

# 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.

**PRESIDENT**

**Probation Officer Name:** Ryan H. Hull

**Probation Department:** DeKalb County Probation Department      **POPAI District #:** 2

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**Present Position (title):** Assistant Chief Probation Officer / Director, DeKalb County Alcohol and Drug Court Program

**Length of Employment:** 2 months with DeKalb County

**Years working as Indiana Probation Officer:** 9 years (as of August 7)

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

-Ball State University: 2000-2001 and 2004-2007 (B.S. in Criminal Justice);

-Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne: 2012-2015 (Master of Public Affairs)

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

Probation Officer's Professional Association of Indiana, 2007-Present:

District 2 Representative: May 2011-December 2013;

Vice President: December 2013-October 2015

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

I am a dedicated servant striving for the betterment of probation throughout Indiana. I hold a desire to keep POPAI relevant in the ever evolving realm of legislative discussions through maintaining contact with those powers at bay and collaborating with all agencies with the focus on keeping probation at the forefront rather than having it lag behind.

With the influx of offenders being placed on probation rather than going to jail or prison, probation has become overloaded. As POPAI President, I would strengthen the momentum that has already been set in motion for funding probation programs, which have proven to work. Furthermore, I will be the voice for all departments to receive funding rather than only a select few.

As the POPAI President, I will continue the guidance that was provided by those I follow, to lead the organization as those that stood before us did, ultimately providing the needed leadership for the next generation of probation professionals in Indiana.

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

Many of the views and concerns I had in 2013 continue through today. Change is never easy, yet it is inevitable if an organization or profession is going to thrive. Through utilizing programs that have been scientifically proven to work, probation in Indiana will thrive to be an ally and asset utilized by offenders placed before us. Another form of change is through seeing how Indiana is pushing on to implement evidence based programs in a consistent manner in order to have them at reach of all offenders. What is difficult is to achieve complete buy-in by all stakeholders as some maintain the mindset that being an agent of compliance rather than an agent of change is the sole duty of being a probation officer. As Probation Officers have to spend more overall time with an offender than in the past, it is important to achieve appropriate caseload measures. This is an issue that has been on the table for quiet sometime with the Judicial Center and is very important for all stakeholders. In 2013, I voiced concerns regarding budget constraints and feeling that the biggest agenda on POPAI's plate was and still is to save every probation officer position throughout Indiana through achieving assistance from the State. I remain firm on my stance that it is better to be proactive with funding assistance rather than to play a waiting game with it. In closing, it is important that probation remains under the Judicial Branch, even though funding assistance is through the Executive Branch as it is necessary that each judge remain in control of their own department.

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

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

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

-I am able to attend all POPAI board meetings in-person. I am open and willing to accept any position on a standing committee.

**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) POPAI standing committee and approving your attendance at in-person monthly POPAI 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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