



WILEAG Governing Board Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2020

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom's secure network and was called to order at 0832 hours by President Mark Ferguson.

Present: Ferguson, Rosch, Vendola-Messer, Stojkovic, Braun, Cole, Kopp, Peterson, Pederson, Balistreri, Zilavy, and Grill

Others in attendance: Katie Wrightsman and Phil Noche

Excused: Palmer, Ruzinski, Nasci, and Nimmer

The minutes from both the February 21, 2020 and the May 4, 2020 meetings were sent in advance of the meeting. ***After review, the minutes of the February 21, 2020 and the May 4, 2020 meetings were approved on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Rosch, seconded by Grill.***

Reports of Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees

- **Training**
 - CVMIC offices are closed through September
 - Accreditation Manager training is rescheduled for 12/15/20
 - Assessor training is rescheduled for 11/04/20
 - Both will occur at CVMIC, with a maximum class capacity of 15 to adhere to proper social distancing recommendations
- **Process**
 - The 5th Edition Standards review has been occurring via email, which has proven to be a challenge. It was agreed that the Process Committee members will wait to meet in person, like early fall, to finalize a proposal to present to the board.
- **Outreach**
 - Spring conference was cancelled
- **Large Agency**
 - Nothing to report

Officer's Reports

- **President**
 - President Trump's recent Executive Order *Safe Policing for Safe Communities* was discussed, specifically the language surrounding "credentialing bodies". Ferguson has already been in contact with the US Attorney WI Eastern District's Office to ensure they

are aware of WILEAG's long standing history and reputation as the local accrediting body in Wisconsin. The consensus of the group was to wait to see how things unfold, and not take any action at this time.

- **Vice President** – Nothing to report.
- **Secretary** - Nothing to report.
- **Treasurer** - Rosch did not create a written report for the virtual meeting, but advised the balance is near \$62,000. All but one agency has paid their 2020 dues, and with on-sites having been cancelled, there has been little activity.

Executive Director Report- Wrightsman sent her report in advance and reviewed its contents with the board. She noted that all of the on-sites that had been cancelled due to COVID had been rescheduled in 2020 yet. She mentioned that she is nearing completion with the website design, and would be sending a Zoom invite to any board member wanting to participate in a virtual session to observe the design and comment on any remaining content that needs to be addressed.

Wrightsmen also reviewed the request letters submitted by both Waukesha PD and Pleasant Prairie PD, asking for extensions on their on-sites into early 2021. Both requests will fit into the master schedule. The Board approved both requests, noting both agencies will have to provide 4 years of proof this cycle. Wrightsman will be in contact with both agencies advising them of such. Wrightsman and Balistreri discussed the request from Racine PD's legal team for an expert to present testimony in court regarding accreditation. This request was denied and Wrightsman will contact our insurance company and receive a formal opinion supporting this declaration.

Old and Unfinished Business

- **Standards of Conduct**- In regards to assessor Standards of Conduct, the Board agreed that assessors must be an appropriate steward for the profession, display the utmost professionalism, and maintain the integrity of the process. Any allegation of impropriety or other complaint will be thoroughly vetted at the Board level, to include notice of the allegations to the employing agency's Chief or Sheriff. The Board is the sole decision-making entity to approve or remove an assessor from the assessor pool, and will notify the employing agency's Chief or Sheriff of any decision. Additionally, the Code of Conduct will be sent to each assessor at each on-site assignment, and included in all future trainings.
- **Evansville PD Accreditation hearing**- The written on-site report had been sent to board members and reviewed at the 02/21/20 meeting, where the hearing was tabled to allow for the Chief to determine a time frame to become compliant with Standard 1.4.4. The Chief supplied documents to show compliance. ***After discussion, there was a motion by Noche seconded by Kopp passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG accreditation under the 5th Edition for a period of three years, effective 06/19/2020.***

New Business

- **Board Member Practice/Procedure Questions**- No questions were raised by Board members in regards to organizational practices/procedures currently undertaken by WILEAG.
- **Training and Standards** – Pederson said there has been much discussion at the T&S office, and suspects we will see legislation soon in the following areas: community policing, de-escalation, officer override, and cultural competency.

- **Power DMS** – At this point, WILEAG will not require or dictate a specific product or format, but supports the efforts taken to streamline the process. The document created by New Berlin PD can be used as a reference guide. While WILEAG has never required or dictated that a certain product be used, this may possibly need to be revisited if there is a large influx of new agencies seeking accreditation in the future, while weighing the ability of agencies to provide assessors.

The meeting was adjourned at 0932 hours on unanimous voice vote following a motion by Cole, seconded by Pederson.

Next meeting – Virtually via Zoom August 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

***Lara Vendola-Messer for
Todd Christopherson, Secretary***