber, Stephanie Moore, Marta Pincheira (Chair), Joie Winski, Rep. Melanie Wright

VIA PHONE: Linda Bloom, Kayevonne Dailey, Kelly Perri, Patzetta Trice,

STAFF: Kristin Garvey, Executive Director

GUESTS: Elizabeth Williams, volunteer; Laura Chavez, director of ISDH Office of Women's Health

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Marta Pincheira called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM. Roll Call was taken and quorum was established at 12:08 PM. For her report, Chair Pincheira asked all board members to introduce themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kristin Garvey indicated that at the last board meeting, the board asked that she submit the minutes and the financial report in a consent agenda, allowing the board to vote on both items at the same time. She stated that the October board minutes and the November financial report were submitted for the board to approve. **Commissioner Christine Altman moved to accept the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Linda Bloom seconded.** Commissioner Altman asked for clarification regarding salaries. The report showed that the budget was slightly higher than anticipated due to when three paychecks fall within a month. She asked whether they would need to adjust the budget to accommodate the overage. Director Garvey responded that the budget should even out by the end of the year; however, if there is a shortfall in that particular line item, funds would be shifted from one of the other areas. Garvey also pointed out that at the last board meeting, the technology line items were over-budget because it appeared that the Office of Technology was charging the ICW account for three computers when there is only one computer. That error has been corrected and the financial report should be more in line with annual estimations. Chair Pincheira called for the motion. Roll Call was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION: Laura Chavez, Director of the Indiana State Department of Health Office of Women's Health (OWH), provided an overview of her office. After the presentation, there was further discussion about OWH's outreach efforts. Director Garvey informed the board that she sat on the OWH Advisory Board and that Senator Becker served as co-chair for that Board. Chair Pincheira then asked Elizabeth Williams to discuss her recent trip to Cambodia, where she worked with girls who were victims of human trafficking. She pointed out that many of these issues were present in the United States. Following her presentation, there was discussion about activities and contacts. A suggestion was made that each board member send information on their contacts who are working on human trafficking. Director Garvey then suggested that at a subsequent meeting, she would invite someone from the Indiana Protection of Abused and Trafficked Humans (IPATH), which is connected to the Indiana Attorney General's office.

2015 NACW NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: Chair Pincheira reminded the board that Director Garvey is the Vice Chair of the National Association of Commissions for Women and that the 2015 conference would be held in Indianapolis. Director Garvey then reported that she had compiled a list of potential speakers for keynote speakers and for breakout sessions that had been discussed in various meetings. She asked the board to review the list so that the committee could begin to send invitations. She indicated the list had more names than could be used because not everyone will be able to participate. Second Vice Chair Stephanie Moore emphasized that speakers needed to be secured so it is important to provide names of potential speakers to Director Garvey. Director Garvey then reported that she had included the sponsorship prospectus for everyone to use. One of the requirements is to raise a portion of the conference sponsorships. There was a suggestion that Director Garvey send an iCalendar for both the board meetings and the conference planning meetings so that all board members can add them to their calendars.

2015 TORCHBEARER AWARDS: Chair Pincheira reported that after speaking with Director Garvey, she recommends to postpone the Awards until after the July conference. She suggested that the Awards be moved to August. Commissioner McOmber added that there had been discussion about moving something to the fall because all of ICW's events are packed into the first three months of the year. Director Garvey stated that she suggested August because of Women's Equality Day on August 26th. She recommended that the event not be scheduled for August 26th since other communities, such as Evansville, have large events. She then suggested August 18th, which is the actual ratification day. She reminded that this year is the 95th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment. Members of the board were hesitant about moving it to August because it was still too close to the conference. There was consensus to look at dates in September and continue the discussion at the next board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION /LEGISLATIVE SUMMER STUDY COMMITTEES: The legislators were given an opportunity to discuss any issues or legislation they want to highlight. Representative Wright stated that education will be a hot topic during this session. Senator Breaux added that the State Democratic Caucus would be focused on equal pay as well as issues regarding the Department of Child Services (DCS). She continued to state that DCS needs additional funding for more employees in order for them to be compliant with legislative statute. She also reported that they would be looking into legislation that would require public schools to provide free textbooks to all K-12 students. Senator Breaux then added that she has introduced a bill focused on unplanned teenage pregnancy. She also stated that as chair of POWER, the women's caucus, she would like to find a bill that all women legislators can support in a bi-partisan way. The board asked that a bill tracker be developed that would list bills that affected women.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Garvey provided a brief update on the potential internship position. She reported that the description had been developed and that she had a potential candidate. She would also send it to other outlets so that she could find two or three potential candidates to find the best possible person. Director Garvey reported that because 2015 is the 95th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, she would periodically highlight historical moments around the Nineteenth Amendment. She then suggested that since Torchbearers would be later in the year, she would like to spend March, highlighting historical figures in women's history. Using *Writing Her Story*, she would then focus on 31 Days of Women. She asked for the board to provide suggestions to the list. She pointed them to the website where she has collated a timeline of "firsts" in Indiana, which she will draw from. Commissioner Altman suggested to connect with the *Indianapolis Star* to see if they would run some of these articles. Commissioner Kelly Perri suggested that press release be sent out in advance

of the month, which might raise ICW's profile in the State. Director Garvey then reported that a press release would be sent out about ICW's recent report on *Women in Elected Offices*. Commissioner Altman asked if there were statistics on women in other elected positions. Director Garvey responded saying that it had been done in 2010; however, it had not been done since that report. She explained that because candidates do not identify their gender on the application, all information must be collected manually. There was consensus to devote some of the intern's energy to collecting this information, especially because 2015 will be municipal elections. There was agreement that providing longitudinal data will be beneficial to people. Director Garvey reported that there will be a conference on women in the workforce in March 2016 in conjunction with the State Bicentennial. Information was provided to the board for their information.

NEW BUSINESS: Director Garvey announced that 2020 will be the 100th Anniversary of Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment. She asked that the board begin to think about what could be done to commemorate this milestone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chair Pincheira asked the board to submit photos and bios to Director Garvey so that she can upload them to the website. Chair Pincheira reminded the board that ICW does have Facebook and Twitter pages. Chair Pincheira then stated that she would like to receive any suggestions from the board that will improve the meetings. Director Garvey reminded the board that the board position of Secretary is open. If anyone is interested in serving in this position, please contact her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no other business to come before the board, Chair Pincheira adjourned at 1:52 PM.