

MCPA Board of Directors Meeting

August 21, 2014

MCPA Office, Woodbury

In Attendance:

Andy Skoogman, Joe Sheeran, Hugo McPhee, Eric Klang, Peter Ivy, Peter Orput, Jeff McCormick, Mike Goldstein, Rodney Seurer, David Bentrud, Gordon Ramsay, David Ebinger, Cari Gerlicher, Dan Carlson, Paul Schnell, Susan Engel

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

Opening Invocation by Chaplain Dan Carlson

- Chaplain Carlson gave a report of the funeral of fallen Mendota Heights Officer Scott Patrick

Treasurer's Report, Susan Engel:

- Financial Report was presented by Susan Engel.
- New member were nominated from the list provided. A motion for approval made by Paul Schnell and seconded by Mike Goldstein; the motion passed.

President's Report, President Gordon Ramsey:

- In light of Jim Denny's resignation from the Board and his position as Sergeant at Arms President Ramsey nominated Chief Jeff Potts of the Bloomington Police Department to complete the current term as Sergeant at Arms. A motion was made to this effect by Paul Schnell and seconded by Eric Klang; the motion passed.
- The MCPA working group on the issue of mental health will meet on September 30.
- The DHS Mental Health group is requesting an alternate member from the MCPA. A call for volunteers will be placed in C-Notes if no one comes forward.
- POST Board – Two applicants have advanced as finalists for the open POST Board Executive Director.
- The Violent Crimes Coordinating Council (VCCC) – President Ramsey has resigned his position on the VCCC. Chief Goldstein indicated in discussion that we may wish to solicit a chief from outside the Board to fill any open positions on the VCCC.

Secretary Report, David Ebinger:

- Minutes from the May 22, 2014 Meeting were presented. Motion to accept was made by Hugo McPhee and seconded by David Bentrud; the motion passed.

Executive Director's Report, Andy Skoogman:

- Copies of the MCPA Strategic Goals and Tactical plan were distributed and reviewed. A motion to accept both documents was made by Rodney Seurer and seconded by Jeff McCormick; the motion passed.
- The hiring of a part-time employee to replace Bev was discussed. There have been 15 applicants with four very strong candidates. The Executive Director was authorized to fill the position with the candidate of his choice.

- Trainings:
 - The September Leadership class is full with eight persons left on the waiting list. The next Leadership Class will be in January 2015.
 - There are still some openings in the December CLEO and Command Training.
- Mobile Apps – We have negotiated with Cloud Mobile for a new mobile app and for a discounted rate for member agencies who wish to deploy their own mobile app. A soft launch of the app is anticipated in 2015 with a full rollout at ETI.
- C-Notes enhancements – The new layout is up and we are now able to track page use in order to adjust content.
- CLEO Certification – 13 applications have been submitted with about half having been approved by POST with the others having been submitted.

Committee Reports:

- **Communications, Mike Goldstein** – The mockup of the new Chief’s Magazine was presented to the Board.
- **Legislative, Gordon Ramsey** – The first meeting of the Legislative Committee will be held on September 4 at 2:00 pm at the MCPA Offices. The question of the Association agreeing to provide political endorsements was presented and the consensus appeared to be that the MCPA should stay neutral in political elections.
- **Education and Training, Hugo McPhee** – The Foundation wants a vetting process in considering requests for training. A recent request for training from Dakota County was given \$2,500 by the Foundation. Chief McPhee indicated he is starting the process to submit for a three-year VAWA grant.
- **Membership, Jeff Tate** – New chiefs have been contacted and Chief Tate is working on a welcome packet with the webpage.

Domestic Violence Firearms Policy, Dave Bentrud:

- A draft copy of the model policy was distributed and reviewed by the Board. Chief Bentrud indicated that it should be remembered that this is a draft and is not ready to be used as a policy at this point.

Diversity Roundtable, Hugo McPhee:

- A Diversity Roundtable will be held in St. Paul on September 17. It is hoped that an informational packet will be developed to help with diversity issues.

Old Business:

None on the agenda and no motions were made from the floor.

New Business:

- Law Enforcement ID Cards – Jeff Evans at POST wants to consider a uniform Law Enforcement ID card for Peace Officers. No interest was expressed in this consideration by members of the Board.
- First Net Retreat, Cari Gerlicher – The State Emergency Communications Board is planning a retreat to discuss implementation of the First Net Project.

1:45 pm Meeting Adjourned