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MEMORANDUM

TO: IPDC Board

FROM: Bernice A. N. Corley

DATE: June 8, 2020

RE: IPDC App development

Background:

Publications Committee Report/Board Discussion, Action

- At April 25, 2019 meeting, Publications committee reported out the following ideas regarding an application:

Publications (Christopher Shema) the committee is going to circulate a mission statement. Had a general discussion about having quick hits / applications where people can download to cell phones for bond hearings, here is your statute, here is the Supreme Court case. Maybe have a copy of rule 26. Something that is concise and immediately available to the touch. Also discussed updating the trial pamphlet from 2016, with the trial objections, he feels that a lot of our members don't know that that is around and he finds it valuable.

- At the July 19, 2019 meeting, Publications committee reported:

Trial objections rule – trial objections outline converted into a mobile app (see handout to see what it could look like). The development side isn't difficult because it is basic information and he estimated about 20 hours to develop this app. It will be written in a web based format then packaged into a mobile application using some of the adobe software. Other costs associated with it is distribution requires a developer license to post stuff and make the applications available on IOS devices. The license is about \$99.00 a year. State of Indiana has one through Indiana interactive however it might be better to have our own pending on if this is going to be available for a charge or for free. It will be fully functioning off line so there is no need for an internet connection. The second app is just as simple and is a credit time calculator converted over exactly what is on the website now but converted over to an offline version that you can use on your phone. Between the two to get them developed and tested should be about 40 hours.

Jennifer Sturges stated that if a committee is making a motion then there is no need for a second to this motion. Hill, Kasich, Martin, Owens, Shema, Spolarich, Sturges, and Shircliff all approved motion to create apps. Hennessy abstained. Motion passed.

- At the Retreat, September 2019, Publications committee reported:

Updates in Technology. Christopher Shema brought up the app developed by Michael Wilson. The app in his opinion is great; however, it needs a little bit of fine tuning to make it really useful. It needs to be searchable. Bernice Corley agrees with this she just wants the board to know that Michael Wilson will get to that; however, she needs to manage his contract due to the amount that was modified in his contract last year. Christopher Shema wants everyone to download the app, play with it, start saying what you like what you don't like. With it being a free standing brand new tool.

Current state of the App and IPDC expenditures

As of the most recent invoice submissions, 88.5 hours have been spent on the development of the App with a total cost of \$3,540.00. The App has Indiana Trial Objections, Indiana Rules, Credit Time Calculator, and Sentencing Information.

Current Request before the Board:

Board action in 2019, based on Publication Committee's recommendation was for the development of an App which contained Trial Objections and a Credit Time calculator.

Chris Shema request the following additions be made:

- Rules of Judicial Conduct – need added (3 hours cost)
- Rules of Access to Courts are new – need added (3 hours cost)
- Indiana Administrative rules – need added (3 hours cost)
- US Constitution and the State Constitution – needs added (3 hours cost)

There is an issue of search-ability – would like to have a word search for certain items.

Michael Wilson's estimate for the above is :

IPDC INcourt Mobile Application Update Proposal

1. Add New Rules (~10 hours) a. Judicial Conduct (~3 hours) b. Rules on Access to Court Records (~3 hours) c. Indiana Administrative Rules (~3 hours);
2. Update Old Rules (~3-4 hours);
3. Add Search Functionality (~25-30 hours);
4. Package, testing, and updating Application in App Markets (~10 hours) All updates require number 4. This is the time it takes to package the code up into an app, install it on test devices and verify it works correctly, and then sign and update the application to the markets. Thus, anytime an update is requested, even as minor as fixing a typo, will require number 4. Total: ~48-54 hours @ \$40/hr = \$1,920 - \$2,160

