

MCPA Board of Directors Meeting
September 18, 2014
MCPA Office, Woodbury

In Attendance:

Gordon Ramsay, Andy Skoogman, Joe Sheeran, Susan Engel, Cari Gerlicher, Dave Bentrud, Tim Eggebraaten, Jeff Potts, Hugo McPhee, Rodney Seurer, Mike Goldstein, Dan Hatten, Eric Klang, Jeff Tate, Mike Risvold, Jeff McCormick, David Ebinger,

10:32 am Meeting was Called to Order by President Gordon Ramsay

Opening Invocation by Mike Goldstein

Presentation of the MCPA Auditors Report, Jason Miller, Smith Schafer Associates:

The audit received an unqualified audit opinion, indicating that no issues were found and the audit went smoothly. They indicated they had very good cooperation from the staff and an audit report will be submitted.

Treasurer's Report, Susan Engel:

- The August monthly financial report was presented by Susan Engel. A discussion ensued as to the advisability of moving some of the cash into investments. Ms. Engel will do some research and report back in October. A motion to approve was made by Mike Goldstein, seconded by Rodney Seurer; the motion passed.

President's Report, President Gordon Ramsey:

- The Mental Health Working Group will meet September 30. The group currently has nine members.
- POST – Nate Gove, a retired Commander from Golden Valley, has been selected as the new Executive Director of POST. A discussion ensued regarding the Regional Academy proposal that President Ramsey has brought to POST and whether it is an initiative of MCPA. It was ultimately determined that the initiative had the potential of bringing more diversity to the profession and thus met the goal of “expanding and improving the quality of police applicant” as stated in the Strategic Goals.

Executive Director's Report: Andy Skoogman:

- The part-time administrative position for the MCPA has been filled. Nancy Viking, who has previous association experience, will start work on September 29.
- Next week's Leadership Academy is full and Andy and Joe are prepared for the session. Both the December CLEO and Command Session and the January Leadership Academy are near full.
- Strategic Plan:
 - Goal 1, Enhanced Leadership Skills – The Education and Training Committee will meet in October. The training survey of Regional Reps and potential training partners (Target and Twin Cities Security) will be considered.

- Goal 2, Bylaw Changes – The changes should be out of the Bylaw Committee by January.
- Goal 3, improving the Quality of Police Applicants – Refer to the discussion in the President’s Report.
- Goal 4, Support to CLEO’s – A welcome packet and on-line page are being developed thanks to work done by Chief Tate.
- Goal 5, Legislative Initiatives – The Legislative Committee has covered their priorities and an agenda is forthcoming.
- Goal 6, Enhancing MCPA’s Brand – We have seen the C-Notes and Magazine redesign. We also have the Executive Director’s Blog and have launched a social media site. Andy also was able to assist the Chief of Atwater in dealing with the media recently and to provide a positive story through the Military Surplus Survey.

Committee Reports:

- Communications Committee, Mike Goldstein:
 - Joe has been working with the Committee.
 - The Winter/Spring Edition of the Magazine is set.
 - The MCPA App should be in beta phase by January and will be rolled out at ETI.
- Legislative Committee, Gordon Ramsay:
 - Met in September and will be presenting the recommended priorities to the Board this fall.
- Education Committee, Hugo McPhee:
 - Will meet in October
- CLEO Certification, Andy Skoogman:
 - There are 22 applicants.
 - 7 applications have been certified, letters are going out.
- Regional Reps, Hugo McPhee:
 - Andy provided a legislative update at the last meeting.
 - No pressing issues at this time
- Foundation, Hugo McPhee:
 - They have approved \$20,000 for 2014 expenses.
 - That leaves \$35,000 in their coffers.
- Model Domestic Violence Policy for Firearms, Dave Bentrud:
 - All that remains is a comparison of our policy to Hennepin County’s and we should be ready to finish up and release ours.
- Constitution Based Policing, Andy Skoogman:
 - Neil Melton will be in charge of curriculum development for the League of Cities funded \$1.8 million initiative to provide law enforcement with training in constitutional based policing. They will meet October 1.
- DWI Task Force, Jeff Tate:
 - Currently conducting a law review.

- They are indicating the belief that plate impoundment and ignition interlock will be more effective than forfeitures.
- Statewide Emergency Communications Board, Mike Risvold, Cari Gerlicher:
 - Mike and Cari attended the Board Retreat
 - 1st Net Efforts in Minnesota are progressing well
 - ARMOR, 1st Net, and Next Generation 911 will all need funding.

Finance Committee, Cari Gerlicher:

- The Treasurer indicated she was prepared to pay the August bills. A motion was made by Jeff McCormick and seconded by Mike Risvold; the motion passed.

Secretary Report, David Ebinger:

- Minutes from August 21, 2014 Meeting were submitted. A motion to approve was made by Tim Eggebraaten and seconded by Dan Hugo McPhee; the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:36 pm:

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