



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

In Person & GoTo Webinar
March 16, 2021 | 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

President Craig Meidl opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. There was a quorum present, with everyone attending virtually except for President-elect Rick Scott and Treasurer Brett Vance, who joined the meeting in person. 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
Sheriff John Snaza, Thurston County Sheriff's Office	Chief Gary Jenkins, Pullman PD
David Trujillo, Director, WA State Gambling Commission	FBI SAC Don Voiret
Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht, King County Sheriff's Office	Sheriff James Raymond, Franklin County Sheriff's Office
Chief Darrell Lowe, Redmond PD	Chief John Batiste, Washington State Patrol

The following WASPC staff were in attendance:

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

The names of guests who registered to attend virtually are attached to these minutes.

President Meidl started by doing a verbal roll call for the minutes of those members present. He expressed his appreciation to WASPC for keeping members current on legislative bills and activity. He realizes it's been a trying year for everyone but said Steve Strachan, James McMahan and Sanjay Walvekar have been doing an amazing job. Each have been constructive in representing the views of the Board and the membership to the Legislature.

Approval of 1/12/2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chief John Batiste moved to approve. Chief Steve Crown seconded. The motion to approve carried.

REPORTS

Finance & Personnel Committee Report

Financial Statements emailed as addendum to board packet on 3/15/21.

Statement of Financial Position (page 1)

- Cash on hand includes funding received from State of Washington for vendor rate increases to programs including; UCR/IBR, Sex Offender Website, and Denied Firearm Transaction Reporting.
- Deferred revenues include annual service fees that span 2020 & 2021. Contracts for the VINE system, Sex Offender Website, CopLink – NIBRS repository, & Jail Booking and Reporting System. Also included is the ICAC task force funding for the city of Seattle.

Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets (Revenues) (page 2)

- Increases in Grant Revenues are attributed to new grant activity from the WA HCA Arrest and Jail Alternatives program, additional Mental Health Field Response team grants, increases funding for the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force and a vendor rate increase to state funded programs during the past legislative session
- Monitoring - The Correctional Services department saw an increase in electronic monitoring services due to the COVID jail restrictions. There is also a corresponding 10% increase in the monitoring expenses.
- The Sales category reflects both reduced LEMAP revenues and lower office lease income during 2020. COVID limited in-person activities and made traditional LEMAPs difficult. Three agencies temporarily delayed their LEMAP until 2021. The lease space in the WASPC building was vacant for most of 2020. In September, the Thurston County Prosecutor's Office and the Children's Advocacy Center of WA entered into a 10 month lease.

Statement of Functional Expenses (page 3)

- Salary/Benefit increases for 2020 include regular staff pay increases of 3%.
- Professional Fees line item includes additional \$775K paid to the ICAC task force.
- As a result of COVID-10, we saw expected reductions in utilities, travel and conference expense. We saw an increase in our supplies and telephone expenses due to small equipment purchases to aid with remote working for our staff.

Motion: Sheriff Rick Scott moved to approve the financial report. Sheriff Tom Jones seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Check disbursements are presented on pages 4-6 of the packet

For the period Jan 5 through Mar 14, 2021. Checks 43037 through 43197 totaling \$2,516,000.72.

Motion: Sheriff Rick Scott moved to approve the check disbursements as presented. Sheriff Tom Jones seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Other items:

The WASPC Grant committee received a grant request from Marysville Police Department. Upon review, the committee unanimously recommends approving a \$5000 grant to MPD for the purchase of AED's in each of their 40 vehicles. The grant information was also included in the finance addendum emailed Monday, pages 6-9.

Motion: Sheriff Tom Jones moved to approve. Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht seconded. The motion to approve the grant request from Marysville PD carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Confirmation of Executive Board Appointment

Executive Board members were provided with President Meidl's appointment letter to Chief Sam White of the Lower Elwha Police Department to fill the unexpired term of Director David Trujillo of the Gambling Commission, who is resigning from the Board effective March 31, 2021. Director Trujillo has accepted a new position with the State Board of Accountancy, which is a non-law enforcement agency.

Director Trujillo's position was to expire in May. Steve Strachan and the entire Board thanked Director Trujillo for his service on the Board. It has been a pleasure working with him. President Meidl congratulated Director Trujillo on the next chapter of his life saying he will be greatly missed and wished him much success in his new position.

Director Trujillo thanked President Meidl and the Board for the opportunity to serve and will miss everyone as he moves on.

President Meidl appointed Chief Sam White to fill this vacancy. Chief White comes highly recommended by Sheriff Bill Benedict of Clallam County. Chief White understands that he will need to stand for election at the May spring conference and is excited to be able to serve.

Motion: Sheriff Rick Scott moved to confirm Chief Sam White's appointment to the Board. Chief John Batiste seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Appointment of Accreditation Commissioners

At the January WASPC Executive Board meeting, Mike Painter inadvertently overlooked an additional Accreditation Commissioner whose three year term expired on December 31, 2020. Mike requested that Commander Randy Maynard be re-appointed to one of the three positions under the category of Accreditation Manager.

Commander **Randy Maynard (Kennewick PD)** is an experienced accreditation manager and has provided critical service to eastern Washington law enforcement agencies as an accreditation mentor and assessor over the past four years. Commander Maynard also regularly serves as a

LEMAP assessor and has traveled throughout the state in support of the LEMAP program. He has attended all scheduled Accreditation Commission meetings over the past three years. Commander Maynard has served one term on the Accreditation Commission.

Recommendation

Mike recommended that the WASPC Executive Board reappoint Commander Randy Maynard to the WASPC Accreditation Commission

Motion: Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve. Sheriff Tom Jones seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Mr. Painter reminded Board members with accredited agencies that by the first of May, their accreditation reports are due to his office. He suggested that Board members may want to check on their Accreditation Managers' progress on completing the report so it will arrive in Mr. Painter's office by the May 1, 2021 due date.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Accreditation – WASPC has been doing a series of short videos on a number of program topics and sharing with the membership. The accreditation video was just completed and posted to both WASPC's website and social media. It will be shared with the general membership later today.
- Spring 2021 Conference Update – For the May conference, Steve Strachan has had several conversations with President Meidl and President-elect Scott. Steve is now looking for input, or if we should be looking at this differently. We are hopefully planning to have an in-person conference at the Three Rivers Convention Center (TRCC) in Kennewick May 24-27, 2021. TRCC is ready, willing and looking forward to hosting us. Some things we are doing:
 - It will be more limited and different than what we're used to. First, were assuming the positive COVID trends downward continue. If the pandemic dynamic changes, we will have to amend our plan. At present, we continue to plan for in-person.
 - No vendor show. Too many logistics and too many unknowns. Kim Goodman is moving the vendor show to the fall conference at Skamania Lodge in November. Vendors have indicated they are very willing to work within whatever parameters we set and are very appreciative of our support.
 - We will cap the number who can attend. Currently looking at 210 maximum. This number is based on current circumstances that continue to change relatively quickly. We don't want to throw the doors open wide. We want to use an abundance of caution so attendees will feel safe and comfortable in attending.
 - Parameters and restrictions are rapidly evolving. As long as the data continues to go in a positive direction, we should be in a good position to hold an in-person event. If things get rapidly better, we may increase the cap but are sticking to 210

for now.

- If registration quickly exceeds 210, we will reassess as we move forward.
- There will not be a President's Reception, or Wednesday evening banquet. Lunches will be of the boxed variety so people can sit at widely spaced tables indoors or be encouraged to enjoy their lunch outdoors.
- Masks and social distancing will be required.
- Break-out sessions will be held in larger rooms and fewer seats available to maintain social distancing.
- We will communicate to members that for those who may wish to bring a spouse or guest, they will be welcome to do so, but guests will not be able to attend event functions or meals.

Sheriff Rick Scott asked if there was a Plan B. Steve responded that yes, we have several things under consideration if needed. (1) If the pandemic resurges, we will move to a virtual event or (2) push the live event to June or July in either Kennewick or Spokane. Steve believes we can continue planning for a live event in May. By mid-April, we will have enough of an idea to make a firm decision on in person in Kennewick or if we would need to push it out into the summer in Spokane or Kennewick, or do virtual.

- Other national conferences:
 - Western States Sheriffs Association – Meeting in Reno the second week of May.
 - IACP – Meeting in New Orleans in September.
 - NSA – Meeting in Phoenix in June.
- Legislative overview – Steve is very pleased with the hard work James McMahan is doing and having Sanjay as a resource has been very beneficial. Terrina Peterson continues to do a great job in getting information out to members on the Legislative E-List and serve as a resource to James and. Information continues to change rapidly.
- The Governor's budget at this point includes substantially more money for WASPC for mental health field response teams. There is no guarantee these will make it through to the final budget, but at this point, the budget has these items included. We continue to advocate for additional funds for our members to be able to access some of these programs. We will continue closely monitoring.
- On the issue of decriminalization (Blake case), the dollar amount currently being used by the Prosecutors Association on the costs of rapidly paying back the fines, redoing the sentences, and redoing the formulas for the sentences is \$100M. The Legislature not yet committed to start talking about those dollars and where they will come from. From Steve's perspective, he doesn't believe it's likely that the Legislature will address the constitutionality of the statute. They are not signaling that they are going in that direction. WASPC continues to advocate for addressing the constitutionality and making a commitment to the infrastructure for treatment. Sheriff Johanknecht asked if there was any discussion underway to request the Supreme Court's reconsideration or some redefining of that decision on what their intention was regarding legally coming across some illegal substances in a person's pocket and

whether law enforcement needs to save it and hold on to it. There are no definitive answers on that at this time. Many county prosecutors are looking at passing county ordinances that would make possession a violation either as a gross misdemeanor or a low grade felony. The Lewis County Prosecutor has already put such an ordinance in place. It is on the radar of both county prosecutors and county commissioners.

- CJTC – As of March 1, Sue Rahr has retired from the day-to-day operations of CJTC but will continue for several more months. Monica Alexander has been appointed Interim Executive Director. The CJTC Commissioners met in session last week to discuss the appointment process going forward.
- SB 5150 makes some very substantial changes to the make-up of the CJTC Commission to become predominantly a civilian board. There would be far fewer law enforcement representatives. There have been a number of changes made to the bill that WASPC has asked for that have been accepted in terms of suspension.
- CJTC is hosting two regularly scheduled rulemaking sessions dealing with 940.
- CJTC and SWAT – For many years, WASPC has had a liaison to the Washington State Tactical Officers Association (WSTOA). The current liaison is Chief Darr Kirk of Kelso. There was some on-going discussion where CJTC said they were no longer going to use WSTOA for basic SWAT training. That led to another discussion between WSTOA and CJTC, and based on that, there was a reset of basic SWAT training where WSTOA can continue to provide the training if they choose to and people can choose to use them for that purpose.
- Education and Training – For the past year and a half, WASPC has had funding set aside to enhance its education and training outreach efforts. Due to the pandemic, that funding was put on hold both for both budget reasons and too many other things going on. Steve noted that WASPC will continue to look at a virtual platform or some other way to increase its executive development capabilities over the next six months. The intent is after the legislative session concludes and there is a better idea of budget and organization, we will then be in a position to make more aggressive decisions on education and training.
- COVID update for jails – John McGrath has been meeting with Dr. Marc Stern and the jail managers on a regular basis. He has been receiving good feedback about these meetings. He has been working with the Department of Health on a weekly basis for assisting agencies that need help with vaccinations. Those agencies who had asked for additional assistance have now said they mostly have it handled with their local health departments. Most departments have been vaccinated or are starting. The 1B Phase starts on March 17 which includes law enforcement. John is continuing to work with agencies that still need assistance.
- Chief Ken Hohenberg has announced his retirement for spring 2022. The Chief was a long-time Board member and Past President of WASPC.
- Board elections – The following positions are up for election at the May spring conference:
 - Chief-at large – This is Chief Darrell Lowe’s position. Chief Lowe has indicated his desire to continue serving and will stand for reelection in May.
 - Sheriff-at large – This is Sheriff James Raymond’s position. Sheriff Raymond has

indicated his desire to continue serving and will stand for reelection in May.

- Active Member (Non-Municipal Chief) – This is departing Director Trujillo’s position which has just been filled by President Meidl’s appointment to fill the unexpired term with Chief Sam White of the Lower Elwha Police Department. Chief White has indicated he would like to remain on the Board when the term expires in May and will stand for election at the spring conference.
- Vice President – This time, it is for a Sheriff position. Sheriff Tom Jones has indicated he is willing to serve in that capacity and will stand for election in May.

At the State Sheriffs Association last week, the Sheriffs voted to unanimously nominate Sheriffs Raymond and Jones as their candidates for election by the membership, for the at-large position and the Vice President positions respectively.

If Sheriff Jones is elected Vice President, it will create a Board vacancy for a Sheriff at-large position. Then-President Scott will make that appointment.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Approval of Membership

Motion: Chief Steve Crown moved to approve the new member applications as submitted. Chief John Batiste seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion

- Chief Cherie Harris asked if WASPC would be willing to communicate to Chief Darr Kirk as WASPC’s Liaison to WSTOA, that WASPC’s Executive Board would be supportive of requesting CJTC sanction WSTOA’S SWAT training in addition to sanctioning tactical training through CJTC for purposes of consistency and risk management. This will give agencies the flexibility they need to attend one or the other course.

Steve Strachan will prepare a letter for President Meidl’s signature to Chief Darr asking that he communicate this request to CJTC. The Board concurred in having Steve prepare this letter.

- Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht shared that she will retire from the Sheriff’s Office on 12/31/2021 after 37 years in law enforcement. The Board congratulated her and looks forward to seeing her at the May conference.

There being no further business, **Sheriff Tom Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Rick Scott seconded. The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory

Executive Assistant
WASPC