

POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

JANUARY 25, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Swain, Rick Carmichael, Kurt Bottorff, Ike Brown, Jim Peschong, Andy Backman, Don Dreyer, Kim Christiansen, Andrea Towler and Bill Larsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Felty

INVITED GUESTS: Chief Larry Thoren, Hastings PD and Chief Dennis DaMoude, Holdrege PD..

President Carmichael called the meeting to order at 1240 hours.

MINUTES: Minutes from the September 24 and 27, 2006 Board Meetings were reviewed, Andrea Towler made a motion to approve the minutes. Ike Brown provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was presented and reviewed. Jim Peschong made a motion to accept the report. Andy Backman provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Midwest Response/Xentel—Jim Peschong indicated that he had been contacted by James Carr who indicated he had bought out Mike Day. He also indicated that Jim Yemma is the contact person for Xentel. Checks continue to be turned in. Jim indicated he has been very pleased with the response and concerns expressed when inquiring about calls.

2. CCW—Jim Peschong reported that NSP will be processing applications, but would be contacting local agencies. Mixed reaction has been received from local communities.

3. Retirement Bills—Kim Christiansen and Andy Backman reported that there are three bills introduced this year:

LB370—Actuarial Study

LB371—Change retirement to Defined Benefit

LB372—Version of current bill regarding to a cash balance

Kim reported there will be a Committee hearing on Feb. 5. Discussion also occurred regarding a Lobbyist and trying to get an idea as to when would be a good time to find one, and who to seek out.

4. Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial—Bill Larsen reported that this Board met in November, 2006 and selected a site in front of Fonner Park and the Convention Center for the Memorial to be constructed, along with a Memorial for Firefighters and EMS personnel. It is hoped construction can begin in the spring of 2007.

5. PCAN—Discussion occurred regarding participation on PCAN's Board and their participation on POAN's Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update on Rick Carmichael's status—Rick advised his Mayor made a decision to not reappoint him Chief of Police in Fairbury. Rick had initiated an appeal, but made a decision that he would not contest the matter further and that January 30, 2007 would be his last official day. Prior discussion among the Board and reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws would allow Rick to continue as President since he has been a POAN member for 16 years and would qualify as a retired full time member. Retired full time members are allowed to hold office.

2. 2007 Conference— October 28-31, 2007 in Kearney , Nebraska . Rick reported that meetings are ongoing with NSA regarding preparations. Kurt Bottorff also reported that the 2008 Conference dates are October 12-15, 2008 .

3. POAN Handbook—Bill Larsen and Jim Peschong reported that Richard Anderson, who has been reviewing and rewriting the handbook for the last several years has indicated he is no longer interested in continuing. Beside Legislative issues, problems occurring with the new printer have made things more difficult. Discussion occurred about exploring alternative printing options and working to get the handbook in an electronic format and seeking other legal advice on updating and revising the handbook each year.

4. Legislative Update—Bills relating to law enforcement issues were reviewed and discussed. The Board's stance on these bills will be posted on the website.

LB176—a bill to redefine police animals for certain crimes. A request was received before the meeting asking for POAN's

support for this bill. Kurt Bottorff made a motion to support this bill. Mike Swain provided a second. A vote was conducted by e-mail, which resulted in the motion being approved.

President Carmichael asked for any other new business, or anything for the good of the order. Nothing was presented.

Andrea Towler made a motion to adjourn. Mike Swain provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 1510.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Larsen

Secretary/Treasurer