



San Diego County District Attorney Investigators Association

Monthly Meeting
HOJ – 9th floor Conference Room
Wednesday, March 11, 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: 50+

Welcome / Introduction of Guests – President Alex Garcia
President Alex Garcia welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report

- The minutes from January's meeting were reviewed. Rich Wissemann made a motion to accept the January minutes, seconded by Kathy O'Connell. **Motion Carried.**

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

- The balance in the accounts as of January 31, 2009:
 - ◊ Operating: *****
 - ◊ Resources: *****
 - ◊ FOF: *****

Total Account Balance: *****
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

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

- A Thank You card was received from the Haley's for the flowers sent for their newborn.
- Budget crisis, non-promotion of Investigators, committee to look into changing the amount of experience for future promotions.
 - ◊ Retirement: A meeting will be held at Noon on March 25, 2009 to discuss and vote on the tentative 2-yr extension of our contract. Vote by Proxy will be accepted.
 - ◊ Promotions: Alex met with Brad Fields; no recourse unless there's a contract.
 - ◊ Committee to be chaired by Jose Cuervo, will rewrite the minimum qualifications for promotions from III's to IV's. Proof of performance to be included when DAI is up for promotion. Committee members are: Ken Nelson, Trudi Bullard, Jeff Miller, and Eric Farwell.

Committee Reports / Unfinished Business:

Insurance – Rich Wissemann – no new info

Good & Welfare – Joe Castillo – no report

PORAC – Alex Garcia/Joe Castillo

- PORAC is offering scholarships to dependants of PORAC members. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2009. For more information visit www.porac.org
- Peace Officers Memorial is May 7-10, 2009. Sacramento Bus Run is \$50.00 by SDPD Motors
- Council Member Carl DeMaio attacking city pensions.

Merchandise – Diane Snyder

- Badge stickers are being well received.

FOF – Larry Davis/Randy Lawrence

- The FOF Kick-Off Breakfast is March 23, 2009, from 9:00am to 11:00am. The event is sponsored by the San Diego Chefs de Cuisine. Cost is \$6 per person. Larry Davis requested to have 10 sets of gifts for the volunteer chefs, in the form of DAIA merchandise. Randy Lawrence motioned to donate 10 sets of DAIA merchandise, seconded by Diane Snyder. **Motion Carried.**

Social – Randy Lawrence/Joe Maggio

- Randy reported that a deposit was made to the Embassy Suites in Downtown SD for the Holiday Party on December 12, 2009.
- More info to come on Hail and Farewell.

By Laws Amendments - Jose Cuervo/Joe Maggio

- Jose briefly discussed Amendment #8 for Article 7, and recommended that it be put on the website, so that it can be voted on during the new election. Specifically, Article 7.8 reads, “All Officers and Board Members shall be nominated and elected for two (2) year terms.”
- **IRS 415 Committee** - John Haley/Pete Martinez & Randy Lawrence – no new info

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Request by Crime Stoppers to be official sponsor of event on May 26, 2009 at the Double Tree Hotel. DAI Billy Cahill to be honored. Randy Lawrence volunteered to head/coordinate the table. Jose Cuervo motioned for \$500 table (seats 8), seconded by Larry Davis. **Motion Carried.**
- Diane Snyder is requesting a donation of water bottles to go towards Project Leads 5th Graders at (2) elementary schools. Kathy O’Connell motioned for water bottles and stickers to be donated, seconded by Randy Lawrence. **Motion Carried.**
- DDA Dave Hendren is requesting \$500 to help start up the Boy Scouting Venturing Crew Program, for 15 kids, ages 14 to 20 years old. Randy Lawrence motioned to donate \$250, seconded by Kathy O’Connell. **Motion Carried.**
- Randy Lawrence requested that \$1000 be donated towards the memorial fund for Assistant Chief Chico Gonzalez’ daughter, Christina Veronica Kristner. She left behind three small children, all under the age of 5. Rich Wissemann motioned for \$1000 to be donated, seconded by Larry Davis. **Motion Carried.**
- Larry Davis requested for the Association to sponsor a hole for the upcoming FOF golf tournament. Kathy O’Connell motioned for \$250 to be donated, seconded by Diane Snyder. **Motion Carried.**

- Rich Wissemann is requesting a donation to help pay for the gym use for the girls volleyball team that he coaches. In the past, the team has been able to utilize the gymnasium at no cost, to accommodate their practices. Due to budgetary problems however, the gymnasium is now charging. Diane Snyder motioned for \$250 to be donated, seconded by Kathy O'Connell. **Motion Carried.**
- Randy Lawrence reported that the Trust Account that was opened for the Bento Family (Retired DAI Tony Bento), for the loss of their son in Afghanistan, was recently turned over to them. The total in the account was in excess of \$36,000.
- Jose Cuervo recommended having a future discussion regarding AFLAC.
- Randy Lawrence requested \$250 for table sponsorship at the upcoming Citizens of Courage Luncheon on April 30, 2009. Randy Lawrence motioned that \$250 be donated to this event, seconded by Larry Davis. **Motion Carried.**

Announcements: none

Adjournment: 1:25 pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonya SantaMaria-Fewell
DAIA Recording Secretary