**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** IPDC Board

**FROM:** Bernice A. N. Corley, Executive Director

**DATE:** March 4, 2021

**RE:** Gideon/Gault Award nominations

At the time of this memo, there is only one nomination which has been submitted. The timeline for 2021 award nominations was:

* Friday, February 12th – March 5th.

This timeframe provided 4 more days than 2020’s time frame.

**Updated Time Frame and Process**:

An announcement has gone out informing membership that the timeline has been extended to April 28th. Once the window closes, staff will provide the nominations to the Board in enough time to give the Board the weekend to review the nominations before the May 6th scheduled Board meeting.

The Board will deliberate over the nominations at the May meeting. A decision at this meeting is critical as the vendor requires 30 days to create the plaque. Which, if the Board determination is made on May 6th, if the vendor takes the full time, the plaque will be available for pick up June 5th, only a few weeks before the Annual Update. This leaves little time for coordinating the recording of the acceptance of the award and editing it for presentation.

**Future considerations**:

In an effort to increase nominations, what about broadening the qualifications of those who can make a nomination?

For nominations of PDs who represent parents in CHINS/TPR matters, should the nomination be under Gault or Gideon? This decision will inform the update of the awards to clear up any confusion.