

- b. Other legislative suggestion. Judge Cordingly, Marion Municipal Court, has asked that extension of terms for judges of the Marion Municipal Court from 4 years to 6 years be considered. The Metropolitan Courts Committee has asked the association to look into the abolishment of all special judge and venue fees, a substantial increase in the state portion of trial judges' salaries, and redrafting of the case management bill. Certain judges, who were formerly magistrates, have urged that their time in the P.E.R.F. program as magistrates be transferable to the judicial retirement program. These are some of the items which the officers will examine at their retreat on June 21 and 22.
5. Probation Report.
- a. Workload measurement. Mr. Bercovitz reported that Brian Bemus of National Institute of Corrections is working with the Center on a proposal to bring back to the Board for the measurement of caseload and workload.
  - b. Amendment of minimum salary schedule. Judge Zore stated that the Board needed to consider the amendment of the salary schedule for probation officers in accordance with the agreement of the Indiana Judges' Association and the Indiana Association of Counties made during the past legislative session. Judge Zore explained that the Indiana Association of Counties had made a concerted effort to strip the Judicial Conference of the authority to set minimum probation officers' salaries. In order to avert this action, Judge Yelton, acting on behalf of the judges' association, agreed that, for one year, the minimum increase in these salaries would be the same as the increase for other county employees. Judge Zore read the exact wording used by Judge Yelton. Judge Zore said that the Chief Justice and Judge Harris, as Chairman of the Probation Committee, approved of the wording and concurred in the agreement. In return for the judges' agreement, the counties' association agreed to withdraw its efforts to strip the Judicial Conference of this authority and to join the judges' association in promoting state subsidy of probation officers' salaries in the next legislative session.

A lengthy and detailed discussion of the amendment of Section 4 of the minimum salary schedule for probation officers followed. Judge Ratliff moved that Section 4 be amended by deleting its present language and substituting therefor the language specified by Judge Yelton, to wit:

In each county the salary schedule shall be increased in subsequent years by no less than the percentage increase approved for the majority of employees for that county if the increase is based upon a percentage, the specific dollar amount approved for the majority of employees for that county

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if the increase is based upon a specific dollar amount rather than a percentage, or the average increase provided to all county employees if the increase is based upon a salary classification schedule not premised upon a specific dollar amount or a percentage.

The motion was duly seconded. Judge Morton moved to amend the main motion by inserting certain words so that Section 4 would read as follows [language to be inserted by the motion to amend underlined]:

In each county the salary schedule shall be increased in subsequent years by no less than the percentage increase approved for the majority of employees for that county if the increase is based upon a percentage, the specific dollar amount approved for the majority of employees for that county if the increase is based upon a specific dollar amount rather than a percentage, any combination thereof approved for the majority of employees for that county, or the average increase provided to all county employees if the increase is based upon a salary classification schedule not premised upon a specific dollar amount or a percentage.

The motion to amend was duly seconded. Judge Ratliff and the member seconding the main motion accepted this amendment. The motion as amended was unanimously carried.

6. Education Report. Cathy Springer distributed a tentative conference schedule through December 1991 and a tentative agenda for the 1990 annual conference. She briefly described plans for the annual meeting. As per direction from the Supreme Court, 12 Continuing Legal Education credit hours will be offered at the annual conference.
7. Staff Agency Report. Mr. Glass reported the following:
  - a. Office move. The Center will move its offices the last week in June to 101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1110, in downtown Indianapolis.
  - b. Court reporters' conference. Judge Richert, Pulaski Circuit Court, has completed plans for a court reporters' conference at Valparaiso University on June 15. A copy of the program was distributed to the Board members. Mr. Glass hopes that this will be a pilot project which will be emulated elsewhere. Judge Richert deserves kudos for the time, effort and thought that has gone into this project.
  - c. New trial court districts. The Chief Justice has reported that the Supreme Court has adopted Map I for reconfiguration of the trial court districts for the Judicial Conference as recommended by this Board. However, it needed clarification as to what Marion County courts constituted Districts 10 and 11, respectively.