



### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TRAINING ROOM | 3060 WILLAMETTE DRIVE NE | LACEY, WA 98516  
In Person & GoTo Meeting Formats  
June 23, 2020 | 10:00 AM

#### CALL TO ORDER

President John Snaza opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. There was a quorum present, most via conference call, with the following Board members participating:

President John Snaza, Thurston County Sheriff's Office	President-Elect Craig Meidl, Chief, Spokane PD (by phone)
Chief Steve Crown, Wenatchee PD (by phone)	Sheriff Bill Benedict, Clallam County (by phone)
Vice President Sheriff Rick Scott, Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office (by phone)	Chief Gary Jenkins, Pullman PD
Chief Ken Thomas, Past President, Des Moines PD	Treasurer, Chief Brett Vance, Montesano PD (by phone)
Chief John Batiste, Washington State Patrol	Special Agent in Charge Ray Duda, FBI Seattle (by phone)

The following WASPC staff were in attendance:

- Steve Strachan
- Kim Goodman
- James McMahan (by phone)
- John McGrath (by phone)
- Jamie Weimer (by phone)
- Mike Painter (by phone)
- Deb Gregory

The following guest was in attendance by GoTo meeting:

- Chief Peter Fisher, Fife Police Department

#### CALL TO ORDER

Approval of 3/17/2020 and 3/27/2020 Meeting Minutes

**Sheriff Rick Scott moved to approve both sets of meeting minutes. Chief Brett Vance seconded. The motion to approve carried.**

#### CONSIDER POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WASPC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The proposed policy document has been prepared using the Executive Board on the letterhead as it will exist at the conclusion of the General Business meeting on June 23, 2020.

Steve Strachan has discussed the content of these policy recommendations on law enforcement

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reforms with all of the Executive Board. It was also discussed with the WASPC Legislative Committee on June 16, 2020. There was very good attendance at that meeting and great feedback. Steve also brought the proposed policy document to the Washington State Sheriffs' Association at their meeting on June 22, 2020 for review and comment. The next step in this process if the Board approves this document will be for James McMahan to take it to a meeting with legislative leadership on June 24, 2020. Following that, the letter will be sent to the Governor and all members of the House and Senate. It will also be sent to WASPC membership for use in whatever manner they may choose. WASPC would not make any further comments about the document.

President Snaza asked if there were any comments or questions on the letter. Chief Steve Crown suggested that in the third paragraph where it mentions prosecution of law enforcement misconduct, that it be reworded to remove any reference to prosecution as this is not within WASPC's purview. Board members agreed with that rewording.

**Motion: Chief Steve Crown moved to accept the letter, as amended, by removing reference to prosecution. Sheriff Rick Scott seconded. The motion to approve as amended carried.**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

- Steve Strachan advised the Board that member Chief Rod Covey was placed on administrative leave by the Port of Seattle due to an internal matter. Such placement makes him ineligible to serve during the period of the administrative leave. The Board position is vacant. Chief Covey will advise if the leave exceeds 30 days. If it does not, WASPC will hold the position vacant so that he may be reappointed to the position. If it becomes longer than 30 days, Chief Covey has advised that he will resign his position and it will then be up to the WASPC President to appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term.
- Budget Update – WASPC has been asked to look at a 15% budget cut. WASPC staff have discussed this and have made some plans. There are several increases that are still contained in the budget, and some of those will be on hold.

School mapping has been an on-going issue for WASPC. The issue is now reaching conclusion. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) needs to decide what they want to do and whether it is a program of value to them. At a recent legislative hearing about this, they stated they have no interest in the program. WASPC is preparing a letter to OSPI seeking their decision on whether they want to take this program over. If not, WASPC plans to discontinue it.

The Board earlier had approved funding for executive leadership training. That has been put on hold for now.

#### **ACCREDITATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENCY ACCREDITATION**

Chief Pete Fisher, Chair of the Accreditation Commission was on the webinar, but was unable to get his microphone working. Mike Painter, Director for Professional Services, provided the

recommendations. Nine agencies were up for review by the Commission at their meeting on June 18, 2020. All nine were approved for either accreditation or reaccreditation as follows:

- Bellingham Police Department
- College Place Police Department (new)
- Fife Police Department
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office
- Lake Forest Park Police Department
- Lake Stevens Police Department (new)
- Office of the Insurance Commissioner
- Sequim Police Department
- Spokane County Sheriff's Office

On behalf of the Accreditation Commission, Mike recommended that the Executive Board approve these nine agencies.

**Motion: Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve all agencies presented. Chief Craig Meidl seconded. The motion to approve carried.**

The SCORE Jail requested an extension of their accreditation due to COVID-19. The Accreditation Commission denied their request. Chief Ken Thomas asked why when we're trying to get more agencies accredited. Mike explained the rationale of the Commission and why they took that action. It still gives SCORE until October 1 to make application for accreditation in 2021. Then, if they still aren't quite ready, they will have more time to meet all of the necessary requirements.

This meeting is Sheriff Bill Benedict's last one as an E-Board member. He said it's been a pleasure serving with so many professionals and enjoyed his time. It is also Chief Ken Thomas' last meeting as a Board meeting and he echoed Sheriff Benedict's comments on the professionalism of the WASPC membership and the Association.

There being no further business to conduct, the Board adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory  
Executive Assistant