



WILEAG

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2024

The dual format meeting held in-person at the CVMIC offices in Wauwatosa and virtually via Zoom, was called to order at 0904 hours by President Mark Ferguson.

Present: Ferguson, Nasci, Grill, Christopherson, Stojkovic, Peterson, Jaeger, Nimmer, Styka, Braun, Misko, Zilavy and Palmer

Excused: Pederson, Hingiss, and Cole

Others: Katie Wrightsman, Lara Vendola-Messer, and Mark Rather

Agency Accreditation Review

Following a motion by Stojkovic, seconded by Peterson, at 0905 hours the Board convened in closed session following unanimous voice vote.

Cottage Grove PD- The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Team Leader Chief Dan Meyer 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 Jaeger, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG reaccreditation status for a period of three years to Cottage Grove PD, effective April 12, 2024.*** Cottage Grove PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

Following a motion by Misko, seconded by Stojkovic, at 0916 hours the Board convened in open session following unanimous voice vote.

The minutes from the February 2, 2024 meeting were sent in advance of the meeting. ***After review, the meeting minutes of the February 2, 2024 were approved on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Peterson, seconded by Misko.***

Standing and Ad-hoc Committee Reports

Training Committee- Styka reports Accreditation Manager training on April 11, 2024 provided by Jaeger and Vendola-Messer at CVMIC went well with 29 participants in attendance. The Assessor

training is scheduled for April 19, 2024 with Ferguson and Nasci at CVMIC with 33 students registered.

Standards and Process Committee – Nothing to report.

Outreach Committee- Nothing to report.

Large Agency Committee – Nothing to report.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report – Ferguson reports that he has received no further updates from Senator Jacobson's office about the proposed bill that would provide grant funding to law enforcement agencies to offset the costs of accreditation. He anticipates more developments on this front will occur during the next legislative session. Ferguson reports that he was contacted by a Power DMS representative who advised him that a Department of Justice grant is on the horizon that will provide funding for law enforcement accrediting bodies. The Power DMS representative offered to assist WILEAG during the grant submission process if needed. To remain unbiased and neutral, there was consensus amongst the board that WILEAG would pursue any grant opportunities independently. However, with 32 WILEAG participating agencies currently using the Power DMS platform, Peterson suggested perhaps WILEAG could develop a model program for these agencies to emulate. Jaeger volunteered to explore the feasibility of this idea further and will report back to the Board with her findings.

Vice President's Report – Nasci discussed a letter sent to WILEAG by an anonymous party regarding the accreditation status of a law enforcement agency. The letter outlined activities that were not consistent with WILEAG's values and the spirit of law enforcement accreditation. In performing some preliminary work, Nasci confirmed that he would need to obtain any needed documents to vet these allegations via public records requests. He also found that the agency in question has since expired for two years and has not paid any membership dues during this time. Based on application of WILEAG's Guiding Principles, there was consensus amongst the Board that the agency in question was no longer considered an active participant in WILEAG programming. As such, Ferguson will send the agency an official letter advising it of this status. Nasci will continue to gather reports and other documents for background material should the agency in question pursue accreditation in the future.

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 \$88,831.52. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Stojkovic, seconded by Peterson, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to accept the Financial Report.*** Styka reports that he is scheduled to complete the financial audit for 2023 on April 19, 2024. He will submit a report to the Board for review at the May 10, 2024 meeting.

Staff Report- Wrightsman reviewed the Executive Director's Report that was provided in advance of today's meeting. She has sent out the fall schedule and received a great response from assessors

volunteering for assignment. She also reports that Greendale PD has joined the CORE program and Caledonia PD has enrolled in the full accreditation program.

Old and Unfinished Business

Accreditation Cycles and On-site Extension Procedures- Peterson reviewed the updates to the 6th Edition Guiding Principles that he completed at the Board's direction regarding accreditation cycles, extension requests, conditional accreditation, as well as program withdrawal, reentry, and revocation. In discussing the updates, Ferguson suggested that the Board should also update section 4.1 to reflect that an agency pursuing accreditation for the first time, has withdrawn from, or reentered the program is expected to provide functional proofs of compliance for the one-year period that precedes their on-site assessment. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Nasci, seconded by Ferguson, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to accept the proposed updates to the 6th Edition Guiding Principles and to include incorporation of the suggested changes to section 4.1.***

Next, the Board discussed the language contained in section 4.2 of the 6th Edition Guiding Principles requiring that an agency's subsequent on-sites following their original on-site will be scheduled on, or near the three-year anniversary of the original assessment. The Board identified the need to clearly establish the three-year period in which proofs will be required. It was agreed that enforcement of provision 4.2 will require agencies to follow a rolling calendar for their accreditation cycles. To address any coverage gaps that may result from this change, its was agreed that a cutover date would be selected that backloaded any additional accreditation proof requirements as to not create an undue hardship for agencies. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Ferguson, seconded by Nasci, and passed on a unanimous voice vote that effective January 1, 2026 all agencies will adhere to the three-year rolling calendar based on their initial assessment date.*** Wrightsman will disseminate this information to all participating agencies. Additionally, WIPAC will also disseminate the changes and serve as a resource for individual agencies should they have specific questions unique to their accreditation cycle. Lastly, Wrightsman will add agency expiration dates to the WILEAG website to include those participating in the Core Standards Verification Program.

Frequently Asked Questions 6th Edition Standards Ch. 14- Braun created a PowerPoint presentation that clarifies standards regarding victim and witness rights. She briefly reviewed the document and agreed to share the presentation with the Board for their consideration. This item will be added to the next Board meeting's agenda for full consideration.

New Business

Board Member Practices/Procedure Questions – None

Purchase Subdued WILEAG Agency Decals- Wrightsman discussed the request that she received to have subdued WILEAG decals available for purchase by accredited agencies. She reviewed the quotes she obtained from our vendor along with the available discounts based on volume. Following discussion and review, ***a motion was made by Ferguson, seconded by Nasci, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to authorize the purchase of reflective ghost style WILEAG decals and charge \$4.00 per decal when***

selling them to accredited law enforcement agencies.

The Board took a break for lunch at 1120 hours. The meeting was reconvened at 1143 hours with the following quorum of voting members still in attendance: Ferguson, Nasci, Christopherson, Stojkovic, Peterson, Jaeger, Nimmer, Styka, Braun, Zilavy and Palmer.

Upcoming Vacant Board Seat Appointments and Elections- Ferguson announced that with his retirement, May 10, 2024 will be his last day on the Board. Braun reports that she is also retiring and will be leaving the Board on the same date. Nasci announced that with his retirement, June 10, 2024 will be his last day on the Board. Christopherson reviewed that Nasci occupies a Board seat designated by the Fourth-Class Cities, Towns, and Villages Committee of the Wisconsin Chief's of Police Association. This organization will select his replacement to serve an indefinite term at their pleasure. Ferguson and Braun both occupy at large seats which will require elections to replace them. Board members were encouraged to solicit interested candidates and bring them to the May 10, 2024 Board meeting for a meet and greet. During the June 10, 2024 Board meeting elections will be held to fill the two at large Board seat vacancies. Also, with the departure of Ferguson and Nasci, elections will be held to select a new president and vice president to serve out the unexpired portion of the current two-year term through December 31, 2024.

Agency Accreditation Review

Following a motion by Stojkovic, seconded by Braun, at 1154 hours the Board convened in closed session following unanimous voice vote.

Waukesha 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 Stojkovic, seconded by Peterson, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG reaccreditation status for a period of three years to Waukesha PD, effective April 12, 2024.*** Waukesha PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

Waunakee 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 by Peterson, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG accreditation status for a period of three years to Waunakee PD, effective April 12, 2024.*** Waunakee PD will be invited to the next Board meeting for formal recognition of their accredited status.

Bayside PD Core Verification- The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Ferguson reviewed the summary of the process and responded to specific questions from Board members. After discussion and review, ***there was a motion by Nimmer, seconded by Nasci, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG Core Standards reverification status for a period of three years to Bayside PD, effective April 12, 2024.***

Altoona PD Core Verification- The written report was sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Nasci reviewed the summary of the process and responded to specific questions from Board members. After discussion and review, ***there was a motion by Jaeger, seconded by Stojkovic, and passed on a unanimous voice vote to grant WILEAG Core Standards verification status for a period of three years to Altoona PD, effective April 12, 2024.***

Following a motion by Nimmer, seconded by Nasci, at 1226 hours the Board convened in open session following unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1227 hours on a unanimous voice vote following a motion by Stojkovic, seconded by Peterson.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Christopherson-Secretary