



# WILEAG

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

### August 21, 2023

The dual format meeting held in-person at the CVMIC offices in Wauwatosa and virtually via Zoom, was called to order at 0904 hours by President Mark Ferguson.

Present: Ferguson, Nasci, Christopherson, Nimmer, Styka, Hingiss, Misko, Pederson, and Zilavy

Excused: Stojkovic, Cole, Peterson, Grill, Jaeger, Palmer, and Braun

Others: Katie Wrightsman, and Lara Vendola-Messer

The minutes from the June 19, 2023 meeting were sent in advance of the meeting. ***After review, the meeting minutes of the June 19, 2023 were approved on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Nimmer, seconded by Misko.***

#### **Standing and Ad-hoc Committee Reports**

**Training Committee-** Styka reports that the accreditation onsite training video is completed and has been uploaded to WILEAG's webpage. He subsequently played the video during the meeting for the Board's review. The next CVMIC law enforcement virtual roundtable will be September 21, 2023 at 1000 hours and will feature an overview of Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE). The program aims to reduce citizen complaints, disciplinary actions, officer job loss, and lawsuits; reduce unnecessary harm to civilians and officers, improve community support of law enforcement, and increase officer job satisfaction. The program is based on social science, which helps explain why people often do not intervene and teaches the skills to intervene. Styka will send a registration link to Board members who want to participate in the training. Braun was not able to attend today's meeting in person, but provided an update in advance regarding the training video she is developing. In addition to focusing on witness rights, she also plans to incorporate information regarding victim rights. She has recruited a rights specialist to collaborate on the video project and intends to complete filming in September. Wrightsman reports that the fall training scheduled at Middleton PD is attracting a lot of attention with 30 people already signed up already for each class.

**Standards and Process Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Outreach Committee-** Nothing to report

**Large Agency Committee** – Nasci reports the onsite for Milwaukee PD was completed and their accreditation status would be reviewed later in the meeting.

**OFFICER’S REPORTS**

**President’s Report** – Ferguson reports that he and Wrightsman met with Power DMS at their request. Power DMS advised that they will be launching a new platform this fall that will assist agencies in meeting the requirements of WILEAG accreditation. Ferguson was contacted by the Wisconsin Association of Identification regarding their annual training conference. They requested a WILEAG representative to attend on March 19, 2024 to provide a review of the standards found within Chapter 11- Evidence/Property Integrity. Ferguson will recruit a volunteer for this outreach opportunity.

**Vice President’s Report** – Nasci reports that he received an email from a party expressing concern regarding the accreditation status of a law enforcement agency. Based upon his review, the concerns were deemed not actionable and appear to have been politically motivated.

**Treasurer's Report** – The financial report completed by Grill was submitted to the Board in advance of today's meeting and detailed a current balance of \$83,462.50. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Nasci, seconded by Pederson, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to accept the Financial Report.***

**Secretary’s Report** – Nothing to report.

**Staff Report**- Wrightsman reviewed the Executive Director's report that was provided in advance of today's meeting. An invoice for WILEAG's AccredNet membership was received. The rate for 2023 is \$125.00 which is prorated. The rate for 2024 will be the full amount of \$250.00. There was consensus among the board that being part of this association is worthwhile and has been particularly helpful interpreting Presidential Executive Orders. Wrightsman reports she is in the process of updating the WILEAG website to distinguish between agencies that are accredited and those in self-assessment. Ferguson will also be sending out a letter to all agencies that are in self-assessment to enumerate the progress expectations associated with this undertaking.

**Old and Unfinished Business-**

Misko reports that Waukesha County Sheriff proactively reached out to him regarding their participation in a metropolitan drug unit. As part of this assignment, the agency manages a property/evidence room that is comprised entirely of high value items. Misko and Hingiss toured the location and reviewed the safeguards that are in place with the Board. Following discussion, questions remained surrounding the application of Chapter 11 standards to the property/evidence room. To best explore this unique situation, there was agreement amongst the Board to send a satellite team of WILEAG assessors to inspect the property/evidence room in question.

## New Business

Pederson provided an update regarding recent staffing changes within the DOJ's Training and Standards Bureau. She also invited Board members to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Summit that will be held in person October 10-11, 2023 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

## Board Member Practices/Procedure Questions- None

## Agency Accreditation Review

*Following a motion by Pederson, seconded by Misko, at 1016 hours the Board convened in closed session following unanimous voice vote.*

**Janesville PD-** The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Team Leader Chief Dan Meyer provided a summary of the process and responded to specific questions from Board members. After discussion and review, ***there was a motion by Hingiss, seconded by Nimmer, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG reaccreditation status for a period of three years to Janesville PD, effective August 21, 2023.*** Janesville PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

**Milwaukee PD-** The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Team Leader Deputy Chief Bob Fletcher 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 Nimmer and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG reaccreditation status for a period of three years to Milwaukee PD, effective August 21, 2023.*** Milwaukee PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

*Following a motion by Pederson, seconded by Nasci, at 1045 hours the Board reconvened in open session following unanimous voice vote.*

**Dodge County Sheriff Accreditation Presentation** – Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Chief Deputy Chad Enright, Captain Jason Boeck, Lt. Brian Loos, Lt. Christine Churchill, Lt. Joe Nichols, and County Administrator Cameron Clapper were present representing the department. Ferguson recapped significant highlights from the agency on-site and informed them of the Board's decision to grant accreditation status effective June 19, 2023. Sheriff Schmidt 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.

**Fond du Lac PD Accreditation Presentation** – Chief Aaron Goldstein, Assistant Chief Jason Laridaen, Captain Tony Hahn, Lt. Ryan Williams, City Manager Joe Moore, Administrative Assistant Tina Anderson, and Property and Evidence Control Unit Manager Paul Torres 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 19, 2023. Chief Goldstein

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.

**South Milwaukee PD Accreditation Presentation** – Captain Dan Fournier and Lt. Dave Hoepfner 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 19, 2023. Captain Fournier 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.

**Lake Delton PD Accreditation Presentation** – Assistant Chief Eric Thunberg and Lieutenant Steve Smith 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 May 8, 2023. Assistant Chief Eric Thunberg 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.

*Following a motion by Pederson, seconded by Nimmer, at 1137 hours the Board convened in closed session following unanimous voice vote.*

**Marquette University PD Core Verification-** The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Wrightsman provided a summary of the process and the findings of the review that had been completed by Captain David Stroupe. After discussion, ***a motion was made by Nimmer, seconded by Hingiss, and passed on unanimous voice vote to grant verification status to Marquette University PD for a period of three years effective August 21, 2023.***

*Following a motion by Pederson, seconded by Misko, at 1140 hours the Board reconvened in open session following unanimous voice vote.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 1141 hours on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Pederson, seconded by Misko.*

**Next meeting** – Monday October 2, 2023, in-person at CVMIC and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd Christopherson-Secretary