



# WILEAG Governing Board Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2021

The dual format in-person and virtual meeting via Zoom, was called to order at 906 hours by President Mark Ferguson.

Present: Ferguson, Nasci, Rosch, Christopherson, Peterson, Ballistrieri, Pederson, Nimmer, Kopp, Grill, Braun, Hingiss, and Cole.

Excused: Stojkovic, Palmer, and Zillavy

Others: Katie Wrightsman, Matt Wagner, Steve Wagner, and Lara Vendola-Messer.

The minutes from the June 25, 2021 meeting were sent in advance of the meeting. ***After review, the meeting minutes of the June 25, 2021 were approved on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Nasci, seconded by Peterson.***

## Agency Accreditation Review

***Following a motion by Rosch, seconded by Hingiss, at 0909 hours the Board convened in closed session following unanimous voice vote.***

**Whitewater PD.** The written report was sent to board members in advance of the meeting. Team Leader Lt. Matt Wagner provided a summary of the process and responded to specific questions from Board members. After discussion and review, ***there was a motion by Nasci, seconded by Ballistrieri and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG reaccreditation status for a period of three years to Whitewater PD, effective August 27, 2021.*** Whitewater PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

***Following a motion by Ballistrieri, seconded by Hingiss, at 929 hours the Board reconvened in open session following unanimous voice vote.***

## Standing and Ad-hoc Committee Reports

- **Training Committee-** Balistrieri provided an update to include the following events:

- 09/07/2021 CVMIC staff, Balistrieri, and Video Production Specialist Tiffany Wier, will be meeting with WIPAC representatives to record the WIPAC promotional video.
  - 09/21/2021 CVMIC staff, Balistrieri, and Video Production Specialist Tiffany Wier, will be at West Allis PD to record the video addressing temporary holding standards.
  - 11/03/2021 WILEAG Accreditation Manager Training will take place @ CVMIC.
- **Process Committee** – Updates to the The 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Accreditation Standards and corresponding 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition CORE Verification Standards incorporating Act 75 requirements will be considered later in the meeting as an agenda item.
  - **Outreach Committee** – Rosch attended the Wisconsin Chief's of Police Summer Conference and represented WILEAG at the event. With his pending departure, someone else from the organization will need to step-up and serve as WILEAG's ambassador.
  - **Large Agency Committee** – Milwaukee PD is currently conducting a selection process for a new police chief. Once a candidate is selected, they will need to schedule an on-site date for their assement which was postponed until 2022.

## OFFICER'S REPORTS

- **President's Report** – Nothing to report.
- **Vice President's Report** – Nothing to report.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Rosch provided and reviewed the financial reports that he compiled with Board members. Power DMS has submitted payment for their 2021 Bronze level sponsorship. Lexipol's 2021 payment for their Gold level sponsorship is still outstanding. To date, \$27,100.00 in payments have been made to assessors for completing Use of Force reviews. Rosch reported a current balance of \$63,016.14. No concerns were expressed by the Executive Board who had reviewed the detailed report in advance of the meeting. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Ballistrieri and passed on a unanimous voice vote to accept the Financial Reports.***
- **Secretary's Report** – Nothing to report.

**Staff Report**- Wrightsman reviewed the Executive Director report that was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Six agencies are still in the Use of Force Credentialing process needing to make repairs to their orginal submissions. Wrightsman is scheduling fall accreditation on-sites and is struggling to find team leaders. The Board discussed the format of the final on-site report as it constitutes a lot of work for team leaders. Based on this discussion, Ferguson agreed to draft

a streamlined template for team leaders to follow. His proposal will be considered at the next board meeting for approval.

### **Old and Unfinished Business**

**Update on Use of Force Credentialing Program** – Ferguson reports he is still attending bi-weekly virtual meetings and the COPS Office is still accepting credentialing submissions. Based on the submission deadlines, WILEAG was not able to pursue the COPS grant designated to enhance existing accreditation programs.

**Review/Approve 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Accreditation Standards-** Peterson provided an overview of the new updates based on the recent passage of Act 75. Major tenants include Duty to Report, Duty to Intervene, and Whistleblower protections. After discussion and review, ***Nasci made a motion, seconded by Ferguson to accept the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Accreditation Standards with an issue date of August, 27, 2021. The motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.*** Compliance for all participating agencies will be mandatory after January 1, 2023. However, agencies may choose to adopt the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Accreditation Standards sooner than this on their own accord.

**Review/Approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition CORE Verification Standards-** Peterson provided an overview of the new updates based on the recent passage of Act 75. Major tenants include Duty to Report, Duty to Intervene, and Whistleblower protections. The changes increased the standards from 49 standards under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition to 65 standards under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. After discussion and review, ***Nasci made a motion, seconded by Ferguson to accept the 3rd Edition CORE Verification Standards with an issue date of August, 27, 2021. The motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.*** Compliance for all participating agencies will be mandatory after January 1, 2023. However, agencies may choose to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition CORE Verification Standards sooner than this on their own accord.

**Nominations/Election Treasurer–** In June Rosch submitted formal notice that he will be resigning from the Board at the end of 2021. As a result, the Board held an election to fill the remainder of his unexpired term as Treasurer. Following discussion, ***a motion was made by Ferguson, seconded by Nasci, to nominate Rebecca Grill as the Treasurer. Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Nasci, to close nominations for Treasurer. After a unanimous voice vote, Grill was elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term as Treasurer effective January 1, 2022.***

### **New Business**

**Board Member Practices/Procedures Questions** – No questions

**Waukesha Sheriff's Office Accreditation Presentation** – Sheriff Eric Severson, Accreditation Manager Captain Michelle Leffler, and Records Clerk Angela Rygielski were present representing the department. Ferguson recapped significant highlights from the agency on-site and informed them of the Board's decision to grant reaccreditation status effective June 25, 2021. Sheriff

Severson was advised as to the timing of the formal award presentation at the WPLF Winter Conference in February and that a local presentation could be made if requested.

***The meeting was adjourned at 1115 hours on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Nasci, seconded by Peterson.***

**Next meeting** – Monday September 27, 2021 0900 hours in-person at CVMIC and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd Christopherson-Secretary