



San Diego County District Attorney Investigators Association

Monthly Meeting
HOJ – 9th floor Conference Room
Wednesday, October 13, 2010

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Wissemann 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call: All Executive Board members and 4 Directors were present. A Quorum was present.

- Executive Board members present: Rich Wissemann, Kathy O'Connell, Jeff Miller, Emalee Bowles
- Directors present: Ken Brown, Nancy Dodd, Chuck Martin, Mike Porretta
- Board Member Absentees: Matt O'Deane (excused)
- Total attendees: 25+

Introduction of Guests – none

Secretary's Report

- The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. They were accepted as presented. Jeff Miller made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kathy O'Connell. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: September 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010:

- The balance in the accounts as of September 30, 2010:
 - ◇ Operating: \$264,053
 - ◇ Resources: \$12,981
 - ◇ FOF: \$62,081**Total Account Balance (excluding FOF): \$277,034**
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

President's Report:

- Advanced Collective Bargaining Class (now aka "Concession Bargaining") regarding CA & NV
 - ◇ Met last week in Sacramento
 - ◇ Fresno County to receive 2% at 50 years old retirement
 - ◇ Threats of pink slips
 - ◇ There was no good news at this class but the information was overwhelming about how bad things really are in the state. If there are any suggestions or questions, please notify Rich Wissemann.
 - ◇ Buy Off on extensions hopefully to happen in 2015 (4-year extension).
 - ◇ Larger extensions were created for various public safety agencies (i.e., fire, police, et al.)
- November 2nd Elections
 - ◇ All endorsements are listed on www.PORAC.org (see the SDDAIA website under Calendar of Events). A hyperlink was added to the website to view all endorsements made.
 - ◇ Meg Whitman did not want to discuss PORAC.
- Board Training – last Tuesday
 - ◇ Brad Fields from Pinckard & Fields discussed critical incidents and gave members a short questionnaire.
 - ◇ Dues will be increasing in LDF and Representation
 - ◇ If you get an IA Notice, contact Rich Wissemann or any other Board Member to discuss your available options. (Board members are not included in the "do not talk to anybody" group.)

- A Thank You card was received from the Community Youth Athletic Center for our donation to their organization.
- A Thank You letter was received from the DSA Lonnie Brewer Memorial for our donation to their recent golf tournament.

Committee Reports / Unfinished Business:

Insurance – Mike Porretta / Emalee Bowles

- Disability & Long Term Care were discussed at the last Board meeting.
 - ◊ Disability
 - Half of \$19.50 of dues go to Disability
 - About 30 days before benefits take effect
 - Approximately 70% of one's wages
 - ◊ Long Term Care
 - Must be opted into.
 - Premiums will be going up every two years (with an option to pay monthly or yearly).
- CLEA
 - ◊ With our paid CLEA dues each member automatically receives a Life Insurance policy of \$55,000.
 - ◊ Make sure your Death Benefits are all up to date.
 - Whomever is listed with CLEA as your beneficiary, is the person that will receive any monies.
 - To update your beneficiary information, go to the CLEA website.
 - "Uncollected funds" (aka "nonrecovered claims"): monies paid back from any settlements the member received (may involve suing a member to get the monies back).

Good & Welfare – Jeff Miller / Kathy O'Connell

- Flowers were sent to Retired DAI Tom Basinski during his hospitalization after his second colon cancer surgery. He is expected to have a permanent colonoscopy bag.
- Flowers were sent to DAI Greg Basham for his recent hospitalization.

PORAC – Matt O'Deane / Chuck Martin – no new info

- PORAC Conference
 - ◊ No release time for travel
 - ◊ Members attending the conference must comp off or make other arrangements with their supervisor.

Merchandise – Emalee Bowles – no new info

- There are some left over koozies to hand out during any miscellaneous events.
- Pending merchandise includes jewelry and a silver plated badge with a gem inside.

FOF – Larry Davis – no new info

Social – Nancy Dodd

- Christmas Party – set for December 11th at the W Hotel
 - ◊ Fliers will be sent out soon
 - ◊ Just need to finalize plans at the hotel

Old Business:

- Tabled: Light the Night / October 23rd
 - ◊ By unanimous email vote, a donation will be made in the amount of \$150 for the Law Enforcement Only After Party.
 - ◊ There is no more Law Enforcement Only perimeter enclosure.
 - ◊ There will be food and activities, but no alcohol will be available.

New Business:

- Website construction / Roberto Ruiz, Web Designer
Roberto Ruiz is a Web Designer that also designed the website for NLPOA. He has offered to design and create our website for \$500 (vs. the current going rate of \$1600). His fee also includes him teaching a board member how to maintain the site. This matter was tabled to the next meeting.
- CA Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations / 8th Annual Golden Badge Awards Ceremony – October 29th
We received our first ever invitation to this annual event. After a brief discussion, no motions were made to neither attend nor sponsor this event.
- Suggestion for a Scholarship Bylaw – Ken Brown
Ken Brown brought up the possibility of establishing an annual scholarship fund. As the scholarship would be awarded annually, it would need to be added as a Bylaw. This matter was tabled until there is more info available on the specific numbers.
- Cloth Badges – Jay Farrington
Jay Farrington made a request for the Board to pay for two cloth badges per member, to be sewn on to polo/dry fit shirts and/or an outer jacket to be worn during Search Warrants. These badges would provide for more uniformity between DAI's, as opposed to the variant police wear that DAI's currently use. Since the badge is sewn on to the clothing, it would eliminate potential loss of the actual badge and increase tactical performance. Currently, Mike Finch is writing a policy on the shirt already approved by Chico. The total cost for two badges per member would be approximately \$550. After a brief discussion, it was determined that one-time monies may be available to cover the cost of the badges. More information to come.
- Baker to Vegas – Randy Lawrence
Randy Lawrence made a request for a donation in the amount of \$1900 to be used for the Entrance Fee at the Annual Baker to Vegas Run. All volunteers represent the DA Office. There are lots of new limitations for the volunteer runners and staff, including no Travel Day and no use of County Vehicles. Emalee Bowles made a motion to donate \$1900 for the entrance fee for the participants of the Baker to Vegas Run, seconded by Kathy O'Connell. **Motion Carried.**
- Merit-Based increases will occur realistically in 2011.

Good of the Association: NONE

Announcements: NONE

Adjournment: 1:05 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2010.