

Indiana Commission for Women
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 22, 2008
9:00am
St. Mary's College, Notre Dame
Chair, Melissa C. Martin

Present: Melissa Martin, Anne Jacoby, Cindy Felsten, Dr. Virginia Calvin

Staff: Director Sharon Langlotz

Not Present: Senator Vi Simpson, Senator Sue Landske, Linda Bloom, Amy McQueen, Lisa Hershman, Patzetta Trice, Rep. Suzanne Crouch, Andrea Heslin Smiley, Rep. Linda Lawson, Janie Craig Chenault.

Note: This meeting was held in conjunction with the Forum on the Economic Status of Women entitled *Bridging the Gap: Reaching Pay Equity in Indiana*, hosted by the ICW and the St. Mary's College Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. The breakfast meeting was called to order by Chair Melissa Martin followed by a discussion of the agenda. Ms. The meeting proceeded as follows:

Old Business:

- Review of the minutes (January 2008) and financial report (March, 2008)
- Financial Report – Commissioners reviewed the current report and Director Langlotz reported that per discussions with DWD financial analyst Sharleen Daniel, the ICW operating budget is right on target and is just slightly under spent at this point. She discussed the fact that the SAS&C Board is moving out from the ICW in May and some funds will follow for this year and for the next year. Additional funds were awarded by the legislature to operate the new Board, but the funds were put into the ICW fund center. This will be broken out now as the Board moves over to another agency.
- Minutes were accepted as read, although a vote was not possible.
- Director Langlotz provided the Director's Report and a full Torchbearer Event wrap-up report. She discussed transition planes for the move to ICJI and reported that intern Chelsea Mason is willing to stay on – part time during the school year and full time in the summer, to assist the new director. She will be of great assistance, particularly with the Torchbearer event.
- The Torchbearer wrap-up report led to an in-depth discussion of the 2009 event and the need to begin gearing up for it this summer. Sharon recommended that a person with office experience be hired for a three month period to work full time on the event and to help direct the staff. Commissioner Jacoby discussed hiring an event planning firm and letting

them take care of everything as Generations/VU did with an event. Further discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of this – and the issue of working with state government along with an outside fiscal agent for this. All agreed it bears further discussion, along with further support for the writing and program design duties entailed in the event.

- Chair Martin provided an update on the logistics and timing of the Bridging the Gap summit in South Bend scheduled for the afternoon. Much effort has gone into the event and she has made several trips up to So Bend to work with Bonnie Bazata and the community partners and has enjoyed getting to know them all.

New Business:

- New Commissioners: Chair Martin discussed the appointments of the new Commissioners the fact that a number of commissioner terms will be up in July of 2009.
- Director Langlotz discussed the status of SAVAS&C Board moving to ICJI, how it will work and when it will happen. Projected date is May 12 or 19.
- Commissioners discussed the remaining \$2,000 grant for older women in the workplace and Chair Martin reported that she may have a nationally known speaker.
- Chair Martin provided a more in-depth overview of the Bridging the Gap forum, the speakers, panels, etc. and discussed plans to replicate it around the state.

The meeting ended with a brief discussion on how does the commission, being bi-partisan, can best address an issue or topic when Commissioners are in disagreement. No solution was reached, but agreement was that we need to look at all issues impacting Indiana women and address those that we feel we can have an impact on for women.

Announcement:

- Election of ICW Officers at the June ICW Meeting. Commissioners - be Prepared for a Call from Nominations Committee Chair, Dr. Virginia Calvin!

Adjournment