



San Diego County District Attorney Investigators Association

Monthly Meeting
HOJ – 9th floor Conference Room
Thursday, April 9, 2009

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President, Alex Garcia at 12:12 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Executive Board members present: Alex Garcia, Jose Cuervo, Kathy O'Connell
- Directors present: Larry Davis, Diane Snyder, Rich Wissemann, Randy Lawrence
- Board Member Absentees: Joe Castillo (excused), Joe Maggio (excused)
- Total attendees: 35+

Welcome / Introduction of Guests – President Alex Garcia

President Alex Garcia welcomed everyone and introduced guest speakers, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and Deputy District Attorney Mike Groch.

- DA Bonnie Dumanis
 - Requested DAIA endorsement for the 2010 Election; already has DDA endorsement.
 - Spoke briefly regarding the merit based promotions scheduled to happen.
 - Rummage Sale on April 21 – all proceeds to go to charity.
 - Free Financial Planning Workshop on April 21 – open to all DA employees
 - Supporting Bill Gore for Sheriff
 - Paula Robinson gave accolades for DAIA relations with other agencies, especially those on the Negotiations Team.
- DDA Mike Groch
 - Requested judicial appointment
 - 16 years as DDA, working primarily in Fraud, Robbery, and CATCH.

During the Open Forum it was discussed that an endorsement from DAIA is only in name. It is not a financial endorsement. Issues regarding the endorsement were carried over to the next meeting in May.

Secretary's Report

- The minutes from March's meeting were reviewed. Rich Wissemann made a motion to accept the March minutes with the correction that there was no guest speaker, seconded by Larry Davis.

Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: March 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009

- The balance in the accounts as of March 31, 2009:
 - ◇ Operating: *****
 - ◇ Resources: *****
 - ◇ FOF: *****
 - Total Account Balance: *******

- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
- Voting Ballots will be sent out in early May. Please be sure to notify us of any recent address changes. The ballots will include the By-Law changes to be voted on.
- \$2.50 was added for ???

President's Report: President Alex Garcia reported the following:

- Upcoming Election – there will be up to four positions available, including the position of President. Any member interested in running for a position must contact a current Board member as soon as possible.
- The final vote for the Contract Extension was: 104-Yes to 12-No

Committee Reports / Unfinished Business:

Insurance – Rich Wissemann

- CLEA – no new info
- PORAC meeting – info available via website for home and car insurance

Good & Welfare – Joe Castillo (as reported by Alex Garcia)

- Flowers need to be sent on behalf of the Association to:
 - Dave Soliven's wife for surgery.
 - Mike Porretta's brother who recently passed away.

PORAC – Joe Castillo (as reported by Rich Wissemann)

- Courts rejected \$75,000
- Orange County trying to bankrupt
- Escondido PD – city opposed contracts, Sheriff's Office doesn't expect to win.
- Next PORAC meeting is May 14, 2009.

Merchandise – Diane Snyder

- Badge stickers are doing so well, they are all gone.
- Requests have been made for more free giveaways for kids.
- Flat badge wallets to be ordered.

FOF – Larry Davis/Randy Lawrence

- The FOF Kick-Off Breakfast grossed over \$1300.
- Tickets are still available for the Annual Golf Tournament on May 15. We are still looking for sponsorship at a rate of \$250/hole.
- Grand Prize Raffle Drawing has started for a 3-Night Vacation to Catalina Island for Two, October 9-12, 2009. Raffle Tickets are \$10 each. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets will be available at all branches until the drawing on May 15, at the Golf Tournament.
- Four Oakland Officers – A donation in the amount of \$2000 was given (\$500 per family).

Social – Randy Lawrence/Joe Maggio

- Hail and Farewell will be on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at Admiral Bakers.

By Laws Amendments - Jose Cuervo/Joe Maggio

- No new info
- By-Law amendment to be on voter material

IRS 415 Committee - John Haley/Pete Martinez/Randy Lawrence – no new info

Old Business:

Merit-based Pay Increases – Jose Cuervo

- On March 20, the committee met with Bonnie, Paula, and Michelle Bush to discuss. The results were: if one can prove their experience, one may jump from DAI I to III, or from DAI II to IV.
- Jeff and Ken are currently working on the language to promote I's to III's, and II's to IV's.
- Jose is currently working on the merit-based language.
- The committee has plans to meet with Cheryl Ruffier.

New Business:

- Dave Soliven made a request for donation for the Annual Battle of the Badges. The event will be on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Barona Casino. DA employee participants include DAI Shane Lynn (Gangs) and LSA Rebecca Gomez (South Bay Branch). Randy Lawrence motioned to donate \$250, seconded by Jose Cuervo. **Motion Carried.**
- Donation to the Law Enforcement Memorial Fund on May 6, 2009???

Announcements:

- Nancy Dodd spoke briefly regarding the Christmas Party. This year's event will take place on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the Embassy Suites. Room Rate: \$110/night (includes breakfast the following morning)

Adjournment: 1:25 pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2009