

ILLINOIS JUVENILE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11, 2008

Location: Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria

I. ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

President Tony Jacobson - Present	Exec. Director Bob Stegenga - Present
1 st V.P. Mark Mogan - Present	Past Exec. Director Dave Hare - Absent
2 nd V.P. Lisa Ditzler - Present	Past Exec. Director Dick Walsh - Absent
Treasurer Michael Campo - Present	Past President Bob Coniglio - Present
Sgt. at Arms Bill Pfalzgraf - Absent	Past President Mark Strzesak - Present
Secretary Michele Watson - Present	Past President Dee Willner - Absent
Board Member Michael Coughlin - Absent	Past President Sharon Kendall - Absent
Board Member Sue Ewald - Absent	Past President Joe Farrar - Absent
Board Member Tracey Goodyear - Present	Past President Jim Wagner - Absent
Board Member Linda Hooten - Present	Past President Joe Pena - Absent
Board Member Kristen Julian - Present	Past President John Schuffert - Absent
Board Member Michael Kraft - Absent	Past President Dan Quick - Absent
Board Member Rosemary Moore - Present	Past President Gary Wigman - Absent
Board Member Bob Stone - Absent	Past President Pat Fitzgerald - Absent
Board Member Ed Wachala - Absent	Past President Rich Bilisko - Absent
Board Member Kelly Waldrup - Absent	Past President Ron Smith - Absent
Board Member Sue Wilson - Absent	Honorary Member Ken Griffin - Present
Board Member Ray Violetto - Present	

Minutes from the 2/22/08 meeting were distributed. Motion to accept made by Ken Griffin, seconded by Bob Coniglio. All votes were in favor to accept, motion carried.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Michael Campo reported on the current balance of the following accounts: savings - \$25,076.48; checking - \$25,325.72. Bob Stegenga was able to get the \$10,000 grant from the Juvenile Justice Commission which helped tremendously. Tony Jacobson said that several people haven't paid their conference fees yet, and we still haven't collected conference money for the IDOA members. He said that financially we're doing very well – obviously our conference depends on getting the grant, but even if the Juvenile Justice Commission decided to cut back on the grant in the future we should be okay.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Kristen Julian reported that HB4402 has passed unanimously in the Senate and the House and is on the Governor's desk waiting to be signed. It passed on May 31st and he has 60 days to sign it. It doesn't look like there will be any problems in doing so.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Training: No report.
- b) Membership: Bob Stegenga reported that although he doesn't have the exact numbers, he did get some dues in from a few associations. So the numbers are looking a little better.

Tony said that he and Mark Mogan met with Deb Fliehm from Creative Technical Resources about possibly having her company manage our membership and website. He said its great but we can't afford it – what she proposed would be about \$15,000 (although we wouldn't have to do all of the things she proposed). Mark said it would have been really exciting to do some of those things, but we can't do it. It was somewhere around \$4200 to revamp the website and \$2100 per year to maintain it – something we just don't have the money for. Tony said he knows someone who may be able to do some of the things a lot cheaper.

Mark Mogan explained the current situation with our website and how it is currently down. Apparently the company who holds the domain name sent the renewal information to the wrong email address and our name expired. Mark has had a hard time trying to make contact with the company and there's a chance we might have to change the name.

- c) Legislative: Kristen reported that pending the passage of SB2275 regarding change in age for minors is something that we can start working on. Tracey Goodyear said we had initially started working on this but then it died, so they started working on the sex offender bill. Now this one is back and has passed the Senate. The bill number has changed and there are a couple of different things in it (i.e., misdemeanors). Joe Pena asked Tony what the IJOA's position is. We need to come up with one as an organization. Tracey said the committee needs to meet then get ahold of some juvenile courthouses. This sounds like it is a priority. Kristen would like to talk with the sponsor of the current bill and find out what their stance is (Tony thinks the sponsor is John Millner). This is probably going to become law. Kristen said she talked with a few probation and they said there's no way they know how to deal with the influx of people. A lot of these juveniles coming in have histories and are not first time offenders.
- d) Media: Mark discussed the samples of webpage designs that he sent out several months ago and said there had been a tie. Tony suggested that the incoming president should break the tie so Mark should just pick. Mark said he has actually found a new design he likes better – he showed it to the group and everyone agreed that it was professional, colors are good. The group said to go with it and spend the \$65 to purchase it (no motion necessary). Tony said he doesn't like the friggin' logo and maybe we should think about designing a new one. (Maybe a sheild shape instead of a star?) There was no consensus on what it could/should be so the issue will be discussed again later.

Mark talked more about the webpage situation. The company is in Australia, and he's not having any luck contacting them. It costs \$37/year to register our name. This company is just the registrar – they own the rights to the name but Hostway actually operates our website. He said he had previously corresponded with them via email but the last time he heard from them was after he told them that they should give us a year free since it was their mistake. They haven't responded to any calls or emails. He doesn't know where that leaves us – although we may be able to just go to a certain website and pay the fee, then the name will be reinstated. His work email was out this week so he hasn't been able to check on it, but he thinks we could possibly have it up later this week.

- e) Audit: Mark Mogan said that Bill Pfalzgraf isn't here yet... the committee is supposed to consist of the President and Sergeant at Arms and one other person. If Bill doesn't get here sometime tomorrow morning, someone needs to be appointed.
- f) Awards: No report.
- g) By-Laws: Lisa said she forgot to bring her stuff with her – she asked Mark Strzesak if he had his but he said his was back in Champaign. No report.
- h) Conference: Bob Coniglio said hopefully this is our best conference yet number-wise (and hopefully it will be speaker-wise, too). Bob got the agenda boards done and they are placed around the hotel. He said that he and Bob will talk with Ron Smith on Thursday – Ron was kind of upset that the conference was in Peoria again. But Bob feels that having it here has made the numbers go up incredibly (even though 48 people are with the IDOA). We're in one area, same time every year, and it's a good location. Tony said he was talking to the IDOA president and they said that they run into the same problem – when they move their conference up north their numbers go down, too. Bob S. said he thought that Ron's issue is more with the lower numbers than the location. Our history shows that our numbers have usually been big bigger when we go down south (260 was our best but it was usually more like 175-250). We may not get those numbers again, but nowadays juvenile is not as big an issue and in general training is the first thing to get cut from the budget. Additionally, gas prices are a factor – we won't know what prices will be next year and we could see numbers go down because of it. Overall the economy is bad – we may see some declines for a couple of years, even in membership if departments stop paying for dues.

We've had it here for the last three years and our numbers have continued to increase. Mark said this place doesn't have the best hotel but it is the best location. Michael Campo said he's seen quite a few people from the north coming down but also getting some southern people. If we move up north we would probably lose some southern people, plus the northern people won't get to stay overnight and that will bring the numbers down as well.

Bob C. said he had planned a little bit ahead and checked with Julie for 2009. Our dates are open for next year if we want them. We will wait until the meeting with Ron Smith before we commit. Bob S. suggested that we ask Ron about the money for next year – if he thinks we could possibly only get \$5,000 then we plan that way. We've got to keep it going even if we had to scale back a little. Bob C. said so far there were no complaints – the hotel is running around for us; the temperature has been okay in the room. The reception tonight will be at Eamon and Patrick's from 6-8 pm. (EuroJacks never reopened.)

Tomorrow night we're just going to let everyone go to Riverfest and not plan anything like bowling (as we'd talked about at one time). The hotel is supposed to be getting us brochures that list the Riverfest schedule.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Joint conference – things seem to be going okay with the IDOA so far. Tony will be meeting with their president tomorrow and see how they think its going. Michele asked about the SRO association – is joining up with them still a possibility? Michael Campo said their conference is next week in Bloomington, and after that the president and vice president are stepping down so

positions will change. They've run the conference for the last eight years so he's not sure how it will play out. A suggestion was made that Mark touch base with them sometime about our future together. They usually average about 60 people at their conference. Michael Campo thinks it would work really well. The Pere Marquette would probably be big enough. Breakouts wouldn't be necessary – all of the sessions could be combined. Joining all three together would be great for attendance. Michael said he'd bring it up with the Board next week at the conference.

- b) Tony announced that Michele Watson is resigning as Secretary due to work issues so a replacement needs to be appointed. Michele explained that it is for a good reason – things are really picking up at ILEAS and its getting hard to get away. She will stay on with the association and help with the conference.
- c) Committee assignments will be discussed at the next meeting.
- d) The nominating committee will meet this afternoon to look at which positions are up for re-election.

VI. NEXT MEETING

A motion to suspend the meeting until June 12 was made at 10:53 a.m. by Lisa Ditzler, seconded by Michael Campo, and approved by all.