

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

**In Attendance:**

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

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

**Opening Invocation by Chaplain Carlson**

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

- The Motorola Grant of \$15,000 has been received and deposited into the Foundations' account as required for tax purposes.
- The contracts for Joe and Andy have been reworked to include the salary changes.
- A motion was made to approve the contracts for Andy Skoogman with corrections to amounts in Section A. The motion was made by Hugo McPhee and seconded by Jeff McCormick; the motion passed.
- A motion was made to approve the contract for Joe Sheeran. The motion was made by Hugo McPhee and seconded by Jeff McCormick; the motion passed.
- Treasurer Gerlicher presented the November payables for the Association and Foundation and a motion was made to approve the payments. Motion made by Dave Bentrud and seconded by Rodney Seurer; the motion passed.

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

- President Ramsey addressed POST initiatives that were covered in a meeting between POST, MCPA, MPPOA, and Higher Education. Issues of hiring, recruitment for quality and diversity were covered. Higher Education officials showed some resistance to change in the system at an executive meeting the day after the meeting of the larger group. A meeting with MNSCU official is planned in the next month.
- Traffic fine data has indicated a willingness of courts to dismiss fines and simply find that court fees should be paid. This results in reduced revenues for the enforcement agencies. Dave Bentrud indicated that this situation ties into the Traffic Diversion Bill that is possible in the upcoming legislative session. A meeting with court administration officials was recommended.
- Mental Health initiative; the State Mental Health Commission is still meeting.

**Secretary Report, David Ebinger:**

- Minutes from the November 20, 2014 Meeting were submitted. A motion to approve, with a minor change, was made by Dan Hatten and seconded by Jeff McCormick; the motion passed.

**MCPA Governance Change, Paul Schnell and Hugo McPhee:**

- A power point presentation was made by Paul Schnell presenting an overview of recommended changes to MCPA Bylaws which would result in a restructuring of the Board of Directors based on a regional vote for director positions.
- A motion was made seeking Board approval to place this proposal before the full membership for a vote at the next ETI. The motion was made by Paul Schnell and seconded by Hugo McPhee.
- In the ensuing discussion various members of the Board indicated that they wanted to see the redline version of the amended bylaw, a map of the proposed regional boundaries from which directors would be elected, and a copy of the power point shown at today's meeting.
- Paul Schnell withdrew his motion with Hugo McPhee's agreement in order to provide the above material for Board Members review and consideration in the January meeting. It was requested that President Ramsay and Director Skoogman limit the January agenda to accommodate the necessary discussion for this bylaw change.

#### **Regional Representative Update, Hugo McPhee:**

- During the most recent meeting of Regional Representatives the MCPA governance change was discussed.

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

- Motorola Grant; with the receipt of the recent \$15,000 grant staff is now familiar with the process for future submissions.
- The Joyce Foundation has approved a six-month, \$39,000 grant to the MCPA Foundation to support a Minnesota Forum on Gun Violence Prevention.
- Staff will be developing sponsorships for Training Academy lunches and networking night.
- One of the Leadership Academy 2015 Sessions is going to be moved to the Jordan Facility to see if that location will prove more convenient to Metro-Area departments. This move will be evaluated after the session to see if it should be considered for future sessions.
- Membership renewals done online from e-mails, Chiefs Notes, and the online video have been coming in. Hard copy invoices are also being mailed out.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Legislative Committee, Andy Skoogman:**
  - Andy met with Tony Cornish, the new Public Safety Chair. Representative Cornish expressed interest in possible legislation concerning firearm silencers and suppressors. He also appears to be supportive of some of the MCPA's concerns regarding data.
- **Communications Committee, Mike Goldstein:**
  - The winter edition of our magazine will be out shortly with the spring edition planned to coincide with ETI.
  - Website changes are coming and Joe has done a great job in this area.
- **ETI, Andy Skoogman:**
  - The preliminary ETI program has gone out.

- Monthly sales and registration reports are being requested from Pierre Productions.
- **Foundation, Hugo McPhee:**
  - The Gala is planned for April 11 at the Dellwood Country Club. A meeting set to discuss details has been cancelled by Foundation members and Nancy and Andy will meet with the event planner.
  - Taser responded to Andy's discussion with them at the IACP Convention and plans to sponsor a table as well as speak at the Gala for \$5,000.
  - Sarah Anderson was re-elected to another term as President of the Foundation.

**Old Business:**

- **POST Learning Objectives, Dave Bentrud:**
  - Plans have been made to go on the road for feedback regarding the proposed learning objectives, some tentative dates have been set and proposed sites are; Bemidji, Hibbing, Alexandria, Mankato, Rochester and Hennepin and Ramsey Counties.

**New Business:**

- A meeting is planned with the State Department of Human Services regarding the potential release of committed sex offenders into the community in light of pending court rulings.
- The San Antonio meeting for the IACP Large Truck and Bus Education Forum will be covered by Dan Hatten.

**Meeting Adjourned, 1:18 pm:**

Motion made by Dave Bentrud and seconded by Dan Hatten; the motion passed.