



# WILEAG Governing Board Meeting Minutes

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The virtual meeting, held via Zoom, was called to order at 0902 hours by President Mark Ferguson.

Present: Ferguson, Rosch, Christopherson, Peterson, Stojkovic, Balistrieri, Pederson, Palmer, Grill, Nasci, Nimmer, Kopp, Cole, and Braun.

Excused: Ruzinski and Zilavy

Others: Katie Wrightsman, Steve Wagner, Phil Noche, Colette Jaeger, Eugene Reyes, Danielle Patton, and Lara Vendola-Messer.

The minutes from the December 14, 2020 meeting were sent in advance of the meeting. ***After review, the meeting minutes of the December 14, 2020 were approved on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Kopp, seconded by Peterson.***

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

- **Training Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Process Committee** – The updated standards review document has been disseminated to committee members. Ferguson will be scheduling a Zoom meeting this week to finalize the recommended changes with the committee.
- **Outreach Committee** – Rosch advised that the annual Chief's Conference remains scheduled and he will be in attendance. In addition to its vendor booth, WILEAG has been allotted time to discuss the Use of Force Policy Credentialing process. The presentation of accreditation certificates and as well the WILEAG annual awards will proceed as normal.
- **Large Agency Committee** – Nothing to report

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

- **President's Report** – Ruzinski has been appointed to the position of US Marshal and can no longer serve on the Board. As a result of her resignation, Ferguson will contact the Police Executive Group (PEG) to solicit a new representative for their designated director seat. Additionally, Ruzinski's departure results in the position of Vice President being vacated. Pursuant to the By-laws, an election to fill the remainder of her unexpired term will be held during the next Board meeting.
- **Vice President's Report** – Nothing to report
- **Secretary's Report** – Nothing to report
- **Treasurer's Report** – Rosch provided and reviewed the financial reports that he compiled with Board members. He reported a current balance of \$48,151.12. No concerns were expressed by the Executive Board who had reviewed the detailed report. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Stojkovic and passed on a unanimous voice vote to accept the Financial Reports.***

**Staff Report**- Wrightsman has been spending a lot of time managing the Use of Force Credentialing Program. Overall, things are going smoothly and she has received a lot of favorable feedback from participating agencies. The team leader and assessor positions for the first half of 2021 on-sites have been finalized. The addition of 8 new assessors to the candidate pool following our annual training has been a big help in spreading the workload.

## **Old and Unfinished Business**

**Update on Use of Force Credentialing Program** – To date, 180 agencies have sent policies in for review. Ferguson attends weekly Zoom meetings with the COPS office and they have reiterated that January 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to provide policy review information to the U.S. DOJ. With the deadline for submission fast approaching, Training and Standards will send out another reminder to all agencies of this requirement if they intend to apply for Federal grant funding.

## **New Business**

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

**2020 Board Member Attendance** – Christopherson reported that all Board members met the minimum attendance requirements for 2020 and no formal Board action was required.

## **Agency Accreditation Review**

***Following a motion by Kopp, seconded by Stojkovic, at 0928 hours the Board convened in a closed session on a unanimous voice vote.***

**Reedsburg PD** - The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Team Leader Colette Jaeger provided a summary of the process and the findings. ***There was a motion by Balistreri, seconded by Cole and passed on unanimous voice vote to grant reaccreditation status to Reedsburg PD effective January 11, 2021.***

**Bayside P.D. Core Verification** – The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Katie Wrightsman provided a summary of the process and the findings of the review that had been completed by Chief Scott Marquardt. After discussion, ***a motion was made by Stojkovic, seconded by Peterson, and passed on unanimous voice vote to grant verification status to Bayside P.D. effective January 11, 2021.***

**Pewaukee PD** - The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Team Leader Lara Vendola-Messer provided a summary of the process and the findings. ***There was a motion by Peterson, seconded by Nasci and passed on unanimous voice vote to grant accreditation status to Pewaukee PD effective January 11, 2021.***

***The meeting was adjourned at 1000 hours on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Stojkovic, seconded by Kopp.***

**Next meeting** – Friday February 26, 2021 at 0900 hours via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd Christopherson-Secretary