

POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HOLIDAY INN MID-TOWN

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

JANUARY 26, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Swain, Rick Carmichael, Kurt Bottorff, Bruce Felty, Ron Fisher, Jim Peschong, Andy Backman, Ed Burmood, Kim Christiansen, and Bill Larsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrea Towler.

President Swain called the meeting to order at 1105 hours.

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 30 and November 2, 2005 were presented. Rick Carmichael made a motion to approve the minutes. Kurt Bottorff provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was presented. Rick Carmichael made a motion to accept the report. Ed Burmood provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Midwest Response—Mike Day. A conference call was held with Mike Day regarding the current fundraising. Mike made a presentation requesting to change the current fundraising program to promoting concerts. Mike indicated they were having some difficulty collecting pledges from the current program. His company currently does fundraising for several other organizations of which many consist of promoting concerts. Mike indicated that they have much better success in collecting from people when they feel they are obtaining something for their money. Mike indicated that he was proposing changing the current contract from the current fundraising to promoting concerts. The total amount of the contract would remain the same as the current contract. He indicated the wording would change the dollar amount to 15%, with a guarantee of \$75,000.00. He also indicated that his staff would handle the arrangements; they would just request someone from POAN be there to welcome the attendees and thank them for their support. Mike also indicated that members would be granted admission with their membership cards. Mike also discussed the possibility of starting up a new magazine. Much discussion occurred after ending the conference call. Discussion resulted in a recommendation to have Mike Day submit a draft of a new contract to be reviewed, and upon that being satisfactorily completed, renewing the contract for three more years with the new focus on fundraising. After the meeting a new contract was received from Midwest Response with the previously mentioned changes. Rick Carmichael made a motion to approve the new contract. Kurt Bottorff provided a second. The motion was approved by vote, via e-mail.

B. Update LB710/LB711—Kim Christensen/Andy Backman. Kim and Andy reported that there has not been much progress with either bill. The indication was that LB711, Statewide Law Enforcement Retirement, was not going anywhere this session. A study still needs to be completed. The thought is to get this study completed and bring the bill back next year.

LB710 deals with the current plan for first class cities. The effort of this bill is to increase the percentage of the employee's contributions to 8 or 9 %. Lynn Rex, from the League of Municipalities, has indicated support for an increase in contributions for LB710. She also indicated they were opposed to a defined benefit plan as has been presented in LB711. Discussion also occurred about expenses for Kim and Andy to attend the meetings of the group exploring the retirement issues. They both thought things should be left as they currently are.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. NLETC—communication has been received from the Training Center regarding a new fee schedule which would be implemented, should LEIF not be continued.

B. Capitol City Footprinters—a communication was received from the Capitol City Footprinters requesting support of POAN for a golf tournament they sponsor to raise funds for a scholarship fund for a graduating high school senior, from Lancaster County or an adjoining county, each spring who must plan to study business administration, fire science or criminal justice. Discussion occurred with the general concern about the localized area impacted by the organization and the feeling of POAN looking for a wider area of exposure. The decision was not to support the request at this time.

C. HSIN(Homeland Security Information Network)—a communication was received from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security regarding a publication they put out, HSIN, and requesting assistance in putting the information out. Discussion resulted in the suggestion to post the information, via a link, on the website.

D. Legislative Bills—(See attached list of legislative bills). The various bills presented to the Legislature this year were reviewed, with the Board voting on issues relating to law enforcement in Nebraska . The decisions of the Board are posted on our website.

E. Information was provided that Tina Chapman had resigned from NSA, unknown about a replacement.

F. A request was made for POAN to cover expenses for the April graduation ceremony refreshments. This has been approved in the past.

President Swain asked for any other New Business, or anything for the good of the order. Nothing was presented. President Swain indicated that he would schedule the next two meetings for April 27 and July 27, both at 1100 hours.

Bruce Felty made a motion to adjourn. Ron Fisher provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 1500 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Larsen

Secretary/Treasurer