



WILEAG Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2020

The special business meeting was held virtually via Zoom's secure network and was called to order at 1003 hours by President Mark Ferguson.

Present: Ferguson, Rosch, Christopherson, Stojkovic, Peterson, Braun, Kopp, Palmer, Nasci, and Cole

Others in attendance: Katie Wrightsman, Lara Vendola-Messer, and Brian Uhl

Excused: Ruzinski, Pederson, Balistreri, Zilavy, Grill, and Nimmer

Special Business

2020 Agency On-sites – Due to continued COVID-19 restrictions, Wrightsman polled all 11 agencies scheduled for on-site assessments in 2020 to garner their input on how to proceed. Survey responses were mixed with some wanting to move forward as scheduled while others expressed concerns. There was consensus amongst the Board that unilaterally delaying all the assessments into 2021 would create a backlog and upset the balance of the 3-year assessment cycle. However, agencies that expressed concerns should have the ability to delay their on-site to 2021 based on their unique circumstances. Wrightsman was confident that she could secure the needed assessors for those agencies that wanted to proceed as scheduled. *After discussion, there was a motion by Ferguson seconded by Nasci and passed on a unanimous voice vote that the affected individual agencies will determine whether to continue with their scheduled on-site or to reschedule in 2021. Any agency wishing to continue with their scheduled 2020 on-site assessment will need to confirm that decision with the WILEAG Executive Director. It is expected that the agency will be able to provide for proper social distancing and personal protection requirements during the assessment. Any agency that wishes to reschedule their on-site assessment to 2021 will need to notify the WILEAG Executive Director of that decision. The on-site will be rescheduled for a date in 2021 that does not conflict with previously scheduled on-sites. Agencies will need to provide the most recent 3 years of proofs of compliance. This means that if the new on-site is scheduled for later in the year, the agency would need to have proofs for 2021. Any agency that reschedules and receives accreditation in 2021 will remain on the standard 3-year cycle and would be up for re-accreditation in 2024.* Ferguson will craft a letter outlining these requirements and provide it to each affected agency.

Presidential Executive Order – Ferguson participated in two conference calls with the US Department of Justice regarding the President's Executive Order and provided an update to the Board. Attorney General Barr is continuing to move toward a national use of force standard which will require law enforcement agencies to have their use of force policy certified in order to receive federal grant funds. Although official

direction was not provided, it appears as if the National Consensus Policy and Discussion Paper on Use of Force may serve as the standards framework for assessing compliance. Attorney General Barr has sole discretion in determining which agent(s) will review submitted use of force policies and bestow certification. AccredNet is actively lobbying on behalf all state accreditation organizations in anticipation of one certifying body being designated for each state. There was consensus amongst the Board that WILEAG was well suited to perform this duty and that we should continue to pursue this opportunity. Ferguson will provide an update on future developments at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1104 hours on unanimous voice vote following a motion by Christopherson, seconded by Nasci.

Next meeting – Virtually via Zoom August 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Christopherson, Secretary