

POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER
GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA
JANUARY 27, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Peschong, Jeff Elliott, Kim Christensen, Andy Backman, Andrea Towler, Doug Provance, Kurt Bottorff, Herb Evers, Bruce Felty and Bill Larsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ike Brown and Ed Burmood.

INVITED GUESTS: Chief Larry Thoren, Hastings PD.

President Elliott called the meeting to order at 1200 hours.

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 3 and 6, 2010 Board meetings were presented. Motion by Andrea Towler to approve the minutes with a second provided by Andy Backman. Motion was approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was presented. Motion by Kurt Bottorff to accept the report. Andrea Towler provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NSP grieving families pamphlet ~ any agencies wanting copies will need to pay for any printing involved.
- Court Reduction ~ Letter from the Nance County Sheriff requesting support to fight legislative efforts to reduce funding for Court related expenses.
- Records retention ~ Kim Ott sent a letter requesting changing records retention laws in Nebraska.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Legislative ~ Kim Christensen and Jim Peschong report that any retirement issues will be waiting pending a bill relating to Fire Fighters and a Bellevue case. CIR changes will be addressed later in the minutes.
- State Fair ~ Kim Christensen reports nothing new.
- Membership ~ Andy Backman had nothing new to report.
- Website ~ Bill Larsen indicated some updating of the website was almost finished. Nothing else new.
- Conference Committee ~ Jeff Elliott reported that speakers for Monday and Tuesday have been lined up and they were looking for some speakers for Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Elliott reported a new three year contract has been signed with our telemarketer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Multiple year contract for the Annual Conference ~ Kim Christensen presented a request to look at signing a multiple year contract with the Holiday Inn-Kearney. This would be for the conferences in 2012-2013-2014 they had made some good offers on expenses providing we would lock in to them for this three year period. Jim Peschong made a motion to allow Kim Christensen to talk to the Nebraska Sheriff's Association and negotiate a three year contract with the Holiday Inn-Kearney. Doug Provance provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.
- Lobbyist and CIR ~ Kim Christensen brought up paying our lobbyist \$11,000 plus filing fees to work on legislative changes to the Commission on Industrial Relations which have been proposed in the Legislature. Kim made a motion to retain Trent Nowaka as our lobbyist. Andy Backman provided a second. Voice/Hand vote resulted in a tie. President Elliott cast the tie breaking vote, which resulted in defeating the motion.
- Burial Benefits ~ Discussion occurred regarding changing the benefits for other members than previously increased. Discussion resulted in no other changes.
- 2008 Handbooks ~ we are currently out of the 2008 version of the POAN Handbook. Discussion occurred regarding printing up new copies, or not, since the whole handbook will be redone this year. Decision was made to not reprint the handbook, but to refer requests to the website.
- Melanie Bailey's contract ~ Kim Christensen indicated a contract has been presented to POAN and NSA. Discussion resulted in a request to check with Melanie for clarification on what is being done.
- LR 535 ~ Jim Peschong discussed this resolution which has involved looking into the operation of the State Crime Lab Several items have been discussed including creating an Advisory Board, creating protocols on processing and also training issues. No final decision has been made on anything.
- History Book ~ A request was received from a publisher to look into publishing a book regarding POAN. Information was given to Bruce Felty.
- Doug Provance ~ Doug reported he has retired from the Kimball PD and was inquiring about his continued participation on the Board. He indicated it appears he is one year short of having been a member for 15 years to qualify as a Retiree Member. Discussion resulted in allowing Doug to pay one year membership in advance and he then could fulfill his term on the Board.
- Legislative Bills ~ Chief Thoren assisted with reviewing legislative proposal for the 2011 Legislative Session of the State Legislature. See posting on POAN's website for the Board's stance on the bills.

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

April 7, 2011 at 1200 hours at NLETC was set for the next Board meeting.

Jim Peschong made a motion to adjourn. Kurt Bottorff provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 1530..

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Larsen

Secretary/Treasurer