



WILEAG

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2023

The dual format meeting held in-person at the CVMIC offices in Wauwatosa and virtually via Zoom, was called to order at 0906 hours by President Mark Ferguson.

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

Excused: Stojkovic, Groszcyk, Palmer, Grill, Braun, and Wrightsman

The minutes from the May 8, 2023 meeting were sent in advance of the meeting. ***After review, the meeting minutes of the May 8, 2023 were approved on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Misko, seconded by Peterson.***

Standing and Ad-hoc Committee Reports

Training Committee- Styka reports that the voiceovers are finished for the "how-to" video. Final edits are in the works, and he hopes it will be finished by the next board meeting. The CVMIC staff will work with Braun to record a WILEAG training segment regarding the new witness standards found within Chapter 14 of the 6th Edition Standards later this summer or early fall.

Ferguson reports the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association requested that the Executive Director become an associate member of WCPA, currently at \$100 annually. After discussion and review, ***there was a motion by Nasci, seconded by Misko and passed on a unanimous voice vote to spend funds annually to apply for and maintain the Executive Director's associate membership status at WCPA.***

Standards and Process Committee – Nothing to report.

Outreach Committee- Training for the fall sessions are confirmed at Middleton PD with Accreditation Manager training taking place on October 3 and Assessor training occurring on October 10. Both have been added to WILENET and will be sent to the Chief's Association membership list.

Large Agency Committee –Milwaukee PD's on-site occurred in May 2023. The final report should be complete for the next meeting.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report –Waukesha County asked for a board member or team leader to view evidence at their HIDTA site to ensure they comply with standards. Misko volunteered to assist with this.

Bayside Communications on-site occurred; however, with a change in personnel, some items are still being addressed. Neyhart will continue to follow-up and provide his report when items are completed.

The USDOJ released a document entitled *National Standards for Independent Credentialing Bodies* in May, which outlines 20 mandatory standards and 24 optional ones. There are perhaps 7 or 8 that do not quite match WILEAG standards, along with one addition that would be a significant change. Ferguson has been participating in AccredNet meetings, and there is much discussion occurring yet on the applicability of this document. Currently, AccredNet is recommending that state accrediting bodies make no changes; Ferguson also recommends WILEAG make no changes, pending further federal direction.

AccredNet will be asking for member agencies to pay annual dues of \$250 in 2024 but may start billing in July 2023. The Board took no action on this and opted to wait and see if an invoice is sent.

Vice President's Report – Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – The financial report completed by Grill was submitted to the Board in advance and detailed a current balance of \$88,630.73. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Hingiss and passed on a unanimous voice vote to accept the Financial Report.***

Secretary's Report – Nothing to report.

Staff Report- In Wrightsman's absence, Nasci reviewed the Executive Director's report that was provided in advance of today's meeting. It was noted that there are four new Core agencies, and two agencies have withdrawn (Town of Campbell PD and Plymouth PD).

After discussion, the board will request the ED to send an annual letter to agencies to assess their interest, offer support, check their status or progress, etc. We should be reaching out minimally when agencies are nearing the three-year mark. Additionally, Board members would like to have the website revised to include more "current as of" dates, and a separate section for agencies in self-assessment.

Old and Unfinished Business-

Following a motion by Misko, seconded by Cole, at 0953 hours the Board convened in closed

session following unanimous voice vote.

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

At the prior meeting, after discussion and review, questions remained regarding some standards listed as NAF and the incorporation of local police departments under the umbrella of the sheriff's office. Nasci served as the Board's liaison to addressing these outstanding items. He presented a summary of the secondary review process and responded to specific questions from Board members. After discussion, ***there was a motion by Styka, seconded by Hingiss, and passed on a unanimous voice vote, with Peterson and Jaeger abstaining, to grant WILEAG accreditation status for a period of three years to the Dodge County SO, effective June 19, 2023.*** Dodge County SO will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

Following a motion by Misko, seconded by Jaeger, at 1030 hours the Board reconvened in open session following unanimous voice vote.

New Business

- After several related discussions, it was determined that a guiding principle regarding the expected time frame for the first time onsite and defining what a cycle is should be established. Peterson will be working on draft language.
- Styka reports there may be future budget funds at the state level for accreditation related endeavors.
- Styka reports that CVMIC went back to track claims for accredited vs non-accredited agencies. They have found that for accredited agencies, the claims have been both fewer in number and settle for less money. CVMIC will hopefully be providing published data soon, in support of accreditation.
- Pederson reports that NHTSA released new SFST curriculum which will be incorporated soon at the academy level and presented to DRE's. Additionally, the new high risk vehicle contacts (HRVC) instruction is being taught at all academies.

Board Member Practices/Procedure Questions- None

Agency Accreditation Review

Following a motion by Pederson, seconded by Jaeger, at 1036 hours the Board reconvened in closed session following unanimous voice vote.

South Milwaukee PD- The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Team Leader Lieutenant Amy Koeppel provided a summary of the process and responded to specific questions from Board members. After discussion and review, ***there was a motion by Peterson, seconded by Misko, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG reaccreditation status for a period of three years to South Milwaukee PD, effective June 19, 2023.*** South Milwaukee PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of

their accredited status.

Fond du Lac 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 Nasci, seconded by Pederson and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG reaccreditation status for a period of three years to Fond du Lac PD, effective June 19, 2023.*** Fond du Lac PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

Jackson PD Core Verification- The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Ferguson provided a summary of the process and the findings of the review that had been completed by Lieutenant Chris Jones. After discussion, ***a motion was made by Hingiss, seconded by Peterson, and passed on unanimous voice vote to grant reverification status to Jackson PD for a period of three years effective June 19, 2023.***

Following a motion by Pederson, seconded by Cole, at 1103 hours the Board reconvened in open session following unanimous voice vote.

Watertown PD Accreditation Presentation – Chief Robert Kaminski, Assistant Chief Ben Olsen, and Dispatcher Jill Petig 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. Chief Kaminski 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 1123 hours on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Styka, seconded by Misko.

Next meeting – Monday August 21, 2023, in-person at CVMIC and via Zoom.

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