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Illinois Correctional Association / Board of Directors meeting Friday, February 13, 2015: Salvation Army Community Corrections Center (Chicago)

I. Call to Order: 1:05 pm (Patrick Firman, Vice-president)

II. Roll Call: Patrick Firman (Vice-president); Richard Hart; (Treasurer); Jim Thomas (Secretary); Mike Lukas (Director)

III. Approval of Minutes, June 20 2014
Richard motioned approval; Michael seconded.
Unanimous Approval

IV. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer (Richard)

1. The ICA account stands at \$17,241.50, with no outstanding bills.
2. Richard distributed handouts and reports from the ACA Dual-Chapter Committee and the Student Affairs Committee from the February ACA Congress.

B. Secretary (Jim)

1. The current ICA active membership is 213, down from our high of about 420 in October, 2012.
2. There are currently about 12 student members, down from a high of about 135 in fall, 2012.

V. Old Business

A. Annual Conference: Because of a re-examination of the immediate goals of ICA, and the lack of interest among members for a 2014 conference, Jim suggested that we defer discussion of the annual ICA conference until the next meeting. Unanimous consensus.

B. Homepage/e-media update: Patrick suggested that we begin updating the homepage, social media, and outreach media in light of the proposal submitted for re-shaping ICA priorities. See New Business, below.

C. Survey postponement: Because a survey of members' interests might not be

necessary at this time, unanimous consensus to defer implementation at this time.

VI. New Business

A. Accepting board member's resignation: Jerry received the resignation of a board member, which was submitted to the board for acceptance. Unanimous consensus to defer a decision at this time.

B. IDOC status: Patrick provided a plan for re-focusing ICA that would better integrate the ICA mission with the diverse backgrounds and professions of members. Just as ACA has expanded its umbrella of professions to include all areas of criminal justice, and because "corrections" has become a broad area, he suggested focusing on building networks and relationships among the current agencies and professions among our members and elsewhere.

Unanimous consensus to adopt this strategy. Jim will work with Patrick to draft a position paper for concrete goals and steps.

C. Discuss new participants (Jim Edwards, Dale Hale, Jack King, Leslie Hillman): Unanimous consensus to contact these individuals over the next few weeks to assess their interests.

D. Bylaws correction of wording: Jim noted that the original bylaws revision of 2011 contained language in Article Eight: Annual Conferences, contained wording in Section 8.01 that was inadvertently excluded from the final version. The current wording reads:

8.01. There will be an Annual Conference each year no earlier than the second week of September and no later than the second week in October at a site approved by the Board of Directors.

The wording should have been:

8.01. There will be an Annual Conference each year no earlier than the second week of September and no later than the second week in October, or an appropriate alternate date if necessary, at a site approved by the Board of Directors.

Jim motioned that the originally intended wording be replaced. Richard Seconded. Unanimous approval.

VII. Adjournment: 2:35 p.m.