



STATE OF IOWA

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IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
RALPH ROSENBERG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Iowa Civil Rights Commission Meeting –June 19th 2007 Grimes Office Building –ICRC offices –

- I. Present: Alicia Claypool, Connie Gronstal, Rich Eychaner, Debbie Gitchell ; Tim Tutt; Rick Morain; also Ralph
- II. Iowa Civil Rights Commission ---Approval of May 31 Minutes. Accepted as received.
- III. Executive Director's Report –
- IV. Consideration of positions on immigration proposals before Congress—see attached
 - a. Rich noted how it covers the human rights perspectives
 - b. Debbie wished it was shorter—what are we going to do with this?
 - c. Alicia explained it would be shared with the federal delegation
 - d. Connie asked if there should be sanctions against employers who would hire undocumented immigrants? Connie would have a difficult time repealing sanctions
 - e. Connie moves to approve as amended. Seconded by Debbie
 - f. Alicia notes that further editions would be appropriate.
 - g. An op-ed piece would be appropriate.
 - h. Appointments with federal delegation would be appropriate.
 - i. By voice vote, this passes unanimously
- V. Consideration of position on proposed rule changes from the Iowa Dept. of Education on the human relations coursework.
 - a. DRAFT PROPOSAL--ICRC supports strong multi-cultural curriculum. ICRC supports the maintaining the strongest commitment to human relations training for our K-12 system. The 2000 cases ICRC annually receives speak of (at least) 2000 instances of where Iowans believe they were not treated with dignity and where human relations training could have been very helpful. These are expectations we push throughout the private and public sectors. Our commission has similarly pushed for diversity training for state leaders.
 - b. Debbie moves to accept this proposal to present tomorrow. Rick seconds.
 - i. Voice vote passes unanimously.
- VI. Next Meeting Date and Location—
- VII. Adjournment

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **August 9-19** –Iowa State Fair..Never too early to bookmark those dates. At the State Fair, we will have a table, as we have done in the past. And Commissioners have helped staff the table, along with stakeholder groups and representatives from local and federal civil rights groups. We frequently schedule one of our Commission meetings over this period of time as well. **To sign up:** <http://www.freewebs.com/iowacivilrights/>
 - **Look for “state fair volunteers” on left hand side**
2. **Hold Oct. 2--** The Governors Office is planning a training session for all 2007 Board and Commission appointees, Board Administrators and Board chairs. IGOV has tentatively selected Tuesday, October 2nd .