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Board of Directors Meeting

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December 10, 2009
Greenwood Police Training Center

Present: Don Harris, Larry Vanosdol, Mike Beck, Kip Shuter, Mike Cox, Phil Nott, David McElhaney, Scott Poston, David Minardo

Absent: Loren Hansford, Brad Seifers, Jon Kovach, Mark Helms

Call To Order: Meeting was called to order at 0922 hrs by President Don Harris. Minutes of the last board meeting were read and accepted, with Kip Shuter motioning and Scott Poston seconding the reading. Minutes approved. Harris adv that Loren Hansford was unable to attend due to administrative issues with his department.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Vanosdol reported a current balance of \$4,082.05, with all current bills paid. Mike Cox motioned, Kip Shuter seconded, to accept the report. Motion accepted.

Old Business: Harris - The December 2nd seminar (Legal Update with Deb Reasoner & Lori Lambert) went very well; it was very well received according to the evaluations.

Harris: Regarding the attempt to secure a location to conduct utility pole crash testing, he has spoken with various locations in the Indianapolis area, including Camp Atterbury, without much success. Kip Shuter adv Grissom Aeroplex also was a no-go. The area should have a lead off of 450-500 ft, preferably asphalt, and a run-off of 200 ft. Shuter requested members possibly check with any old, abandoned airports or unused runways that might be available for this purpose. A suggestion was also made about using one of the abandoned rest parks or weigh stations within the state. Is this a possibility? Other issues involve obtaining the vehicles and obtaining & setting poles. Several options were suggested and discussed. Scott Poston will follow up with his area and make calls about securing locations. Kip Shuter will also follow up with IDOT for possible locations.

Don Harris brought up the Crash Investigator's book and was very pleased with how it turned out. He announced that several individuals had purchased the book for \$5.00 each.

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Harris brought up that member Jeff Shaw of the Kosciusko Co. Sheriff's Dept., was killed in an auto accident in November, 2009. The Association wishes to acknowledge Sgt. Shaw and express our condolences to the family and to the Department.

New Business:

New Business: Harris reported that this coming year, 2010, represents the Association being in business for 20 years. Harris requested that all Association paperwork and the website reflect this milestone by using special stickers purchased by Harris.

Larry Vanosdol will be resigning from the Association, with this being his last meeting, due to several job obligations. David Minardo, past VP and founding member of this Association, agreed to take the position of Treasurer. Mike Cox motioned, Scott Poston seconded. David Minardo installed as Treasurer, after a unanimous vote.

Harris also recommended that Kip Shuter be installed as the new Vice-President. After no discussion, David McElhaney motioned to accept the appointment, with Mike Cox seconding. Motion carried with a unanimous affirming vote.

Discussion was also held regarding the now open position of a new North Director. Several names were suggested, including Tim Spencer and Chris McKeand.

After much discussion, the board agreed to approach both members to see if either one would accept the position. Kip Shuter also recommended David McElhaney for this position. McElhaney expressed a willingness to take the position, but questioned who would be appointed as secretary. Poston offered to investigate the possibility of becoming secretary, but that in turn, would create a Central Director position. After much discussion in this area, it was agreed to leave the secretary position as is and solicit Spencer and McKeand as possible candidates for North Director. The board agreed to confirm the new candidate's position by email once selected.

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New Business, Continued:

Phil Nott requested to know what was going on with our south directors, has anyone heard from anyone of them? Harris had asked McElhaneY to contact them but had not by the meeting date. Harris stated he will contact them and find out what their status is and what they intend on doing.

The board also inquired about members in the south district who might be considered should one of the South Directors be unable to continue serving. Several names were examined, but one of the major issues is finding a south member that has demonstrated consistent participation with the Association as a member. The board will hold off looking at the South Director's positions until Harris makes contact with the current directors.

Harris presented the evaluations for the previous 3 seminars with the task at hand of developing ideas for the 2010 seminar schedule.

Suggestions for the 2010 season include:

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| March 24(?) / March 31 | Evidence from Autopsies Dr. Hawley / Dr. Wagner | Plainfield |
| June 30 | Grade Crossing Crash Investigation Norfolk Southern RR(?) | New Haven |
| Sept. 29 | Evidence Collection Techniques Greenwood PD | Greenwood |
| Dec. 1 Bloomington | Photogrammetry / New Technologies | |

The dates for the 2010 board meetings have been set as:

April 29 Greenwood
August 26 Greenwood
December 8 Greenwood

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Harris presented a letter from the Special Olympics of Indiana thanking us for our past support and requesting a donation for the coming season. Based on last year's contribution, the board agreed to donate \$250 to Special Olympics of Indiana through the Torch Run. A motion to accept and make the donation was made by Scott Poston, seconded by Kip Shuter. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Beck discussed some of the problems currently plaguing the Academy, budget-wise. These cuts included cutting evening meals, cutting towels, cutting the use of the Academy pool, and employee cuts in work time. All of these cuts will affect the new basic students and the guest instructors who help train them.

Larry Vanosdol adv he's been here for 14 years and it's been an adventure. He stated it's been a pleasure to serve and he wanted to thank the Association for the opportunity to serve. The board also expressed its gratitude for Larry's service and wished him well. Larry will remain as a lifetime member of the Association.

Having no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Poston with a second by Mike Cox. The meeting was officially adjourned at 1200 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

David McElhaney, IACAI Secretary