

Wyoming Peace Officers Association Executive Board Meeting  
September 7, 2009  
Dunmar Inn, Evanston, WY

A meeting of the Wyoming Peace Officers Association Executive Board was held at the Dunmar Inn in Evanston, WY on September 7, 2009. President Haller called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

President Haller asked Secretary/Treasurer Colvin to call the roll call. Those present were President Kebin Haller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Chris Hadlock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Bill Morse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President Mike Picerno, and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President Gary Boyd. Executive Officer Bruce Scigliano was excused. Also present were Communications Division President, Charity Stewart; Stores Committee Chairman Heather O'Connor; Communications Division Vice-President, Crystal McGuire; and Nominations Chairman and By-Laws Committee CO-Chairman Lin Bashford, Media Committee Chair Person Luis, and Past President Noonan

VP Picerno made a motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting from May 21, 2009. VP Morse seconded that motion, the motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report. The checking account stood with a balance of \$28,697.44. RBC Markets Corporation had a standing value of \$126,397.72 as of 7/31/2009. Major expenses included lodging for the Executive Board Meeting in May - \$105.16, WY Association of Sheriff's and Chiefs \$1,281.78 for our ½ of the January hospitality room, expenses for the Peace Officer Memorial including lodging for Betty Haukap and Kristi Frost for \$2,162.19, lodging and miscellaneous expenses for Bruce Scigliano, flowers for the WLEA Peace Officer Memorial ceremony \$147.00, Christie Printing for the 2010 membership cards \$226.50, Mountain West Computers printer and ink \$193.90, Symbol Arts for the presidents badges \$160.00, conference registrations \$380.00, Internal Revenue Service quarterly deposit \$700, and Marquis Awards for awards for the conference banquet. S/T Colvin advised that the Internal Revenue Service has returned our year-end taxes as a refund. She had consulted with H and R Block, who had prepared the taxes and they are looking into the matter. A Death Benefit was paid out to the family of James Kelley of Campbell County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$500. \$500 scholarships had been remitted to Alexander Wardwell, Tenny Hanson, Reign S. Bennett, Ryan Iannelli and Joshua Ross. President Haller asked if this was the first time the IRS had refunded our payment. President Haller advised that the increase in our RBC Markets Corporation is substantial. VP Picerno asked if it would be a good idea to invest some of that in a CD or something to safeguard the money to prevent a loss in the future. VP Hadlock advised the Natrona County Peace Officers had done that and there were problems with it and decided not to do it again. VP Picerno advised that the forefathers that invested in Disney Stock had done the Association a huge favor. It was agreed that we might look at investing some in the future. President Haller advised that he would follow up with our stock advisor. VP Hadlock made a

motion to accept the treasurer's report. VP Morse seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CO- Chairman Lin Bashford of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee advised the he and Randy Webster looked into the question of whether Officers at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy were eligible to serve on the Executive Board of the Wyoming Peace Officers Association. He said that it was determined that they are eligible. President Haller said he agreed with the decision.

President Haller advised that Randy Webster has indicated an interest in serving on the board.

Peace Officer of the Year Committee – S/T Colvin advised that a selection for Peace Officer of the Year has been made. In addition, there will be five Meritorious Awards awarded. There were five very good Dispatcher of the Year nominees and Communications Division Charity Stewart and a selection will be made. There were no nominations for Detention Officer of the Year. President Haller sent an e-mail and S/T Colvin questioned whether the Executive Board could make a decision to award that given the committee had already met and shortness of time. VP Picerno advised he thought we should run it by the Awards Committee. There was a discussion regarding sending information out to the workers of departments to nominate their co-workers and supervisors. There was discussion of sending out a flyer, e-mails and posting it in the magazine to encourage nominations. The nomination form is also available on the website. VP Hadlock suggested that each Regional Rep that reads things that are happening in their region, contact those agencies and suggest that those agencies send a nomination for those involved. After a short discussion, VP Morse made a motion to change the name of the Peace Officer of the Year Committee to the Awards Committee, VP Boyd seconded that motion and the motion passed.

President Haller advised that the representative that introduced the bill to record all arrests, etc. had resigned her position, and he does not expect that bill to be reintroduced. He also advised some other bills that are a possibility. President Haller advised that VP Morse and he got together with Russ Pollard and discussed a liaison position. President Haller does not believe Pollard will accept that position due to the many responsibilities he has elsewhere. Pollard will be at the conference. He encouraged board members to talk to him and see what his thoughts are and if he could think of anyone else that would be interested. President Haller said he has talked to several good candidates, who have been unable to accept due to other responsibilities. President Haller asked if this is still something the board would like to pursue. VP Hadlock said he would like to see if Pollard would still be interested. VP Picerno said it has to be the right guy. He advised Byron Odekoven is a good guy. He just worries that at some point the WPOA could butt heads with the Wyoming Sheriffs and Chiefs. VP Picerno said we should not quit. President Haller said it may take time to find the right candidate, but it could be good for us when it is done.

President Haller called for a break at 3:15 P.M.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:30 P.M.

Tom Saprony of Uinta County Sheriff's Office joined the meeting and advised that everything is ready for the conference to begin in the morning. VP Hadlock advised Leisa Reiter has done a phenomenal job in the past few weeks. He said this is the first time the host agency has taken care of the logistics on the training. He said expenses have been kept down for the training. VP Hadlock also said the training looks good. He said every division is represented. President Haller expressed gratitude for all of the work the entire conference committee as well as Tom and Leisa have done Tom said he thinks the conference will be impressed with the facilities.

President Haller advised that LCCC has sent a letter to be filled out to explain to the scholarship recipients what WPOA is about. President Haller said he would ask Don Heiduck if he would like to fill that information out and return it to LCCC.

President Haller advised that Rita Meyer had offered to be our guest speaker at the conference banquet. President Haller said he that we already had a guest speaker and sent her a note inviting her to the banquet, but advising a speaker had already been invited. Rita replied that her plans had changed and she would not be able to attend.

211 Phone Service has contacted President Haller asking for the board's support. This is an additional resource for the public to obtain information. They were asking if it will benefit us. They are asking for support, not money. After a short discussion, President Haller advised that he thought it would be beneficial for dispatchers.

S/T Treasurer Colvin advised that Special Olympics sent a thank-you letter to thank us for the \$500 donation.

Chairman O'Connor of the Stores Committee advised that she had ordered some additional items for the Store. She showed a coffee mug, t-shirts, and sweatshirts. She wanted to know how to do the pricing of items. She said that she had spoken with VP Picerno and VP Morse for advice. VP Hadlock advised that we will have to charge shipping. VP Picerno thought WY Trophy was going to include shipping. Heather would like a place at the conference to set up for displaying and taking orders for the items. She said she didn't have a large inventory, but enough for people to see the samples. VP Hadlock suggested that we charge \$10 for the mugs, \$10 for T-shirts and \$20 for the sweatshirt. He also suggested doing a deal if they buy quantity. We will also sell at the banquet. President Haller said we will charge \$5.00 for shipping. Heather said she will let us know if that ceases to be enough. President Haller thanked Heather for her work. VP Hadlock moved price for the coffee mug be \$10, the price for T-shirts be \$10 and the price for sweatshirts be \$20 with \$5 for shipping. VP Picerno seconded that motion. The motion carried.

President Haller advised that he has had multiple conversations with Chief Tim Feathers of Powell PD regarding the 2010 conference. President Haller said those conversations

have included that the Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs would like to have their meeting at our conference again. President Haller said there has also been discussion regarding moving the time of the conference. Hunting season interferes with several people being able to attend. VP Hadlock said he could only see the last week of April and the first week of May as a possibility. He said anytime after that would be conflicted with graduations. He also said it is getting towards the end of the training budgets and he is worried that there won't be money left to send people for training. A discussion ensued and it was determined that there is no other ideal time to hold the conference due to other conferences, weather, family responsibilities, etc. VP Hadlock suggested that if it is left in September, it be up to the host committee to make sure it is in the last three weeks of September because Labor Day kills us. CP Lewis suggested that we have to consider the vendors as well. VP Hadlock said he is still very much concerned that the format of the conference be such that the training is the focus so administrators will pay for their personnel to attend. He mentioned having a high profile speaker for training on Friday morning that affords the attendees to stay for the banquet. President Haller said he would still like to see getting the activities away from the same time that the training is being held. It was mentioned that agencies have to hold those attending to make sure they receive the training hours. VP Morse suggested having the banquet on Wednesday night to make sure everyone could attend. There was further discussion. It was decided to not make any drastic changes for now. The host committees will be advised that training will be Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday. Any activities will be held Tuesday morning or during the evenings. The Training Committee will be responsible for the training. It was also decided that changing the month of the conference would be detrimental for multiple reasons.

VP Morse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. VP Picerno seconded that motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.