



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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November 17, 2020 | 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President Craig Meidl opened the meeting at 3:00 PM. There was a quorum present, with most everyone attending virtually. For those attending in person, social distancing guidelines were adhered to. The following Board members participated:

President Craig Meidl, Chief, Spokane PD	Past President, Sheriff John Snaza, Thurston County Sheriff's Office
Vice President Steve Crown, , Chief, Wenatchee PD	Sheriff Tom Jones, Grant County Sheriff's Office
President-Elect, Sheriff Rick Scott, Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office	Treasurer, Chief Brett Vance, Montesano PD
Chief Rafael Padilla, Kent PD	Chief Gary Jenkins, Pullman PD
David Trujillo, Director, WA State Gambling Commission	Chief John Batiste, Washington State Patrol
Chief Darrell Lowe, Redmond PD (via Teams)	Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht, King County Sheriff's Office

The following WASPC staff were in attendance:

- Steve Strachan (in person)
- Kim Goodman (in person)
- James McMahan (virtually and in person)
- John McGrath (virtually)
- Jamie Weimer (virtually)
- Mike Painter (virtually)
- Deb Gregory (virtually)
- Cynthia West (virtually)

The following guest was in attendance:

- Barbara Smith, WASPC Communications (virtually)
- Chief Peter Fisher, Fife Police Department (virtually)

Approval of 9/9/2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve the 9/9/2020 meeting minutes. Sheriff Rick Scott seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Finance & Personnel Committee Report

Check disbursements - For the period Sept 1 through Nov 11, 2020. Checks 42697 through 42850 totaling \$4,025,339.48.

Motion: Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve the financial report and the check disbursements. Sheriff Tom Jones seconded.

2021 General Fund Budget Proposal

Staff met with the Treasurer Vance to review the program level detail of the presented 2021 proposed budget. The presented budget is a roll-up summary of all General Fund programs.

Sales – FY21 presented with a 5% increase in monitoring revenue. The Correctional Services department has seen an increase in electronic monitoring services due to the COVID jail restrictions. There is also a corresponding 5% increase in the Cost of Goods (equipment rental fees).

Revenues – Overall, we are projecting a 14% decrease from our FY20 budget. We anticipate that the on-going coronavirus restrictions will have an impact on our conference revenue stream again next year. We are budgeting for modest sponsor revenues and minimal training session fees. Additionally, we are removing all Critical Incident Mapping revenue from the FY21 budget. This is in line with our communications with Legislators, OFM and the Governor's office as it relates to requesting the program be moved to the OSPI.

Salaries and Benefits- We removed the FY20 \$140,000 in salary and benefits for the Executive Development FTE. The training committee and staff have changed direction and are now considering the purchase of a virtual training platform rather than a staff position.

Operating Expenses-

The FY21 proposed budgets for operating expenses reflect the impact of coronavirus on the various lines of business. Additionally, \$100,000 has been added for the purchase of a virtual executive development training platform.

The proposed FY21 budget is reduced from FY20 by 45% for executive development and is presented as a potential operating loss of \$93,007. This proposed loss is directly associated to the investment in executive development and training adopted at the 2020 Fall WASPC Conference.

Motion: Sheriff Rick Scott moved to approve the budget as presented. Chief Rafael Padilla seconded. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Accreditation Commission Recommendations for Agency Accreditation

Chief Pete Fisher of the Fife Police Department and current Chair of the Accreditation Commission presented nine (9) agencies that were approved for reaccreditation or new accreditation at the November 10, 2020 Accreditation Commission meeting as follows:

Reaccrediting Agencies:

- Ellensburg PD
- Lacey PD
- Auburn PD

- Issaquah PD
- Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office
- Othello PD
- Kirkland PD
- SCORE Jail

New Accrediting Agency:

- Oak Harbor PD

Chief Fisher recommended that the Board approve these accreditations as presented.

Motion: Sheriff Tom Jones moved to approve the agencies for accreditation as presented. Sheriff John Snaza seconded. The motion carried.

Steve Strachan noted for the Board that everyone involved in the accreditation process has been actively working this past year even with the restrictions imposed due to COVID-19. The teams have found ways to work within those restrictions and have been staying very busy.

Scenes of Violence/Rescue Task Force Model Policy

James McMahan presented the new model policy on scenes of violence/rescue task force as previously approved by the Board. The overarching goal with this policy is to accomplish a common approach in framework and terminology for both law enforcement and the fire service. The Fire Chiefs Association intends to adopt an identical policy at its annual conference.

Motion: Sheriff Tom Jones moved to approve the model policy as presented. Chief Darrell Lowe second. The motion carried.

Update to the WASPC Model Policy on Sex Offender Registration

Every year or two, WASPC has updates to the Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Model Policy. The changes typically originate out of statutory changes or case law. In this instance, the Sex Offender Policy Board made a number of recommended changes to WASPC for consideration. Those recommendations are what drives the desire to update the policy at this time.

Motion: Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve the changes as submitted. Sheriff Rick Scott seconded. The motion carried.

Update to the WASPC Model Policy Regarding Officer-Involved—Critical Incident Investigations

The policy, as written, recommends things that are clearly no longer legal pursuant to passage of I-940. The E-Board already gave approval to update this policy. James is recommending that no updates get made until after the 2021 session as there will likely be more changes that come out of session. WASPC will pull this off the website and put it on the shelf until after the session has adjourned. Updates to the policy will be legally sound and follow best practices. No action required by the Board at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Approval of Membership

The WASPC Membership Committee, chaired by Chief Chuck Spoor of Raymond PD through written correspondence, submitted one (1) Active applications, eight (8) Associate applications, two (2) Affiliate applications and one (1) Life Member application, with a recommendation that the Executive Board approve all of them.

Motion: Chief Brett Vance moved to approve all applications as submitted. Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht seconded. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- At the November 18, 2020 General Business meeting, Steve Strachan will provide a brief overview on the current landscape in terms of our policy reform recommendations that were first released in May. The environment in which we're operating requires us to be both nimble and proactive instead of being reactive. Based on Board input and legislative input, it is a strategy and a direction that is not without risk but we believe is the best strategy to take. We're balancing substantive and thoughtful reforms that James will discuss in greater detail during his legislative report on Wednesday morning. It is a role that we've been in for quite some time.

Our focus to move forward is supporting the right people doing this job in the right way, and gaining greater public trust. This needs to be a job that good people want to do and go into.

- WASPC sent out information regarding mapping and changes that are being contemplated to OSPI and OFM several months ago. The Legislature needs to decide what they want to do with this program as a resolution on this has been needed for quite some time.
- Jay Tabb, former Seattle SAC, has moved back to the Pacific Northwest and is now working in the private sector. In talking with Steve Strachan, Jay noted he intends to apply for Associate membership in WASPC and is looking forward to re-engaging. Sheriff Rick Scott commented that Jay reached out to him seeking sponsorship for his application and Sheriff Scott indicated that he was very pleased to do so.
- Steve Strachan will provide a report to the general membership at the General Business meeting on Wednesday morning regarding the status and health of the LEOFF pension funds. The news is good. He will be giving this report on behalf of Chief Scott Bieber who is WASPC's representative on the LEOFF Board.
- CTJC 21st Century Policing Leadership Training – CJTC has been developing this training and are now piloting it. Parallel to this effort, WASPC is looking at a virtual leadership and management training platform as recommended by the Leadership Development Subcommittee. Sue Rahr and Steve have discussed this effort and both believe that leadership and management training is a missing element of our current training programs. These two issues are not mutually exclusive nor are they unrelated. Sue Rahr wants to make sure that the leadership and management training does not

replace the CJTC training requirements, but instead would be a supplement to.

- When there is a change in U.S. administration, the U.S. Attorneys in each district (western and eastern in WA state) are sometimes all asked to leave immediately. It happened in both the Clinton and Trump administrations. It did not in the Bush or Obama administrations. Steve Strachan drafted a letter to Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray, not as an endorsement, but in support of the work Washington State's U.S. Attorneys have done for us. Steve read the text of the letter to the Board and asked for their approval to send. President Meidl expressed great support for Bill Hyslop of the Eastern Region in Spokane. Dave Trujillo concurs and noted that both Brian Moran and Bill Hyslop have been very helpful to the state. He could not agree more with sending the letter. Sheriff Rick Scott said that Brian has been a great friend to law enforcement for many years. Sheriff Johanknecht agreed with Sheriff Scott and said Brian has been a great friend and supporter.

Steve thanked the Board members for their comments and support and will send the letters as soon as possible.

- WASPC has been working on some videos to provide information about the programs that we manage. Barbara Smith has been working on those. We're also doing one for our policy reform recommendations.
- KING5 TV has been doing a long-term story on body cameras. They have reached out to all agencies across the state to find out which agencies use this technology. Steve spoke with reporter Chris Ingalls and focused on the fact that the decision to use body cameras needs to be a local one. Board members may hear more about this in the coming weeks and months.

President Meidl expressed his concern and support to Sheriff Johanknecht on the shooting of the two King County Sheriff Deputies. The Sheriff reported that both are recovering from their injuries and are doing as well as can be expected. She said her team is doing well and with any officer involved injuries, have always rallied their support for the officers and their families.

Ray Duda, former SAC of the Seattle FBI office has taken another position at the FBI's Washington, D.C. office. The acting Seattle FBI SAC is Earl Camp. Sheriff Johanknecht will provide his contact information to Steve for distribution to Board members.

2021 Executive Board Proposed Meeting Schedule

- January 12, 2021 – WASPC Office
- March 16, 2021 – WASPC Office
- May 25, 2021 – Three Rivers Convention Center | Kennewick, WA
- September 8-9, 2021 – Retreat | Leavenworth, WA
- November 16, 2021 – Skamania Lodge | Stevenson, WA

The dates proposed are subject to any meeting restrictions that may be imposed due to COVID. We may have to schedule some of these as virtual meetings just as we did this year.

Motion: Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve the meeting schedule as proposed. Sheriff

Minutes Approved 1/12/2021

Tom Jones seconded. The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, **Chief Steve Crown moved to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht seconded. The motion carried.** The meeting concluded at 4:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory
Executive Assistant
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