ISBE HEARING OFFICER TRAINING AGENDA
January 31, 2014
Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago

8:30 – 9:00    Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15    Comments and Updates            Lyn Beekman and Andy Eulass

9:15 – 10:30   Stay Put                         Perry Zirkel

    Perry will review the basic applicable legal principles relating to IDEA’s stay-put provision, with special emphasis on Seventh Circuit and Illinois case law. His session will include a practical analytical framework for determining what the child’s stay-put is in most cases.

10:30- 10:45   Break

10:45 – 12:00  Ethical Issues for IHOs           Mary Andreoni

    Mary will address some of the ethical questions confronting IHOs, most notably whether a non-attorney advocate can “represent” a party in an IDEA hearing. She will also discuss whom an IHO can talk with regarding a pending matter. Time will be reserved for additional questions.

12:00 – 1:00   Lunch and Open Session           Lyn Beekman

    This open session will provide the opportunity for questions from the new IHOs and guidance from the experienced IHOs and trainers in avoiding or resolving problems. Lyn will facilitate the discussion.

1:00 – 2:30    Implementing the ASPs             Deusdedi Merced

    Deusdedi will lead a discussion of some considerations in implementing the new ASPs, including what they are and are not, why all IHOs general utilization of them is important, how they should generally be used and whether and how they should be cited. Given their importance, a substantial amount of time is being reserved to deal with any questions pertaining to their implementation, including use of the various forms now on SEDS. Andy and Lyn will also offer perspectives on certain practices.

2:30– 2:45     Break

2:45 – 4:30    Implementing the ASPs (continued)