

MCPA Board of Directors Meeting
April 17, 2014
MCPA Offices
1951 Woodlane Drive, Woodbury, Minnesota

In Attendance:

Gordon Ramsay, Andy Skoogman, Jeff McCormick, Hugo McPhee, Dan Hatten, Mike Goldstein, Rodney Seurer, Jeff Tate, David Bentrud, Tim Eggebraaten, David Ebinger, Cari Gerlicher, Jim Denny, Dan Hatten, Mike Risvold, Dan Carlson.

10:35 am Meeting was Called to Order by President Ramsey

Opening Invocation by Chaplain Dan Carlson

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was approved. Motion made by Dan Hatten and seconded by Hugo McPhee; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report, Cari Gerlicher, Deb Stockhill:

- Deb Stockhill announced that she would be leaving the position of the Associations accountant in May. She introduced Susan Engle who will be assuming her duties. Susan introduced herself and provided the Board with her background.
- Deb Stockhill reviewed the Financial Report and gave an update of the audit. No problems are anticipated with the audit and the final report is due in June.
- Check payments and bills for April were presented by Cari Gerlicher. Motion for approval of payment made by Dan Hatten and seconded by Jeff McCormick; the motion passed.

President's Report, President Gordon Ramsey:

- President Ramsey welcomed Andy Skoogman as our new Executive Director,
- Special recognition was given to Past President McCormick and all of the Board Members who had stepped up and filled in for the last couple of months following the unexpected loss of our Executive Director.
- The Executive Board Meetings that precede the regular Board Meeting will be discontinued in order to eliminate redundancy and to assure a more inclusive environment for decision making.
- Chief Eric Klang of Pequot Lakes was identified as having received the third highest vote total in the recent election for Director Positions held at ETI in April. He was nominated by President Ramsey to fill the interim position of Director left open when Chief Goldstein was elected to Third Vice President. A motion for Board approval of this nomination was made by Hugo McPhee and seconded by Tim Eggebraaten; the motion passed.
- A letter of support from the Association for Paul Schnell's appointment to the open position on the POST Board had been requested from President Ramsey. A motion was made by David Ebinger and seconded by Tim Eggebraaten that the letter be sent; the motion passed.
- POST issues that are of concern were addressed by President Ramsey. Areas specifically identified were; the impact of MNSCU on POST Board decisions, the adequacy of police candidates, Municipal Police Academies, and increasing diversity among police

candidates. A sub-committee was appointed by the President to look into these and other issues and present their findings to the Board. Members appointed to serve on the sub-committee were: Hugo McPhee, Dan Hatten, Dave Bentrud, Jim Denny, and Jeff McCormick.

- Another priority identified by President Ramsey was the need for mental health training among law enforcement personnel. Obtaining funding was identified as a goal in this area.
- CLEO Certification was also discussed with information provided by Andy Skoogman. In our discussions with POST we may anticipate some support but the Sheriff's Association still opposes CLEO Certification at this time. The Association will proceed with CLEO Certification even without the endorsement of POST.

Secretary Report, David Ebinger:

- Minutes from the March 31, 2014 Meeting were presented. Motion to accept was made by Dan Hatten and seconded by Cari Gerlicher; the motion passed.

Executive Director's Report, Andy Skoogman:

- **The Executive Directors Plan for the next 30 Days:**
 - Schedule the Strategic Planning Session with Cathy Perme, who will oversee the membership survey and the strategic plan report. The location for the meeting is between Moorhead and Detroit Lakes and the dates of June 22 and 23 were chosen.
 - Director Skoogman plans to meet with all of the regions and has scheduled attending the Regional Meetings.
 - He will also meet or has met with stakeholders such as Kathy Hahne at the Capital, Commissioner Dohman, and the Foundation Board.
 - Office Staff needs are being evaluated and it is anticipated that a full time employee with communications, outreach, and some training experience will be needed. Director Skoogman is developing a job description and discussed specifics including salary range and the need for a part-time clerical employee. It was also determined that the staff would work for the Board of Directors but was answerable to the Executive Director. A motion was made by Cari Gerlicher and seconded by Dan Hatten that Director Skoogman move forward with advertising and interviewing office staff as discussed with the Board. Final hiring will be subject to Board review and approval and final legal review of contracts. The motion passed.
 - Boxes that were left in the offices have been moved to storage. They will be inventoried and we will get rid of what we don't need and possibly reduce the size of the storage facility we are using.
 - We should get a full feedback on April's ETI next month.
 - Jim Franklin of the Sheriff's Association has request the Association to send a letter opposing the release of John A. Kirsch from prison. Director Skoogman was directed by President Ramsey to send the letter.

Foundation Report, Hugo McPhee:

- Vice President McPhee reminded the Board that the Foundation Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month and that all Chiefs are welcome to attend.

- The Foundation Board is currently revisiting their marketing and messaging.
- There are also plans to locate and hire an events planner for future Galas.

- **Legislative Update, Kathy Hahne (via phone):**
 - Our lobbyist gave us an update of some of the legislative issues from this session to include:
 - Diversion Programs
 - License Plate Readers
 - DVS Data Access
 - Synthetic Drugs
 - Fraudulent Liens
 - Medical Marijuana
 - Asset Forfeiture
 - Part Time Peace Officers

 - Updated information on developments and legislation of these items will be submitted to the Legislative Committee at the end of the session.

- **Statewide Emergency Communications Board, Mike Risvold:**
 - Mike attended a recent conference in St. Cloud
 - Statewide first-responder broadband is currently being developed.

- **IACP Candidate Endorsements:**
 - The Board will not endorse any candidates for office in the upcoming IACP elections.

1:35 pm Meeting Adjourned

Motion by Tim Eggebraaten, seconded by Hugo McPhee; motion passed.