

INTENT TO RUN FOR ELECTED OFFICE

SEPTEMBER 2016 POPAI ELECTION

Position Desired: Circle the office for which you wish to run. All offices are 2-year terms.

DISTRICT EIGHT

Probation Officer Name: Cherie L. Wood

Probation Department: Vanderburgh County Adult Felony **POPAI District#:** 8

Work Address (include zip): Civic Center, Room 127 Courts Bldg, Evansville Indiana

Work Phone: 812-435-2004 **Work Fax:** 812-435-1234

Present Position (title): Chief Probation Officer

Length of Employment: 22 (with the county) Years working as Indiana Probation Officer: 16

Education- Specify: 1) Names & dates of all colleges/universities attended; 2) Degree(s) awarded and date(s) of degree(s).

University of Southern Indiana, 1993-1994, BS Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice

Brescia University, 1991-1993

Union College, 1990-1991

Professional and Community Activities- Identify memberships/organizations you belong to, offices held and awards received:

POP AI District 8 Representative, POP AI Secretary, Re Entry Group, Southern Indiana Officials Association

Why do you wish to hold this position? What do you hope to accomplish as a POP AI Board Member?

Being the District 8 Representative allows me to stay in contact with other officers across the State and

especially in my district. Due to the wonderful leadership in our organization, I am able to receive and

then relay important information/suggestions/concerns to and from the District. I hope I have been a

positive asset to the Board by providing information and assisting with any task that is asked.

Continuing to be a part of the Board is very important to me because I know officer's concerns are being addressed and discussed.

Discuss the issues you view as most important to Probation in Indiana.

One of most important concerns is the impact of 1006 on our local programming. Many counties are

starting to see changes, but it may be a year or so before we have a better understanding of the complete impact. I know many counties are experiencing a low user fee account and finding additional funding options to ensure current salaries are being paid. Continuing to learn more efficient and effective ways to communicate and supervise the offenders is essential for officers across the State.

Attendance at POP AI Board meetings is vitally important to the organization. Board members are expected to attend the scheduled meetings in person with minimal absences. The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month in Indianapolis, 10:30 AM- 1:30 PM. Possible exceptions:

- April -Board meeting is held at the POP AI Management Institute.
- May - Board meets at PO annual meeting.
- September- on Friday of PO PAI Fall training in French Lick, September 9, 2016, after the conference ends. It is important that you stay for this meeting as it would be your first Board meeting upon your election.
- Some PO PAI Board meetings may be held via conference call due to weather or light agenda.

Board members must work on at least one POP AI Committee. Standing committees: Election; Awards and Recognition; Technology/Website; Education; Legislation; Membership.

Please discuss your ability to participate on at least one (1) POP AI standing committee and to attend the monthly POP AI board meetings, primarily in-person meetings, in Indianapolis.

I will be able to attend the meetings as expected.

If you are not the Chief Probation Officer of your department, you must include as an attachment an email or memo from the Chief PO approving your participation in at least one (1) POP AI standing committee and approving your attendance at in-person monthly POP AI Board meetings.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING PROBATION IN THE STATE OF INDIANA.

Postmark, FAX or Email by Friday July 8, 2016 to:

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