

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS & POLICE CHIEFS

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
ROOM 206AB  
SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER  
MAY 21, 2019 | 4:30 pm



## CALL TO ORDER

President Ken Thomas called the Board meeting to order at 4:30 PM. There was a quorum present with the following Board members in attendance:

President - Chief Ken Thomas, Des Moines PD	Chief Gary Jenkins, Pullman PD
President-Elect - Sheriff John Snaza, Thurston County	Sheriff Bill Benedict, Clallam County
Sheriff Rick Scott, Grays Harbor County	Chief Steve Crown, Wenatchee PD
Vice President - Chief Craig Meidl, Spokane PD	Sheriff Jim Raymond, Franklin County
Sheriff Brian Burnett, Past President	Chief John Batiste, WSP
Mark Couey, CIU, Office of the Insurance Commissioner	Brett Vance, Secretary-Treasurer, Montesano PD
Raymond P. Duda, SAC, FBI Seattle	

The following WASPC staff were in attendance:

- Steve Strachan
- Kim Goodman
- James McMahan
- Mike Painter
- John McGrath
- Deb Gregory
- Jamie Weimer
- Joan Smith

The following guests were in attendance:

- Chief Pete Fisher, Fife PD
- Chief Chuck Spoor, Raymond PD
- Chief Greg Cobb, Union Gap PD
- Sue Rahr, CJTC
- Derek Zable, CJTC
- Chief John Dyer, Lake Stevens PD
- Chief Ed Holmes, Mercer Island PD

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President Thomas called for a motion to approve the March 26, 2019 Executive Board meeting minutes.

**Motion: Sheriff Bill Benedict moved to approve the minutes as written. Sheriff John Snaza seconded. The motion carried.**

## **REPORTS**

### Finance & Personnel Committee

All statements are presented through March 31, 2019.

Overall, YTD expenses are in line with YTD revenues. No concerns.

#### Page 1 – Statement of Financial Position

- Cash balance adequate for daily operations.
- Investments include a \$50K in deposits made in early 2019. The remaining increase is unrealized gain due to market fluctuations.

#### Page 2 – Statement of Activities

Grant revenues and expenses fluctuate throughout the year. Review of the individual programs determine the figures are in line with expectations. \$700K less in federal grant revenues to date. Timing of various grant years and also the different requirements are factors in the fluctuations. The state grant revenues are lower through March primarily due to the timing of the WATPA grant expenditures and the first quarter of address verification quarterly payments.

#### Sales & Other Revenues –

New and Remodeled School Mapping Revenues restarted in 2018. Staff continues to work closely with the ESDs to coordinate training and encourage usage of the program.

#### Page 3 – Functional Expenses

- Professional Fees – Many of our programs have annual contracts which include one-time payments for the fiscal year. This results in prepaid professional fees for the Jail Booking and Reporting System, SAVIN, Sex Offender Website and a few others.

**Motion: Director Mark Couey moved to approve the financial report and checkbook disbursements as submitted. Sheriff Rick Scott seconded. The motion carried.**

### Approval of Accredited Agencies—Mike Painter

Mike Painter, WASPC Director of Professional Services, introduced Chief Pete Fisher of Fife PD as the new Chairman of the Accreditation/Professional Services Committee. We have one newly accredited agency – Walla Walla PD, and three reaccredited agencies – Anacortes PD, Bothell PD and Des Moines PD. The Commission is recommending approval of these accreditations to the Executive Board.

**Motion: Chief John Batiste moved to approve. Sheriff Bill Benedict seconded. The motion to approve carried.**

### Executive Board Elections

There are several openings on the Board this year. The Sheriffs have an opening for the Vice President and a Sheriff at-large. The Sheriffs nominated Sheriff Rick Scott from Grays Harbor County as the Vice President and Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht from King County for the at-large position. For the Chiefs, President Thomas appointed Chief Ed Holmes from Mercer Island to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee as Chief Chuck Spoor from Raymond is one of the candidates for the open Chief at-large position. There were five Chiefs who indicated their interest in this position. There will be elections on Thursday during the General Business meeting.

### Executive Director Update—Steve Strachan

- Use of Force reporting – Currently use of force reporting to the FBI is voluntary. It is important that agencies do this reporting. This reporting started several years ago by the FBI as a pilot. As of January 1, 2019, it is now an officially approved program by the OMB at the federal level. Still voluntary. The FBI is working to get greater participation to garner more robust data via the FBI's portal. It is only statistical information that is gathered. Right now, the data collected is strictly for police agencies. Once an agency signs off, there is a host of training that can be accessed through the FBI's portal. Steve noted that there will be an FBI representative at the Thursday General Business meeting to discuss why this is so important. It is also important we embrace this and begin reporting the data which may help us avoid having the state mandate this on law enforcement by the state Attorney General's Office.
- I-940 Rulemaking –The reference to I-940 being sunsetted and will now be referred to as the Law Enforcement Community Safety Act. There will be a meeting of the CJTC on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 205 of the Convention Center to take more public input. The rules will be formally adopted on 6/6/2019 by the CJTC. CJTC has taken WASPC's input into account as it has moved through the public input process. This will complete the first round related to training. The second stage will be focused on outside independent investigations with approval of those rules taking place at the end of 2019. Steve will keep the Board updated as any new information is provided. Sue Rahr from CJTC commented that Director Strachan has done a great job of representing WASPC in this process.
- Grants and Programs Update – Governor Inslee signed the budget today. For the Mental Health Field Response Program, funding has again been provided for the next two years for \$1.5M each year. However, Trueblood has impacted that money. A million dollars of that \$1.5 will go to three specific geographic areas of the state.
- LEAD Program – This program gets the most chronic of offenders off the street and into long-term treatment. It will get a full-time case worker that will work with the

Prosecutors' Office. It is funded at \$1.2M for each of the next two years. The grant will be administered by WASPC. WASPC will hire a staff person to administer this grant.

- WASPC Logo – Steve presented a new logo and several examples of a new WASPC letterhead for the Board's information. It will be rolled out over time.

#### Good of the Order

Sheriff John Snaza asked if there was a way that WASPC could be involved in people getting certified through a program stating they have taken firearms training. Lewis County developed a program that they use with their citizens. Sheriff Snaza suggested WASPC could provide a certificate rather than this being the responsibility of individual Sheriff Offices. Chief Ken Thomas noted that there is an FFL in this state that offers this training for free. Steve Strachan explained that this could insert WASPC into the I-1639 issue where we currently do not have any authority and could present a significant liability issue for us. Sheriff Snaza asked that Steve look at the potential ramifications of this and report back to the Board after conferring with legal counsel.

#### Committee Update—Kim Goodman

Based on discussions at past Executive Board retreats about committees, we have engaged in an effort to review our current committees with respect to their activities, both during and outside of the conferences, explore the committee membership and any related challenges, and lastly to attempt to find ways to encourage more robust involvement.

Staff has connected with other state associations to solicit information on how they conduct committees to get creative ideas to promote committee involvement.

Most committees hold meetings strictly at the conferences. A select few meet more frequently based on specific topics or need; Legislative Committee, Traffic Safety Committee, Model Policy Committee, Public Trust Committee, etc.

Deb Gregory has updated our current website and created individual pages for each standing committee. The page provides information for people trying to learn more about any given committee. The pages have contact information for the committee chairs, a brief description of the committee, a link to the most recent committee charter and any other documents provided by the committee chairs.

Ultimately we hope the committee pages will be informational for members and that they will also act as a centralized resource center for the committee chairs and members. One challenge we have found is targeting committee information to those who are interested versus an email GTWO type blast which may get lost in the noise of the many emails members receive.

We recently piloted a self-subscribe service for the Model Policy committee. During the next few months, we plan to use this self-subscribe service for all of our current standing committees. The benefit to 'refreshing' the current standing committees; We will have a up to date list of interested members and we believe this will give us valuable information when we review the

standing committees at the Executive Board retreat as to whether or not we should keep or terminate certain committees.

#### Approval of Membership

WASPC's Membership Committee submitted the latest list of membership applications for the Board's review and approval. All member applications have been endorsed by their sponsors.

**Motion: Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve the membership applications and Life Member nomination as submitted. Sheriff Bill Benedict seconded. The motion to approve carried.**

#### Next Meeting Dates

September 12-13, 2019 at the Alpen Rose Inn in Leavenworth. More details will be coming on that. November 19, 2019 at Campbell's Resort in Chelan as part of the fall conference.

President Thomas noted that this is Sheriff Burnett's last official meeting as a Board member. He thanked Sheriff Burnett for his time and dedication to serving on the Board.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory  
Executive Assistant  
WASPC