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**WASPC EXECUTIVE BOARD  
FEBRUARY 7, 2024 | 10:00 AM  
WASPC OFFICES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Kevin Morris called the meeting to order at 10:06 – he introduced new WASPC employee, Assistant Director of Professional Services, Randy Maynard

Approval of 11/7/23 Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Chief Crown, Second by Chief Lowe. Motion carried.**

**REPORTS:**

Chief Simmons gave the board a finance report.

**Financial Statements** – Staff is closing out fiscal year 2023. The annual financial statement/federal grant audit is scheduled for early April 2024. Draft year and financial statements will be presented at our March Executive Board meeting.

Disbursements: Check number 46045 through 46316 (10/28/2023-01/31/2024) for \$6,884,260.49 (full listing provided in board packet)

**Need motion to APPROVE the disbursements. Chief Bennett made a motion, Chief Lowe seconded. Motion carried.**

**WASPC Grant Requests** – Grant requests have been received.

1. \$100,000.00 McCleary PD– Staffing
2. \$4,000.00 Chelan County – LEMAP Support

Finance and Personnel committee recommend the following grants:

\$4,000 – Chelan County

**Need motion to APPROVE the recommended grants. Chief Bennett made a motion, Chief Lowe seconded. Motion carried.**

**Donation Request**

One request from Washington Law Enforcement Explorers. WASPC has historically supported the WLEEA through an annual contribution.

**Need motion to APPROVE the recommended donation request. Chief Bennett made a motion, Chief Lowe seconded. Motion carried.**

**David Doll gave a Professional Services Update:**

Three are 12 agencies for new and re-accreditation this month.

He shared that 16 additional agencies possibly for Fall.

David will be presentating at Tuesday's lunch during our Spring conference for overview of accreditation and new program – free accreditation assessment (mini lemap) for agencies wanting accreditation in the future.

**Executive Director Update:**

Steve Strachan gave a Legislative session update and also information on the following topics: legal assistance fund to provide law firm assistance to chiefs and sheriffs, amicus for grants pass and our involvement, we are checking into an amicus being created by Cal Chiefs and Cal Sheriffs

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to do together.

He also introduced new WATPA new executive director Bryan Jeter & conference format changes for Spring 24.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Standards and Jail Oversight – Ric Bishop**

COA update – letter of support from WASPC supporting funding request from CJTC classes sooner than current available Summer 2026, HB 6189 Jail Standards bill is dead for oversight and jail standards, WASPC would like to resurrect the jail standards bill and work on something over the Summer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Accreditation Commission Appointment – David Doll**

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Kirkland Police Chief Cherie Harris' term expired as an Accreditation Commissioner, representing the Jail Manager Appointment. Chief Harris runs a WASPC Accredited Jail in Kirkland and I respectfully request her appointment be reinstated to an additional three-year term, to expire at the end of 2026.

It has been our practice to reinstate Commissioners who have provided excellent service and good judgement to our program, allowing for consistency in deciding which agencies advance toward accreditation and re-accreditation.

Additionally, reinstatements continue to follow the same criteria for selecting new Commissioners to include:

1. Must be from a current WASPC accredited agency
2. Experience with the WASPC accreditation program
3. Demonstrated good judgement
  4. Geographical balance with representation from both eastern and western Washington
  5. Ability to consistently attend Accreditation Commission meetings

Furthermore, as I indicated during the last appointment process, filling the two Jail Manager accreditation commission positions continues to be a challenge as there are currently **five** jails accredited with several of those jails experiencing recent turnover in leadership, making it difficult to find a jail manager that meets the aforementioned criteria – especially experience with our accreditation program. While time in position and continued work with the accreditation program will provide more future choices, at this time I request Chief Harris continue filling one of the two Jail Manager Positions on our Commission.

**Chief Bennett made a motion, Chief Lowe seconded. Motion carried.**

**2026 Fall Conference Location**

The board was presented two options for Fall of 2026 conference and chose to move forward with the proposal from Three Rivers Convention Center.

**Chief Mertzig made a motion, Sheriff Raymond seconded. Motion carried.**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Approval of Membership Applications

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER REQUESTS:**

- Justin Lundgren, Interim Chief, Spokane PD
- John DeRousse, Chief, Everett PD
- Donnell Tanksley, Sheriff, Whatcom County
- Susanna Johnson, Sheriff, Snohomish County
- Robert Martin, Snohomish County (from Stanwood PD) (ASSOCIATE)
- Bryan Keller, Chief, Duvall PD

- Tony Slowik, Chief, Oak Harbor PD
- Joseph Mehline, Chief Toppenish PD

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

- Brian Lynch, Chief, Snoqualmie PD  
Chief Tim Floyd, Enumclaw PD
- Chris Kostad, Chief, Shelton PD  
Sheriff Ryan Spurling, Mason County
- Paul Anista, Chief, Roy PD  
Chief Tom Yabe, Steilacoom PD

**AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

- Lacey Ledford, Legislative Liason, CJTC  
Monica Alexander, CJTC
- Casey Allred, Jail/Dispatch Commander, Issaquah PD  
Chief Paula Schwan, Issaquah PD
- Trevor Clark, Corporal, Mason County SO  
Sheriff Ryan Spurling, Mason County SO
- Harry Boesche, Acting City Attorney, Auburn  
Chief Mark Callier, Auburn PD
- Vonnie Mayer, Executive Director, Valley Com 911  
Chief Rafael Padilla, Kent PD
- Brad Sweet, 911 Coordinator, Lincoln County  
Sheriff Gabe Gants, Lincoln County
- Scott Blomgren, Jail Superintendent, Lincoln County  
Sheriff Gabe Gants, Lincoln County
- Ken Harkom, Detective Sergeant, Office of Insurance Commissioner  
Director Bruce Lantz, Office of Insurance Commissioner

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

- Erica Nilsen, Assistant Chief, Vancouver PD  
Chief Jeff Mori, Vancouver PD
- Michael Smith, Assistant Chief, SeaTac PD  
Chief Michael Smithmeyer, Seatac PD
- Terry Carter, Detective Sergeant, Pacific PD  
Chief Ron Schaub, Fircrest PD
- Khristopher Thompson, Undersheriff, Spokane County SO  
Sheriff John Nowels, Spokane County
- Jeff Isaac, Sergeant, Liberty Lake PD  
Chief Damon Simmons, Liberty Lake PD
- Deion Glover, Captain, WSP  
Chief John Batiste, WSP

- Glen Peterson, Special Agent in Charge, US Secret Service  
Chief Adrian Diaz, Seattle PD
- Kyle Buchanan, Commander, Federal Way PD  
Chief Andy Hwang, Federal Way PD
- Thomas Martin, Deputy Chief, Dept of Natural Resources  
Chief Sam Ramirez, Dept of Natural Resources
- Jodie Barcus, Chief Criminal Deputy, Okanogan County  
Sheriff Paul Budrow, Okanogan County
- Jesse Allen, Undersheriff, Lincoln County  
Sheriff Gabe Gants, Lincoln County
- Eric Tung, Commander, Kent PD  
Chief Rafael Padilla, Kent PD
- Kristine Buist, Assistant Chief, Vancouver PD  
Chief Jeff Mori, Vancouver PD

**Chief Mertzig made a motion, Chief Lowe seconded. Motion carried.**

**Life Membership Nomination – Retired Sheriff Dave Brown**

**Discussion was tabled until next meeting. Chief Lowe made a motion, Sheriff Raymond seconded. Motion carried.**

**2024 Executive Board Meeting Schedule**

- March 27, 2024 | WASPC Offices
- May 22, 2024 | Spokane Convention Center
- September 16 – 18 | Retreat - Campbells Resort
- November 2024 | Three Rivers Convention Center

**ADJOURN**

**Meeting adjourned by Sheriff Morris at 11:15 AM.**