



San Diego County District Attorney Investigators Association

Monthly Meeting
HOJ – 12th floor Conference Room
Wednesday, January 14, 2009

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President, Alex Garcia at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Executive Board members present: Alex Garcia, Jose Cuervo, Kathy O'Connell, Joe Castillo
- Directors present: Larry Davis, Diane Snyder, Joe Maggio, Rich Wissemann, Randy Lawrence
- All Executive Board members and all Directors were present.
- Total attendees: 22

Welcome / Introduction of Guests – President Alex Garcia

- ◇ President Alex Garcia welcomed everyone and announced that there were no guest speakers for the day.
- ◇ Thank you to Jeff Miller for organizing the great lunch from the Corner Bakery.

Secretary's Report

- The minutes from November's meeting were reviewed. Randy Lawrence made a motion to accept the November minutes, noting that there was no meeting in December. The motion was seconded by Kathy O'Connell. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: November 13, 2008 to December 31, 2008 – Kathy O'Connell

- The balance in the accounts as of December 31, 2008:
 - ◇ Operating: *****
 - ◇ Resources: *****
 - ◇ FOF: *****
 - ◇ **Total Account Balance: *******
 - * **Note:** ***** in proceeds received from CDAIA Conference and held in Association account to be distributed later at the direction of CDAIA.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
- Notable Changes in balances are due to low return on Certificates of Deposit.
- Association Dues for Income Taxes reporting: \$1161.42
- A brief discussion held on use of Association Credit Card.

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

- There are only (3) Meeting Minutes that are posted on the website. Currently, Jeff Lee is the Association's Webmaster at no cost. Discussion held in upgrading our website to improve communications with membership.
- DSA President Ernie Carrillo sent a Thank You letter for our \$500 donation to the Shop With A Cop Program.
- Vallejo PD sent a Thank You letter for our donation to their legal fund re: labor dispute with City of Vallejo.
- A Thank You card was received from Norma Dormann
- A Thank You letter was received from Becky's House for the Association's \$20,000+ donation.
- A meeting was held with District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and Bureau Chiefs regarding potential layoffs and DAI step increases.

- DAI layoffs are “highly unlikely” but no guarantees
- Step increases for DAI I and DAI II positions will occur as scheduled.
- DAI promotion delays will be at the DAI IV level and above.
- Newly hired DAI’s most likely will not be laid off.

Committee Reports / Unfinished Business:

Insurance – Rich Wissemann

- Last day for affordable PORAC Term Life Insurance is January 31st.

Good & Welfare – Joe Castillo

- DAI Donald Holmes and his wife have a new baby arrival in December.
- DAI Cathy Pierce is recovering from knee surgery she had earlier this month.
- DAI Chief Carlos “Chico” Gonzalez’ 32 year old daughter was diagnosed with cancer. She is currently being hospitalized at the University of Michigan Hospital, where she is receiving treatment. In lieu of flowers, the Association assisted with the purchase of a honey baked ham and turkey.
- DAI Connie Johnson was hospitalized last month for an infection she received from a previous knee surgery. DAI Supervisor John Haley and his wife have a new baby arrival earlier this month.
- DAI J. R. Young will have shoulder surgery next week.

PORAC – Alex Garcia/Joe Castillo

- The Peace Officer Worker’s Compensation Presumptions for heart trouble are presumed to arise out of and in the course of employment is becoming disputable by employers. During a recent case, an employer presented evidence showing the employee’s heart condition arose outside of his employment. The employer was able to show the employee was a chronic smoker and misused alcohol. The Worker’s Comp Appeals Board ruled in favor of the employer.
- PORAC is working on legislation to extend the presumption for cancer from 5 years to 10 years.
- Discussion held on Worker’s Comp re: Predesignation of Personal Physician. Pre-designating a doctor who is knowledgeable in workers’ compensation is vital. Predesignation of Personal Physician forms are available on Danet.
- PORAC has severed its ties with RPOAC – Retired Peace Officer Association of California. PORAC has formed its own organization for retired Law Enforcement officers; the organization will be known as RAM - Retired Association Members (RAM).
- The San Diego County/Imperial County Chapter of PORAC David Bost was endorsed for a judicial appointment.
- Other Law Enforcement agencies are looking at cutbacks and possible layoffs. Smaller cities are most affected.

Merchandise – Diane Snyder

- New merchandise sales going so well, that we need to order more black shirts.
- Diane is working with a vendor in creating new artwork for badge stickers.

FOF – Larry Davis/Randy Lawrence

- The FOF Kick-Off Breakfast will be held in March 2009. More to follow.
- Nothing else new to report

Social – Randy Lawrence/Joe Maggio

- Randy reported that the DAI Christmas Party went very well. We budgeted for \$11,000 and expenditures totaled \$10,800. Randy has an itemized report for your review.
- Nancy Dodd is this year’s Christmas Dinner/dance chairperson. The committee is considering the following locations to host our event:
 - First choice: Hilton Hotel, (already determined to be too expensive)
 - Second choice: Bahia Resort, The Shell Room (has an ocean view)
 - Suggested Costs: \$70 per person (\$60/food; \$10/drinks)
 - Selected location must be made by the end of February.
 - Phil Sowers suggested looking at the Town & Country Resort in Mission Valley.

Old Business:

By Laws Amendments - Jose Cuervo/Joe Maggio

- A brief discussion was made on the Meeting Minutes not being on the website yet. Jose emphasized the requirement of the 30-day notice to all members.

IRS 415 Committee - John Haley/Pete Martinez & Randy Lawrence

- Randy reported no new updates from the Retirement Board.

New Business:

- DAI Darrell Brown requested to attend the Martin Luther King Luncheon on behalf of the Association on January 19, 2009 ; the cost is \$35.00 per person. Moved by Randy Lawrence & second by Kathy O'Connell, to approve Darrell and an additional person attend MLK Luncheon. **Motion Carried.**
- Jose Cuervo gave accolades to President Alex Garcia and Association Attorney Brad Fields for their outstanding work on the Bureau's revised Alcohol and Drug Use policy. Currently, Attorney Brad Fields is reviewing on the new Taser Use policy.

Announcements:

- Pete Martinez let everyone know that Law Enforcement Night is on Monday, June 1, 2009, at 7:05 PM. Our Padres play against the Philadelphia Phillies. A portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit children charities and a fallen officer's family for this year. Costs: Field Box seats are \$27; Field Reserve seats are \$22 and Upper Reserved Infield seats are \$15.00. Contact Pete Martinez at (619) 531-3597.
- The Heroes Luncheon is tomorrow (Jan. 15) and approximately 10 members will be attending.
- Randy Lawrence has 2009 CDAIA Directory Booklets. Contact Randy if you did not receive your copy.

Adjournment: 12:56 pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonya SantaMaria-Fewell
DAIA Recording Secretary