

Wisconsin Police Accreditation Coalition

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WIPAC Meeting Minutes November 8, 2006

The following matters were reviewed and discussed at the above referenced meeting. Note these minutes reflect the interpretation of the author.

Previous Minutes: Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No deposits, reimbursements or expenditures reported. Current balance is \$2148.53.

Nominations for WIPAC Board President and Secretary were made. Motion was made for Steve Kopp to remain as WIPAC President and Jim Bzdawka as Secretary. Motion was unanimously approved by the membership present.

Presentation made by Eric Slamka, WILEAG Board President. The following are highlights from his presentation:

- Eric reiterated the primary mission of WILEAG continues to remain as an affordable accreditation process. Although the WILEAG governing board is comprised of volunteers, it is very apparent to the governing board that additional attention must be paid to the "details". He indicated the governing board remains committed to keeping the accreditation program going.
- Board activity is somewhat constrained by limited funding. WILEAG fund balances were reported to be in the vicinity of \$8000.00. The governing board is attempting to locating funding, possibly in the form of an endowment to cover Board expenses as well as fund a part-time administrative position.
- The governing board is also in the process of developing a formal business plan as part of its next meeting.
- The WILEAG administrative records have been transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee under the direction and control of Stan Stoikovitch. Kathy Shlavensky from Fox Valley Technical College was to meet with UWM personnel. The governing board will provide the membership with a contact at UWM when it becomes available.
- A general discussion of the copyright infringement claim/inference from CALEA relative to the use of their standards ensued. CALEA has not threatened any formal legal action. There has also been no further communication with CALEA concerning this issue. It was reported that CALEA might be pursuing a blanket licensing agreement. The national organization of state law enforcement accrediting authorities also feel it is not CALEA's intent to the legal arena. The

governing board will however remain sensitive to any copyright infringement action by CALEA.

- Current direction is to continue to use existing standards. Agencies in the process of working towards accreditation should continue to use the Second Edition standards. As previously stated, reaccreditation dates may be extended for accredited agencies on a case-by-case basis or until the standard is resolved.
- In the event that it becomes necessary to revise standards, there are sufficient resources on the WILEAG governing board and within WIPAC to accomplish the task. The governing board's intent is to work with agencies as close as they can and make the transition to revised standards (if necessary) with minimal disruption or administrative burden as possible. This includes the granting of extensions to existing accredited agencies as necessary.
- The governing board has decided not to pursue an alliance with CALEA and will be forwarding formal letter to CALEA detailing their position.
- The issue of assessor training was also reviewed. Additional assessors must be trained including the need for team leader training. No resolution was offered other than the comment that the CALEA issue needs to be resolved before conducting team leader training.
- Discussion from the WIPAC membership reflected a general consensus that significant effort should be made to move forward with the program including rewriting the standards as doing so represents the most reasonable alternative for the continuity of the WILEAG accreditation program.

The WIPAC membership engaged in a discussion concerning setting up a display booth at the Mid-Winter Police Chiefs Conference. A decision was made to proceed with the display. Volunteers to staff the booth will be required. Mike Jungbluth agreed to coordinate. Members interested in staffing the booth should contact Mike.

Updates to the WIPAC web sight were reviewed. LaCrosse PD would review status and access for updates. (Note that as of this writing administrative control has been transferred to Dave Gilbert from the Watertown Police Department).

Mike Jungbluth distributed a cd containing West Allis Police Department Policies and Procedures. A general discussion was also held concerning the electronic recording of interviews.

Action was taken to reschedule WIPAC meetings during even months so as to keep meeting dates consistent with organizational by-laws. To this end, the next meeting was schedule for February 14, 2007 at the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building.