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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 29, 2024

Zoom - Virtual | 2:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**, Sheriff Morris called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

**Members Present**

Sheriff Kevin Morris, Douglas County  
Chief Darrell Lowe, Redmond  
Sheriff John Nowels, Spokane County  
Chief Steve Crown, Wenatchee  
Chief Damon Simmons, Liberty Lake PD  
Chief Michelle Bennett, Edmonds PD  
Chief Rebecca Mertzig, Bellingham PD  
Sheriff Clay Myers, Kittitas County  
Sheriff Brad Thurman, Cowlitz County  
Chief Sam White, Lower Elwha Klallam  
Chief John Batiste, Washington State Patrol  
SAC Richard Collodi, FBI  
Steve Strachan, Executive Director WASPC

**Members excused:**

Chief Rafael Padilla, Kent PD  
Sheriff James Raymond, Franklin County

**OLD BUSINESS, Membership Action**

Sheriff Morris provided a recap of the board action from the March 27, 2024 meeting relating to the proposed expulsion of associate member Loren Culp, Klickitat County. Director Strachan informed the group that neither Mr. Culp nor Sheriff Songer had provided any direct written response to the letter sent on April 3, 2024.

**Chief Mertzig made a motion to expel Loren Culp from WASPC's membership roles. Sheriff Nowels seconded the motion.** Discussion followed. Sheriff Myers asked if any of the social media posts made by Mr. Culp could be construed as a response to the Executive Board. Director Strachan explained the posts he had viewed were related to freedom of speech and were asking for input from followers on the various social media platforms. Chief Mertzig and Chief Bennett spoke in favor of the motion to expel. They added that they viewed it the responsibility of all members to hold themselves to a high standard of conduct and decorum. No further discussion.

**Members present voted unanimously to approve the motion.**

Sheriff Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Lowe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kim Goodman