



WILEAG

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2024

The dual format meeting held in-person at the CVMIC offices in Wauwatosa and virtually via Zoom, was called to order at 0905 hours by President Mark Ferguson.

Present: Ferguson, Nasci, Stojkovic, Peterson, Jaeger, Nimmer, Styka, Braun, Misko, Zilavy, Cole, and Vendola-Messer

Excused: Palmer, Pederson, Grill, and Hingiss

Others: Katie Wrightsman, Jacob Corr, Bob Fletcher

The minutes from the April 12, 2024, meeting were sent in advance of the meeting. ***After review, the meeting minutes of the April 12, 2024, were approved on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Braun, seconded by Peterson.***

Standing and Ad-hoc Committee Reports

Training Committee- Assessor training occurred 04/18/24. Wrightsman will begin to coordinate fall training dates in Middleton. CVMIC will have availability over the summer to create another video and Styka has been coordinating with Dan Meyer to create a video about Core and using Dropbox. Vendola-Messer held Team Leader virtually with a group of four; a fifth is scheduled next week. Wrightsman has already received Team Leader applications from two and they will be scheduled for onsites this fall.

Standards and Process Committee – Nothing to report.

Outreach Committee- Wisconsin Accreditation bill SB1088/AB1181 died at the end of the session on April 15; but there was much interest at the legislative level, and it is believed it will be reintroduced next session.

Large Agency Committee – Nothing to report.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report – Nothing to report

Vice President's Report – VP Nasci presented awards to outgoing/retiring board members Mark Ferguson and Julie Braun. Thank you both for your commitment and dedication to WILEAG.

Secretary's Report – Nothing to report.

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 \$84,667.89. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Stojkovic, seconded by Braun, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to accept the Financial Report.***

Staff Report- Wrightsman reviewed the Executive Director's Report that was provided in advance of today's meeting. She highlighted those Core agencies that she sent letters to advising that their status is expired, and their responses. The Board concurred that the letters would stand, and Wrightsman will reaffirm their removal status, noting language from the new guiding principles as guidance. Wrightsman will also remove those agencies from the WILEAG Website.

Old and Unfinished Business

Accreditation Cycles and On-site Extension Procedures-

The Board discussed the language contained in the 6th Edition Guiding Principles. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Braun, seconded by Cole, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to approve the 6th Edition Guiding Principles in full, effective May 10, 2024.*** Wrightsman will update the manuals on the website and disseminate it to agencies.

Frequently Asked Questions 6th Edition Standards Ch. 14- Braun created a PowerPoint presentation that clarifies standards regarding victim and witness rights which was shared in advance of the meeting. As she is retiring, Braun is hopeful this document will be used at a future date when the standards review occurs. No further discussion occurred.

At Large Vacant Board Seat (two) Appointments

As this was the last meeting for retiring WILEAG Board Members Mark Ferguson and Julie Braun, names were suggested for replacements to the two At-Large seats that will become vacant after today.

Braun introduced Assistant Attorney General Jacob Corr, who was previously on the WILEAG Board. One of his responsibilities is to represent the Crime Victim's Rights Board as legal counsel. Ferguson introduced West Allis Deputy Chief Bob Fletcher. Fletcher has been involved as an agency AM, is a WILEAG Team Leader, and recently was the Team Leader for large agency Milwaukee PD's reaccreditation. Both spoke and expressed interest in the vacant At-Large seats. Other's also expressed interest: Fond du Lac Police Chief Aaron Goldstein and Waukesha County Sheriff's Office Captain Michelle Leffler; both were unable to attend today's meeting.

After discussion, ***there was a motion by Nasci, seconded by Braun and passed on unanimous voice vote to appoint Jacob Corr to the At-Large seat with the Victim/Witness emphasis, and Bob Fletcher to the remaining At-Large seat.*** Both Jacob Corr and Bob Fletcher were present at the meeting and both accepted their appointment.

A third WILEAG Board Member Dennis Nasci will be retiring at the next meeting. Styka will continue to reach out to the WCPA 4th Class Cities Chair for a replacement for that seat.

Elections for both the President and Vice President roles will occur at the June meeting, to carry out the remainder of the current term through 2024.

New Business

Board Member Practices/Procedure Questions – None

Agency Accreditation Review

Following a motion by Peterson, seconded by Nimmer, at 1012 hours the Board convened in closed session following unanimous voice vote.

LaCrosse PD- The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Team Leader Chief Jennifer Pagenkropf provided a summary of the process and responded to specific questions from Board members. After discussion and review, ***there was a motion by Nimmer, seconded by Cole, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG reaccreditation status for a period of three years to LaCrosse PD, effective May 10, 2024.*** LaCrosse PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

Pleasant Prairie PD- The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Team Leader Captain Colette Jaeger provided a summary of the process and responded to specific questions from Board members. After discussion and review, ***there was a motion by Stojkovic, seconded Peterson, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG accreditation status for a period of three years to Pleasant Prairie PD, effective May 10, 2024.*** Pleasant Prairie PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

Following a motion by Misko, seconded by Nasci, at 1036 hours the Board convened in open session following unanimous voice vote.

Cottage Grove PD Accreditation Presentation – Cottage Grove PD Chief Mark Garry, Lt. Matt Wagner, and Sgt. Helgeland 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 April 10, 2024. Chief Mark Garry was advised as to the timing of the formal award presentation at the WPLF Winter Conference and that a local presentation could be made if requested.

Waukesha PD Accreditation Presentation – Waukesha PD Assistant Chief Oremus, Amy Hughes, and Katie Kujawa 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 April 10, 2024. Chief Oremus was advised as to the timing of the formal award presentation at the WPLF Winter Conference and that a local presentation could be made if requested.

Waunakee PD Accreditation Presentation – Waunakee PD Lt. Beaudette was 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 April 10, 2024. Lt. Beaudette was advised as to the timing of the formal award presentation at the WPLF Winter Conference and that a local presentation could be made if requested.

Discuss 2023 Financial Audit:

Styka reviewed the 2023 WILEAG Financial Audit document that was provided in advance of today's meeting. He highlighted his findings and recommendations. After discussion, ***a motion was made by Nimmer, seconded by Nasci, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to approve the 2023 WILEAG Financial Audit report.***

The meeting was adjourned at 1103 hours on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Misko, seconded by Stojkovic.

Next meeting – Friday June 10, 2024, in-person at CVMIC and via Zoom.

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