

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 2

Probation Officer Name: Steve Keele

Probation Department: Allen County Adult Probation POP AI District#: 2

Work Address (include zip): 1 E. Main Street, 81h Floor, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Work Phone: 260-449-7113 Work Fax: 260-449-4146

Present Position (title): Assistant Chief Probation Officer

Length of Employment: Years working as Indiana Probation Officer: 21 years

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

Indiana University (Fall of 1988 to Spring of 1993-Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice)

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

I have been the POP AI District 2 representative from February 2014 to present. I am currently a member of POP AI and American Probation and Parole Association. Additionally, I am a member of the Allen County Sex Offender Task Force and the office liaison with the Fort Wayne Parole District.

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

I believe POP AI has done an excellent job of promoting probation, as a professional organization, throughout the State. I am seeking the position as the District 2 representative because I feel it will allow me the opportunity to better serve the probation profession. I have been an active member of the management team in my department (as a supervisor and now the Assistant Chief) for over five (5) years and understand first-hand how important leadership is in accomplishing difficult tasks. As a POP AI Board Member I would work to ensure that POP AI continues to have strong leadership and a voice statewide. As a certified member of our department's armed field team, I understand the importance of quality training and will work hard to ensure officers are provided the training and knowledge to do their jobs safely and effectively, both in the office and in the field. As a POP AI representative, I would work with the organization to ensure POP AI continues to have a strong voice in legislative and judicial policy.

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

I believe the most important issue to probation is the upcoming sentencing reforms. These reforms will undoubtedly result in significant changes to probation, as we most likely will see increased caseloads, while receiving little if any additional resources. New caseload measures, implementation of Incentives and Sanctions, and Evidence Based Practices will help from a supervision standpoint, but clearly, probation in the State of Indiana will need strong leadership to guide the profession in the future. POP AI has established itself as a respected voice of reason and has done so by electing individuals who are committed to ensuring the profession remains strong. If given the opportunity to serve as District 2 representative, I will work hard to make sure POP AI remains the leading voice in probation matters and remains influential in effecting positive change throughout the profession.

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 POPAI 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 POP AI 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.

Attendance at POP AI meetings and participating on various committees will not be an issue. Both myself and my Chief view POP AI as an important function of probation in Indiana. I can make accommodations in my schedule to allow for POP AI related meetings/activities.

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:

Steve Keele

From: Eric Zimmerman
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 10:41 AM
To: Steve Keele
Subject: POPAI

To Whom It May Concern:

This shall be official notification that Steve Keele will be able to attend POPAI Board meetings as needed.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Eric Zimmerman
Director of Court Services/Chief Probation Officer
Allen Circuit Court/Allen County Adult Probation