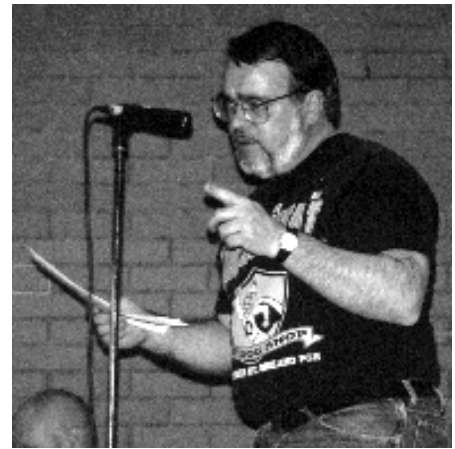




Harry Liller asks **Marshall Hynes**, "How do you discipline police officers that commit brutal acts?" T. O'Donnell photo.

Citizens speak out

Audience members
pepper debaters
with lively questions
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19, 1997 CRB debate



Jonathan Seaver asks **Sala Udin**, "Why would a board that is appointed by the mayor be effective?" T. O'Donnell photo.

QUESTION (as it will appear on the May 20, 1997 referendum)

Shall the City of Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter be amended by adding the following sections to Article Two?

228. Independent Citizen Review Board. There is established an Independent Citizen Review Board, composed of seven members reflecting Pittsburgh's diversity, for the purpose of receiving, investigating and recommending appropriate action on complaints regarding police misconduct and for the purpose of improving the relationship between the police department and the community. The members shall serve four year staggered terms and serve until the appointment of their successors. Four of the seven appointments shall be made from a list of nine nominations submitted to the Mayor by City Council. Members shall be residents of the City, shall not be employed by the City or any of its Authorities, and shall serve without compensation.

229. Powers of Independent Citizen Review Board. The Board shall:

- Investigate selected complaints filed by individuals alleging police misconduct.
- Establish a mediation program pursuant to which a complainant may voluntarily choose to resolve a complaint by means of informal conciliation.
- Provide advice and recommendations to the Mayor and the Chief of Police on policies and actions of the Police Bureau, including recommendations on police training, hiring and disciplinary policies and specific recommendations of discipline for individual officers; provided, however, the Mayor and the Chief of Police shall retain full and ultimate authority to set disciplinary policies or take other actions deemed appropriate relative to the Police Bureau.
- Hold public hearings, subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, administer oaths, take the testimony of any person under oath and in connection therewith require the production of evidence relating to any matter under investigation or any questions before the Board and do all other things necessary to fulfill its purpose.
- The Board shall employ and supervise a staff including a solicitor, as necessary. The Board shall adopt procedures and rules necessary to fulfill its purpose. City Council may by ordinance adopt regulations to effectuate this Charter provision.



Joe Panzino (left) shakes hands with **Dan Onorato** (right) following the debate. **Bianca Huff** is in the foreground, to the left. Photo T. O'Donnell

230. Response to Recommendations of Independent Citizen Review Board. Within thirty (30) days of submission of a recommendation by the Board to the Mayor and the Chief of Police, they shall respond in writing as to whether such recommendations are accepted, rejected or will be implemented with modifications.