

SHARED ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2022

Pledge and Call to Order

John Bowker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Introductions

In attendance were commission members April Daly, Calvin Bellamy, Julie McElmurry, John Bowker, Courtney Smith, Dan Klein, Art Russell, Lynn Volkmann, Janice Malinowski, and Mike McIntyre. Flor Baum took the minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: John Bowker; Second: Mike McIntyre; and the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 2022 meeting as presented.

Financials

Julie McElmurry presented the Financial Report. All members have paid their dues. There have been \$6461.38 in total expenses as of June 30, 2022. The remaining 2022 budget is \$47,941.53. Expected upcoming expenses were presented. SEAC has not received a bill from NIRPC for administrative support. John Bowker is holding on to the Avalon contract of \$8000.

SEAC OLD BUSINESS

Membership Updates

John Bowker presented on Membership Updates. Dan Klein is stepping down as president. John Bowker will move from the vice president position to president of SEAC.

Motion: John Bowker; Second Mike McIntyre; and the commission voted to have Art Russell as vice president. Art Russell will also chair The Summit event.

The communities missing commissioners are Crown Point, Hobart, Lake Station, St. John, Lake County, and Westville. Jamie Ward resigned as an At-Large member.

Summit Update

John Bowker spoke on The Summit update. The podium backdrop was purchased. Tentatively, panel participants will be as follows: Jose Padilla (Valparaiso University President), attorney and commissioner Michael Tolbert, Inspector General David Cook, and Mayor Sue Lynch (Portage). NIRPC staff will secure polling devices for the day of the event. The date for The Summit has been secured for October 27th at The Avalon.

Training Committee Update

Paula Carey presented on the training committee. Members who have not picked up the Ethics Guides and Code posters, please reach out to Paula. Trainer contact information is missing for Cedar Lake, Chesterton, East Chicago, Gary, Lowell, and Portage.

Communications Committee Update

Julie McElmurry presented on Communications Committee Update. County Election officials will be contacted in September to assist with the distribution of the Pledge. Cal and Julie will meet with the new NWI Times editor to encourage media coverage of the Pledge. Marketing materials will be presented. Julie will be working with the web master to upload the 2022 General Election process that will begin in late August. Julie also reminded the Commissioners that she will send out a new draft email / talking points for use in communicating to their community leaders.

SEAC NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

The next meeting is slated for September 21, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Mike McIntyre; Second: Lynn Volkmann; and John Bowker adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Submitted by: *Flor Baum*
Flor Maria Baum, Administrative Assistant, NIRPC