BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

November 3, 2010

Location: 1951 Woodlane Drive, Woodbury, Minnesota

Board Members Present:	Chief Mona Dohman	Chief Peter Jansky	Chief Ron Sager
	Director Cari Gerlicher	Chief Jeff McCormick	Chief Rodney Seurer
	Chief Mike Goldstein	Chief Hugo McPhee	Chief Dave Thomalla
	Chief Bob Jacobson	Chief Gordon Ramsay	Chief Dana Waldron
			Chief Rick Wyffels

Board Members Absent: Chief Jim Crace, Chief Dan Hatten

Staff Members Present: Dave Pecchia, Executive Director
Pastor Dan Carlson, Chaplain
Mary Henning, Communications/Training Coordinator

Guests: Robert Chaffee, Managing Director, Strategic Consulting Services

The Corban Group, Inc
Jay Summers, MN N-DEx Liaison
US DOJ, FBI

Rob Chaffee, Managing Director
The Corban Group, Inc

1. Call to Order:

President Bob Jacobson called the board meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

2. Opening Invocation:

Chaplain Dan Carlson offered the opening invocation.

3. Approval of the consent agenda:

Agenda approved. Any written reports appear at the end of this document. Consent items pulled for discussion include: CriMNet, Foundation, Gala, POST Board, CJIS and SF 2725 Work Group.
Approval motions: 1st–M. Dohman, 2nd– D. Waldron

4. President's Report:

President Bob Jacobson recognized Col. Mark Dunaski for his positive campaign for IACP. He thanked Chief Mona Dohman for speaking on behalf of the MCPA to nominate Dunaski at the IACP general assembly.

President Jacobson informed the board that while several board members attended the IACP, Chief Gordon Ramsay initiated joining the Mid-Sized Cities Section of the IACP as deputy chair, and Virginia Chief Dana Waldron joined the Victim Services Committee.

5. Secretary's Report:

Minutes approved.
Approval motions: 1st– M. Dohman, 2nd– H. McPhee

6. Treasurer's Report:

Financial Report. Approved.
Approval motions: 1st– M. Dohman, 2nd– J. McCormick

Bills to be paid.
Approved.
Approval motions: 1st– H. McPhee, 2nd– J. McCormick

New Members. Approved. *Approval motions: 1st–M. Dohman, 2nd– H. McPhee*

Voting

Chief William Marsolek	Hermantown Police Department
Chief Kile Bergren	Fergus Falls Police Department
Chief Steve Mortenson	Elko-New Market

Also noted – Voting (already voted in previously*):

Chief Keith Hiller	Owatonna Police Department *

**Chief Hiller is a member of MN Chiefs as the previous chief of Waseca, MN. No vote needed.*

Associate

Lieutenant Richard Koob	Richfield Public Safety

Approval motions: 1st– M. Dohman, 2nd– J. McCormick

7. Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation:

8. Board / Task Force reports pulled from the consent agenda:

Foundation
Met in October. Seeking members.

Gala
Vendor contract finalized. Sponsored tables with unfilled seats present an option to promote specially priced attendance by chiefs (buy one, get one free). The committee is considering new speakers. Board members and Regions may deliver auction items to MCPA staff or notify staff of donations.

POST Board
MPPOA Executive Dennis Flaherty plans to bring the issue of unauthorized practice and uniform colors to the legislature. He has expressed that the POST Board should be initiating complaints against agencies that allow volunteers to do what is perceived as "police work." D. Flaherty plans to question the use of colors of squad cars and uniforms.

Railroad private security groups want the POST Board to issue licenses.

An overall concern of the MCPA Board is the overuse of privatization of law enforcement, in general.

Rasmussen College has a law enforcement program approved by POST.

Driver and Vehicle Services Advisory Board
DVS would like input from law enforcement about a proposed language change to 169.345. re: Disability Parking Certificate. Chief Sager will announce in C-NOTES.

SF 2725 Workgroup on Criminal Intelligence Databases
The group is debating on needs for change in the data practices law or possible no action to be made. The group is seeking resolution; meeting Nov. 10; public meeting Dec. 2 report to the legislature by February 2011. Minutes are found at the BCA website.

SACOP. Items discussed at the IACP SACOP Representative's meeting, as reported by Chief Mona Dohman and Executive Director Dave Pecchia: immigration, methamphetamines, recruitment and retention, information-sharing and social media, medical marijuana, economy and agencies folding, privatization of law enforcement, date-change of Town Watch voted down.

Another topic discussed at the SACOP meetings is the issue of COPS grants. When agencies apply for grants – if they mention traffic in a COPS grant or community policing in a traffic grant, the evaluators focus on specific criteria.

Many agencies have evolved from community-oriented policing to intelligence-lead policing or data-driven policing. Statistics show a correlation between traffic enforcement and crime reduction.

Evaluators of both types of grants are thinking and evaluating differently. It is difficult for agencies to know how to label the criteria to fit the mindset of the

evaluator. National public safety policy makers have not fully addressed this grant issue.

9. Association committee reports:

Legislative Committee
Election recount imminent. Eric Hyland discussed legislator changeover and possible executive branch changes. He mentioned a probably Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Legislative Day at the Capitol during a two-week window in March.

Chaplain. Pastor Dan Carlson, chaplain, will be collecting support resources to list on the MCPA website. If Regional Reps know of resources, contact Pastor Carlson at www.mnchiefs.org under Community Programs/Chaplain.

10. Executive Director's report:

Association functions and responsibilities. Staff and the Board of Directors will be reviewing board member and committee chair position descriptions, association functions and the association's relationship to the Foundation. The board also will use the tools to consider strategic planning for the association's future. More information to become available through C-NOTES and the website.

Regional meetings. Dave Pecchia will attend regional meetings during December, January and February statewide. About two-thirds of the upcoming regional meetings are on his calendar.

Training. The Education and Training Committee will meet this month and will hear recommendations for minor changes. The CLEO and Command Academy and Leadership Academy are considered premier training for the association and worth the small associated costs. The committee will discuss possible need for another day for both offerings. Regional Reps are encouraged to mention the training to new chiefs in their areas. The MCPA also will explore the potential to promote this training with neighboring state chiefs' associations.

The Executive Training Institute speakers and topics are set. All encouraged to attend to take advantage of this premier training, comparable to sessions offered at the IACP.

Scholarships. Four awarded in 2010. The MCPA hopes to see more applications next year.

Essay Contest. Thirty-seven (37) awards of $100 each to 8th graders by mid-December, in time for the holidays.

Foundation. The Foundation Board is looking for new members. Part of its mission will be to offset costs of association training, as well as support designated charities.

Gala. Regions are encouraged to consider attending and book a table together at the table. Regions may consider offering prizes, donations or "experiences" representative of their regions. Those present who attended the Gala commented that they had an enjoyable time last year and intend to come again.

Gala tables and tickets. Some table sponsors have agreed to donate their table seats. Watch for more information in C-NOTES about a special attendance promotion – buy one ticket, get one free – made possible in a drawing format.

DRAFT Legislative issues and positions. See topics posted for members only at www.mnchiefs.org. The Legislative Committee is asking Regional Reps to contact their local new legislators and sheriffs to establish regional relationships.

Coalition of Battered Women grant. The training through this grant is a good example of how grants need to be designed to allow chiefs statewide to attend. The grant is running out. Soon the MCPA will continue the partnership by re-entering a new grant proposal cycle.

IACP Convention 2011. The MCPA will explore travel and hotel expense strategies with neighboring states. Chicago is the 2011 location. Possibilities are train and plane group charters. More updates to come.

IACP 2010 review. The MCPA president and executive director learned of new foundation board strategies and pitfalls presented at IACP training to recommend to the Foundation Board.

Some possibilities to build the Foundation board membership and fundraising include:

- Familiarity with bylaws.
- Job description for each member.
- No succeeding chairs; term limitations, but retain as a contact.
- Work, wealth or wisdom: "give or get".
- Promotional ideas for fundraising.
    - Play demos on cable TV.
    - Legal support hotline for members (30 min. of legal advice; refer to pool attorney)
    - Increase dues to include registration for training
    - Auto-attend recording, Podcasts, technology
    - Promote list of donors

Washington, D.C COPS Office. Currently the country has 30 regional community policing institutes (RCPIs). The COPS office is using UMCPI as a model, while looking at remaining RCPIs to have a relationship with an educational institutions. Some chiefs' associations are running RCPIs. The COPS office is looking at the fiscal health of existing RCPIs

Building. NASRO will be moving out of the building; their lease ends Dec. 31. Other tenants have shown interest in the space. More info as it becomes available.

Association staffing, committees and external representation of MCPA to other boards, task forces and advisory boards. Staff will draft recommendations for MCPA organizational structure, board position descriptions and committee structure/representation. Recommendations will be based on historical documents executive board and management input. More info as it becomes available.

Budget. Draft to be provided at the December meeting. Financially the association is consistently in good shape.

NHTSA Regional Representation. MCPA will explore regional or state grant opportunities, working through law enforcement liaisons.

Police Testing through Stanard and Associates. MCPA may change its way of doing testing, based on national models. MCPA may propose more regional coordination in the state and a national standardization of scoring.

Alarm Ordinance Committee. The MCPA needs to review the goals and expectations of this committee. It involves vendors, policy and training.

Fusion Center. Mike Bosacker, MNJAC, said the Fusion Center passes federal evaluations.

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ETI locations. The board needs to sign Duluth and Rochester contracts. The board would like Pierre Productions to review dates for Rochester. The president and executive director will bring recommendations to the executive board, based on conference dates and availability.

Executive Director contract up soon. The six-month initial contract will end soon. The executive director asked the board to consider contract renewal.

Website. Changes and improvements to come.

Credit Cards. The association's accountant will research the fees incurred for using a credit card for customer payments. The MCPA also may benefit from using online check processing.

Chief Ramsay expressed on behalf of the board that the detail and quality of information the executive director has been providing at board meetings is appreciated. Ramsay.

11. New Business: None.
The February meeting will be Feb. 17 – not scheduled close to the Feb. 24 Gala date.

12. Old business: None.

13. Items from the floor
None.

14. Adjourn -1:20 p.m.
Approval motions: 1st–P. Jansky, 2nd– R. Wyffels

Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association
Legislative Committee
DRAFT: Report to Association Board
October 11, 2010

Meeting: The Legislative Committee met on October 11, 2010 to discuss legislative issues for 2011. Committee members have been receiving suggestions and requests from association members, and have also discussed specific issues by e-mail. Present on October 11th were:

- Co-chairs Gordon Ramsay from Duluth PD and Dave Kolb from Minnetrista.
- Sean Gormley from Corcoran
- Mark Raquet from Minnetonka
- Jeff tate from Shakopee
- Pete Jansky from St. Joseph
- Dave Bentrud from Waite park
- Jim Kurtz from Mound
- Mark Dunaski from the Minnesota State Patrol
- Jim Denny from Grand Rapids
- Dave Pecchia
- Eric Hyland

Recommendations: We had good discussions on old and new issues and ultimately we had consensus on this agenda. The Legislative Committee will likely make the following recommendations to the Board for the 2011 legislative session but the committee plans to meet again to finalize this list before the session begins:

Old Issues:

- Statewide Radio: continue support for sales tax exemption.
- Handguns, permits to carry reform: continue monitoring.
- PSAP issues: support funding of nex-gen 911 technology and monitor any new legislation and consolidation activities. Oppose diversion of 911 fees.
- Data Practice Issues: Monitor and oppose efforts to expand expungement into police administrative records. Additional research is needed to see if there was progress on this issue last session and to incorporate the League of Cities' position on education information.
- Snowmobile / DNR enforcement funding: Support relaxation of restrictions on snowmobile / ATV purchases and enforcement.
- POST Board: Support full funding up to the 39% statutory level for POST board.
- Part-time licensing: Continue dialog/discussion on part-time license issue; no recommendation is being made on supporting or opposing part-time licensing, but the committee is interested in recommending a "sun-set" provision for part-time licensing.
- Administrative Fines: Support specific changes to legislation. This includes raising speed eligibility from 10 to 15 mph, distribution of fine moneys, and adding eligible infractions, and especially increasing officer discretion. We recommend having our lobbyist pursue these depending on the look of the new legislature. We also recommend a survey to see how many of our members are using these citations.

- Video-Conferencing: Support video conferencing.
- Medical marijuana: Oppose medical marijuana legislation and continue to seek the support of the next Governor in this opposition. Promote public education on this issue.
- Drug Sentencing: Oppose in principle the relaxation of sentences and the shifting of incarceration to local county jails. Monitor specific legislation.
- Automated Pawn System: Oppose restriction of records and support maintaining fees to support operations.
- MN Disaster Assistance Act: Support creation of $6M disaster fund and monitor further action.
- Violent Offender Task Forces: Support funding for task forces. Oppose legislation that would restrict law enforcement access to data.
- Forfeitures: Monitor and oppose new restrictions on forfeitures.
- Prescription Drug Take-Back: Oppose mandates to collect prescription drugs, even funded mandates which could still be onerous for small departments.

<u>New Issues:</u>

- SF 2725 Working Group Recommendations on Gang and Intelligence Data: Support positions that do not impede law enforcement.
- Arbitrations and Law Enforcement: We are interested in having arbitrators who are better trained and informed for law enforcement arbitrations. We believe this may warrant approaching the BMS rather than seeking a legislative remedy.
- Diversions Program Surcharges: Revenue collected by law enforcement for diversion programs is subject to court surcharges even though these programs do not go to court. The committee opposes these surcharges. Because the surcharges are not actively being collected the committee does not recommend legislation. Some members have called for a legislative solution in order to achieve clarity (win-or-lose) on this issue.
- Synthetic Cannabinoids “fake pot”: support adding this substance as a schedule 1 narcotic.
- Electronic Insurance Verification: we believe insurance verification is a problem and we propose a statewide verification system.
- MN Appeals court strikes down law against falsely reporting police misconduct: Monitor and support criminalization of falsely reporting misconduct.
- Officer Involved Domestic Violence, Stalking & Sexual Assault Policy: Monitor
- Blood draws by Police: Permissive already – no position
- Partner with State Fire Chiefs on legislative issues: support meeting and discussion of issues.
- SARNA Adam Walsh Act: Monitor – oppose mandated in-person visits of sex offenders.
- Public Safety Budget Issues: Oppose LGA cuts, monitor PERA issues.
- ATV issues: seek definition of “low pressure” or “flotation” tires.
- Mini-Truck permits: seek improvements to state law which allows cities to permit mini-trucks.
- Distracted Drivers: monitor legislation and propose law enforcement exemption on use of communications equipment.

- Dust-Off: Support legislation to include "dust-off" and similar substances as causing impairment under DWI law.
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Additional issues discussed:

- Parole who was HIV+ could not be prosecuted until a "victim" becomes "infected": no position
- Conducting background investigations for schools: no position.

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