

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
NOTES**

February 25, 1998

PRESENT: Lynn Blevins, Greg Davis, Dick Fishel, Ray Fountain, Tony LaGatta, Ron McDougall, Jim McFaddin, Linda Randi, Ed Russell, Connie Martin

Mr. Blevins called the meeting to order and indicated that he would act as Facilitator for the discussions. He suggested looking at the By-laws for possible revisions one Article at a time.

ARTICLE I - NAME:

Mr. Fishel suggested that the name of the organization be the "Private Industry Council/Workforce Development Board of St. Lawrence County ." Mr. Russell suggested that since other PICs have names that have nothing to do with the legislation (Access Consortium, etc.), the issue of the name of the organization be opened up to the entire Council for thought and suggestions.

ARTICLE II - AUTHORIZATION:

Mr. Fishel pointed out that there is no legislation to support a Workforce Development System. He suggested adding "and the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators" to the statement in Article II.

ARTICLE III - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

There was considerable discussion about the lack of legislation to support a Workforce Development Board and how that hampers our ability to revise the By-laws. Mr. LaGatta felt that we could revise them in any way that we want to, bearing in mind that we must operate as a Private Industry Council until there is new legislation. Mr. Fishel suggested that the committee review the resolution passed by the Board of Legislators establishing a Workforce Development Board and use some of the wording in the resolution.

Paragraph 1:

Mr. Fishel suggested weaving in some of the wording about partnership, cooperation, etc. between county agencies. Mr. Russell pointed out that paragraph 1 specifically refers to JTPA legislation. He felt we could add to it, but could not delete anything with the exception of the name change.

Paragraph 2:

It was suggested that the last word (Program) should be plural (Programs).

Paragraph 3:

It was suggested that after the words job opportunities in line 4 we should delete “for the unemployed, underemployed and economically disadvantaged” and say instead “St. Lawrence County residents.” There was considerable discussion. Mr. Russell suggested that we divide this paragraph into two parts: one that the PIC/WDB will insure that the private sector is involved in developing government and institutional training programs; and the second stating that the PIC/WDB will partner with the private sector in creating job opportunities for St. Lawrence County residents. Mr. Russell also felt that we must add something about the PIC/WDB and its relationship to the One- Stop Career Center.

Paragraph 4:

After some discussion the following wording was suggested: “The Council (or new name) will carry out publicly funded employment and training programs as instructed by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators in accordance with, but not limited to the provisions in the administrative agreement between the Private Industry Council and the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators dated September 28, 1983.

ARTICLE IV - FUNDING:

Mr. LaGatta suggested that in the first paragraph the word “Partnership” be deleted and that the paragraphs be reversed. Article IV would then read:

1. The Council may participate in mutually beneficial programs which are entirely or jointly funded by other public or private sector agencies, institutions or corporations.
2. Funding for operations and programs shall be provided by the County as Job Training Act grant recipient from funds allocated by the Governor to the Service Delivery Area under the Job Training Act regulations.

C. Martin
5:00 p.m.
February 25, 1998