



WILEAG

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2023

The dual format meeting held in-person at the CVMIC offices in Wauwatosa and virtually via Zoom, was called to order at 1008 hours by President Mark Ferguson.

Present: Ferguson, Nasci, Grill, Christopherson, Peterson, Styka, Pederson, Jaeger, Zilavy, Groszcyk, Nimmer, Braun, Hingiss, and Misko.

Excused: Stojkovic and Palmer

Others: Katie Wrightsman, Lara Vendola-Messer, and Steve Wagner

The minutes from the February 24, 2023 meeting were sent in advance of the meeting. ***After review, the meeting minutes of the February 24, 2023 were approved on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Pederson, seconded by Peterson.***

Standing and Ad-hoc Committee Reports

- **Training Committee-** Styka reviewed the recent Assessor and Accreditation Manager trainings held at CVMIC. Both were very successful with over 30 participants in each class. He extended the services of CVMIC's media studio to record another WILEAG training video as there was good availability. Braun volunteered to record a segment regarding the new witness standards found within Chapter 14 of the 6th Edition Standards. Styka also extended an open invitation to attend the upcoming CVMIC Law Enforcement Roundtable on 03-30-23. The training will be virtual and focus on physical fitness incentive programs.
- **Standards and Process Committee** – Ferguson reports during a recent accreditation on-site he found the agency was using an outdated ACR for recently changed standards. Wrightsman confirmed that the new 6th Edition Standards are loaded onto WILEAG's website and will remind participating agencies to use the most current versions.

- **Outreach Committee-** Misko reports Lexipol's webinar outlining the benefits of law enforcement accreditation will be released April 4, 2023. He along with Ferguson, Nasci, Nimmer, and West Allis Police Chief Pat Mitchell all participated as guest commentators.
- **Large Agency Committee** – Nasci discussed with Milwaukee PD the requirement that they provide assessors to perform agency on-sites. They confirmed understanding and sent staff to WILEAG provided Assessor and Accreditation Manager training.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

- **President's Report** – Ferguson reports he sent out a letter to participating agency chiefs and sheriffs reviewing the requirement to provide assessors for on-site assessments. The letter outlined that agencies who fail to meet this requirement may see increased annual fees, additional on-site assessment fees, or their request for re-accreditation may not be acted upon by the Board. Ferguson informed the Board that he has not received any negative feedback regarding this communication. Wrightsman added that she has received positive feedback in response to the letter and WILEAG enforcing the requirements for agencies to supply assessors. Ferguson informed the Board of a request made by the Dodge County Sheriff to receive his agency's accreditation presentation at the next Badger State Sheriff's Association training conference. There was consensus amongst the Board to approve this request and that it was a good outreach opportunity to recruit new membership.
- **Vice President's Report** – Nasci reports that he will be meeting with both Rice Lake and River Falls police chiefs regarding accreditation. Both of these agencies lay in the northwest section of the state where WILEAG has no participating agencies. Their enrollment should help recruit additional interest in this area.
- **Treasurer's Report** – The financial report completed by Grill was submitted to the board in advance, and detailed a current balance of \$86,568.08. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Braun 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. She also confirmed with the Board that Rock County Dispatch Center is CALEA accredited for 2023. Therefore, participating WILEAG agencies under their umbrella of dispatch services have demonstrated compliance with Chapter 9 requirements.

Old and Unfinished Business- None

New Business- None

Board Member Practices/Procedure Questions- None

Agency Accreditation Review

Following a motion by Misko, seconded by Hingiss, at 1037 hours the Board convened in closed session following unanimous voice vote.

Menomonee Falls PD- The written report was sent to board members in advance of the meeting. Team Leader Chief Dennis Nasci 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 Misko, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG reaccreditation status for a period of three years to Menomonee Falls PD, effective March 27, 2023.*** Menomonee Falls PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

Wausau 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 Peterson, seconded by Nasci and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG reaccreditation status for a period of three years to Wausau PD, effective March 27, 2023.*** Wausau PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

Following a motion by Braun, seconded by Nasci, at 1101 hours the Board reconvened in open session following unanimous voice vote.

Evansville PD Accreditation Presentation – Chief Patrick Reese and Detective Sergeant Jessica Rittenhouse 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 February 24, 2023. Chief Reese 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.

New Berlin PD Accreditation Presentation – Chief Jeff Hingiss and Sergeant Noah Phillips 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 January 13, 2023. Chief Hingiss 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 1120 hours on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Nasci, seconded by Misko.

Next meeting – Monday May 8, 2023 in-person at CVMIC and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Christopherson-Secretary