

MCPA Board of Directors Meeting  
October 16, 2014  
MCPA Office, Woodbury

**In Attendance:**

Gordon Ramsey, Andy Skoogman, Joe Sheeran, Susan Engel, Nancy Viking, Cari Gerlicher, Dave Bentrud, Tim Eggebraaten, Jeff Potts, Hugo McPhee, Rodney Seurer, Mike Goldstein, Paul Schnell, Dan Hatten, Jeff Tate, Mike Risvold, Jeff McCormick, Dan Carlson, David Ebinger,

**10:31 am Meeting was Called to Order by President Gordon Ramsey**

**Opening Invocation by Chaplain Carlson**

**Special Guest: United States Attorney Andy Luger**

Mr. Lugar gave a presentation to the Board and answered questions from the floor.

**Treasurer's Report, Susan Engel:**

- In response to questions last month about moving some of the cash funds into investments Ms. Engel reported back with the results of her research. At this point we have an 80% to 20% Cash Balance vs. Investments. Ms. Engel indicated that allows us a cushion that feels right to her and she would not recommend a change.
- The Raymond Jones corporate resolution was included into the minutes and a motion was made to accept the document and sign it. The motion was made by Paul Schnell and seconded by Dan Hatten; the motion passed.
- A motion was made to approve new members listed in the board information. The motion was made by Mike Goldstein and seconded by Jeff McCormick; the motion passed.
- Treasurer Gerlicher presented the September payables and a motion was made to approve the payments. Motion made by Jeff McCormick and seconded by Hugo McPhee; the motion passed.

**2015 Budget Presentation, Andy Skoogman:**

- Director Skoogman discussed his proposed 2015 Budget along with the summary and memorandum of explanation he provided the Board.
- President Ramsey directed Treasurer Gerlicher to determine possible COLA and merit expenses and present them to a working group to bring back to the Board next month for final budget consideration. A motion was made to table the budget until these costs could be included. Motion made by Mike Goldstein and seconded by Rodney Seurer; the motion passed.

**President's Report, President Gordon Ramsey:**

- The Mental Health Working Group met September 30. There was good participation with chiefs from around the State. The priorities that were established were:
  - State funded crisis response.
  - The inconsistent response between regions.
  - Seeking funding

- Revolving door issues

**Secretary Report, David Ebinger:**

- Minutes from the September 18, 2014 Meeting were submitted. A motion to approve was made by Paul Schnell and seconded by Jeff Potts; the motion passed.

**Executive Director's Report: Andy Skoogman:**

- An application for the Motorola Grant was never submitted earlier this year. Director Skoogman was given approval for a late submission of a grant request and one has been sent in for a \$15,000 request.
- The reviews on the recent Leadership Class were good
- The December CLEO and Command is full, with 30 signed up and 4 on a waiting list.
- The January Leadership Class is full, with 30 students and 5 on the waiting list.
- The Director attended the Regional Meeting in Hennepin County and reviewed the Strategic Plan and Goals. Plans to attend meetings in Anoka and Baxter County are in place.
- A November meeting to discuss recruiting issues is planned with board members from POST, MSA, MPPOA, and MCPA.
- Tactical Plan Report;
  - A request for topics has been sent out as part of development of the proposed mobile training team.
  - With the submission of the grant request Motorola has been identified as a potential partner with MCPA.
  - Some of the discussion in development of bylaws involves possible use of regions in developing Board Representative Positions as well as merging the Treasurer and Secretary positions. The Executive Director was directed to look into the infrastructure needed for remote attendance of meetings electronically.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Legislative Committee**, Gordon Ramsey: A report was presented to the Board which outlined the initial Legislative Agenda for the MCPA in the upcoming session. The issues were broken into four categories
  - **Actively Lead** – Automatic License Plate Readers and Driver Diversion Programs.
  - **Supportive** – Body Cameras, Travelling Data, DWI Forfeiture, Financial Crimes Task Force Funding, Funding for CIT Training, Cathy's Law and Handgun Purchase Permit Fees.
  - **Oppose** – Marijuana.
  - **Monitor** – 1033 Military Surplus, School Safety Levy Money and RICO Laws.

A motion was made to elevate Financial Crimes Task Force Funding to Actively Lead status and to include Animal Abuse legislation in our Supportive category. The motion was made by Jeff McCormick and seconded by Mike Risvold; the motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the 2015 Legislative Agenda as submitted with the changes from the last motion included. The motion was made by Hugo McPhee and seconded by Jeff McCormick; the motion passed.

- **Education Committee**, Hugo McPhee:
  - Scholarship – Protocols for screening applicants are being developed for distribution of CLEO and Leadership scholarships.
- **ETI**, Mike Goldstein, Mike Risvold:
  - Progressing well, breakout and keynote speakers are set.
- **CLEO Certification**, Andy Skoogman:
  - There are 24 applicants.
  - 18 applications have been certified, 6 others are either pending or in progress.
- **Criminal and Juvenile Information Task Force**, Andy Skoogman:
  - Cari Gerlicher and Mike Goldstein will be representatives on this task force.
  - Jeff McCormick and David Ebinger will be alternates.
- **Foundation**, Hugo McPhee:
  - An issue regarding a lack of revenue generation has developed. The \$5000 “give or get” is not happening.
  - There is an expectation by Foundation members that the Association provide staff resources for grant applications by the foundation.

**Old Business:**

- **Domestic Violence Firearm Policy**, Dave Bentrud:
  - The policy has been completed and is in C-Notes.
- **Constitutional Based Policing Project**, Paul Schnell:
  - Five-day training is being considered to address line level officers’ lack of understanding of constitutional issues in policing.
  - Some feedback has been received that a five-day course is difficult for many departments to schedule due to staffing needs. Proposals for adjustments are under consideration.
- **DWI Task Force**, Jeff Tate:
  - Some progress has been made on the issue of forfeitures. The task force appears to have taken a neutral position of this issue.
  - Another meeting is scheduled for late November.

**Meeting Adjourned, 1:48 pm:**

Motion made by Hugo McPhee and seconded by Mike Goldstein; the motion passed.