



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Indiana Government Center Conference Room Foyer 2 West

April 21, 2016

PRESENT: Christine Altman, Sen. Vaneta Becker, Sen. Jean Breaux, Kori Chambers, Rep. Sheila Klinker, Stephanie Moore, Marta Pincheira, Heather Willey

VIA PHONE: Joie Winski

STAFF: Kristin Garvey, Christine Meyer

GUEST: Laura Merrifield Albright

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Marta Pincheira called the meeting to order at: 12:34 PM.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken. Quorum was established.

CHAIR REPORT: Chair Pincheira notified the board that Kelly Perri will be resigning from the board. She expressed the board's thanks for all of Commissioner Perri's work during her tenure with the Indiana Commission for Women. She then asked the board whether the next meeting date on June 8, 2016, would work for everyone. It was suggested to look at three Wednesdays in June. She asked Kristin Garvey to send the board an email poll with June 8th, June 15th, and June 22nd for their selection of the best date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary Kori Chambers made a motion to accept the February 2016 minutes as amended to reflect that the board's request for Kristin Garvey to obtain an agreement in writing from NACW. Rep. Sheila Klinker seconded. Roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

There was further discussion on the NACW Annual Meeting and Garvey's involvement in conference planning. Garvey indicated that the NACW board voted to reimburse her only for direct expenses (registration, hotel, and airfare). Commissioner Christine Altman stated that was not the board's agreement originally proposed in October. After discussion, Chair Pincheira agreed to call the NACW President expressing the board's concerns with regards to ICW's limited resources and limited ability to accomplish its strategic plan. She will also express the board's concerns regarding the fact that the proposal has been on the table since October with no action until recently.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kristin Garvey presented the financial report. She indicated that there is an issue with regards to the Special Fund and will request a general ledger from the CFO to reconcile it with what was given to ICW during the 2015 NACW conference. She also indicated that she will budget for the NACW annual conference in July 2016, in case the board rejects the terms with NACW.

Commissioner Altman moved to approve the Financial Report as submitted, excluding the report on the Special Fund. Rep. Sheila Klinker seconded. Roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Executive Director Garvey reported that she is tracking ICW's social media exposure and how many people have accessed ICW's information. During Women's History Month when ICW was posting the *Writing Her Story* profiles each day, there was a huge uptick in activity. In addition, all thirty-one profiles were enlarged and dry-mounted for displays. In April, they

were displayed during the Association of International Women's annual luncheon. Many guests commented on using them at other events and posting them in local libraries. She also received other names of women to feature. ICW's followers on Facebook and Twitter jumped tremendously with this project. The board encouraged Garvey to continue *Writing Her Story* every March. Senator Breaux asked how the women were selected to be featured. There was a suggestion to create a committee to make this process more streamlined in selection and to try and get public access radio and TV to focus on this project. It was suggested to review statistics for the website. Senator Breaux and Christine Altman volunteered to be on the committee. There was also discussion about approaching the First Lady's office and the Statehouse about displaying the thirty-one boards at other times during the year.

Garvey reported that she had been working with the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor to participate in a webinar on Women in Apprenticeships. She asked for assistance in locating women to speak during the webinar. She also reported that she has moved to her new office.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

Girls' Forum: Second Vice Chair Stephanie Moore reported that planning for the Girls' Forum is underway. She reminded the board that the plan is to host regional forums this year in South Bend or Fort Wayne, Evansville, and Indianapolis. Next year, ICW will host a state-wide conference in Indianapolis. Sponsors are needed to sponsor four girls and a chaperone. She also stated that Evansville's school corporation has offered its Tech Building for the event at no facility charge, which will allow for holding the Forum on a week day and with the school willing to transfer them to the event.

Before discussing the Torchbearer Awards, Second Vice Chair Moore reported that she was in Washington, DC, and was able to participate in discussions and congressional hearings regarding the children taken from Boko Haram in Nigeria last year. She asked the board to wear red every Wednesday to help bring awareness to the #bringbackourgirls campaign.

Torchbearers: Second Vice Chair Moore reported that the 2016 Torchbearer Awards has been scheduled for September 21, 2016, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. She also stated that they were planning to recognize the four women who drafted the legislation to create ICW with a possible conversation with the women about why they had drafted the legislation, how the Commission has developed, how it has succeeded, and what still needs to be done. Garvey indicated that the nomination packet was included in the board material. Her preliminary target is to open nominations during the first part of May; however, she would like to have a few people to review for corrections. The deadline for submission is July 29, 2016. The board also recommended that sponsorships are needed to make this event a celebration of the past twenty years.

NEW BUSINESS: The board suggested that Garvey maintain an updated list of upcoming events so that interested members can add to their calendar and participate if they are able. Garvey indicated she needed assistance from the board in identifying events in their communities that they think would be of interest to the entire board.

As there was no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.