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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2025
Campbell's Resort

CALL TO ORDER:

President John Nowels called the meeting to order at 8:44 AM.

Approval of Minutes for 5/21/2025: **Motion made to approve minutes by Sheriff Myers. Second by Chief Mertzig. Motion passed unanimously.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT- Chief Damon Simmons, WASPC Treasurer:

Disbursements: Check number 47546 through 47855 (05/14/25-8/31/25) for \$7,698,175.63 (full listing provided in board packet)

Motion made to approve the disbursements by Sheriff Myers. Second by Chief Padilla. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial statements are presented through June 30, 2025. No concerns to note. Expenses and revenues are where expected.

Cash on hand is adequate for operations. Revenues (Contracts) Increase relates to the jail data sharing agreement with the WA Healthcare Authority. In July 2024, a new process was implemented and the revenue/expense paid by the HCA increased. Conference revenues and workshop expenses are related to the Spring event. Staff is preparing the 2026 general fund budget proposal for the November meeting. Additionally, Chief of Staff Jamie Weimer and Finance Director Kim Goodman are reviewing internal policies and procedures to ensure they are aligned with the recent staffing changes. Updates and changes will be presented to the Finance Committee at the November meeting for review prior to requesting approval from the Executive Board.

2024 Federal and Financial Statement Audit

We met with our audit team from Clark Nuber to receive the final audit report. The financial Statement audit was clean with no findings. The federal funding audit resulted in one finding. The finding is related to grants to sub recipients. A checkbox on the grant agreement page incorrectly identified the recipients as contractors rather than sub-recipients. This has been corrected and should not be an issue in future audits.

NEW BUSINESS:

WASPC Legal Matters from Jamie Weimer:

WASPC has been named in a suit for violating the Public Records Act. A public disclosure request was submitted on June 25, 2025 and was automatically routed to a

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junk mail folder where it went unnoticed and was ultimately deleted from the recipient's email. On July 29, 2025, WASPC was notified of the suit against the organization. Once notified of the suit and original request, WASPC immediately conducted a search for responsive records. WASPC staff have not located responsive records, archived sex offense investigative files. Jamie Weimer is working with WASPC legal counsel to navigate the suit. In response to the suit, WASPC is making changes to its public disclosure process, implementing mandatory public records training for all staff, has adjusted junk mail filters, and is developing an enhanced receipt process for cases submitted for permanent retention.

WASPC has received an influx of subpoenas relative to sex offense investigative files. In June 2025, WASPC received a subpoena for any case occurring at one of 27 state juvenile facilities. This would require review of nearly 200,000 sex offense investigative cases. WASPC worked with the Plaintiffs' counsel to develop a plan to review potentially responsive cases, amend the subpoena, and issue an order of protection to WASPC to release unredacted reports.

To recap earlier discussion, WASPC has been asked to submit Amicus Briefs in *Fair v. King County et al* and *Estate of Choi and E.C., a minor v. City of Lakewood d/b/a Lakewood P.D.* A brief in the Fair case is required by September 29. In the second case, Brian Augenthaler has offered to draft the brief pro bono. WASPC intends to take Brian up on this offer and have the brief reviewed by WASPC's legal counsel before submitting it to the court.

An additional case for your radar is *Hubbard and Hawney v. City of Everett*.

Regarding earlier discussion on the proposed marketing services agreement to offer WASPC members discounted preventative health screenings, the Board reiterated their support for staff to move forward with the agreement. There were no objections expressed.

Accreditation Commission Updates from David Doll:

This year, two long-serving commissioners retired from law enforcement – Chief Pete Fisher (Police Chief's position) and Chief Cherie Harris (Jail Manager Position). Their retirements created vacancies for these two Commission positions.

In recommending new commissioners, the following criteria is used:

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.

David Doll recommend Chief Troy Tomaras, College Place Police Department, for the Chief's position, and Director Devon Schrum, SCORE, for the Jail Manager's position. Both are from accredited agencies and have helped with both Accreditation and LEMAP assessments.

Motion made to approve accreditation commissioner changes by Chief Padilla. Second by Chief Mertzig. Motion passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Membership applications were reviewed by the Executive Board.

First Name ▾	Last Name ▾	[Organization] ▾	Job Title ▾	Sponsor ▾
ACTIVE				
Stephen	Valentine	Winlock Police Department	Chief of Police	Chief Brockmueller
James	Fry	City of West Richland	Police Chief	Steve Crown
Curtis	Santucci	Union Gap Police Department	Interim Police Chief	Sheriff Udell
Steve	Brown	Colville Tribal Police	Chief of Police	Sheriff Maycumber
Patrick	Canady	Soap Lake PD	Chief of Police	Sheriff Kriete
ASSOCIATE				
Caleb	Johnson	Yakima County Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant	Sheriff Udell
Blake	Richards	Asotin County Sheriff	Undersheriff	Sheriff John Hilderbrand
James	Quackenbush	Washougal Police Department	Captain	Chief Freschette
Steve	Minnis	Skamania County Sheriff's Office	Chief Deputy	Sheriff Scheyer
Kyle	Olivarez	Ferndale Police Department	Patrol Sergeant	Chief Huffman
Jeremiah	Freeman	Ferndale Police Department	Sergeant	Chief Huffman
Jorge	Trujillo	Quincy Police Department	Captain	Chief Ryan Green
Mark	Holthaus	Liberty Lake PD	Lieutenant	Chief Simmons
Kelly	Park	King County Sheriff's Office	Division Chief	Sheriff Cole-Tindall
Blaise	Geddry	Vancouver Police Department	Commander	Chief Price
Chad	Williams	Vancouver Police Department	Assistant Chief	Chief Price
Andre	Sayles	Seattle pd	Deputy Chief	Chief Barnes
Michael	Clark	Benton County Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant	Sheriff Croskrey
Jeremy	Holmes	Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office	Chief of Special Services	Sheriff Wallace
Brandon	Matlock	Spokane Police Department	Police Officer	Kevin Hall
Micah	Prim	Spokane Police Department	Police Officer	Kevin Hall
Curt	Seevers	Pierce County Sheriff's Office	Training Supervisor	Sheriff Keith Swank
Chad	Dickerson	Pierce County Sheriff's Office	Criminal Investigations Division Major	Sheriff Keith Swank
AFFILIATE				
Samantha	Abundiz Arriaga	Yakima County	Probation Officer	Sheriff Udell
Noel	Serreno	Yakima County District Court DUI unit	Case Manager	Sheriff Udell
Mary Clara	Milburn	Yakima District Court	Program Analyst I	Sheriff Udell
Kimberly	Petty	King County Sheriff's Office	Legal, Disclosure & Records Manager	Sheriff Cole-Tindall
Jaycee	Elliott	Vancouver Police Department	Business Intelligence Analyst	Chief Price
Josh	Drye	Pierce County Sheriff's Office	Prosecuting Attorney/Civil/Legal Advisor	Sheriff Keith Swank
TRANSFERS				
Michelle	Bennett	Mercer Island Police Department	Interim Chief of Police	Former Chief of Edmonds
Tracy	DeLozier	Zillah Police Department	Chief of Police	Associate to Active
Eric	Twaites	Central WA University PD	Interim Chief of Police	Associate to Active
Shelby	Parker	Olympia Police Department	Interim Chief of Police	Associate to Active
Tray	Federici	Gig Harbor PD	Interim Chief of Police	Associate to Active
Douglas	Newman	Fife PD	Chief of Police	Associate to Active
Loi	Dawkins	Edmonds PD	Chief of Police	Associate to Active
Christina	Sanders	WSU Police Department	Director	Re-instate Membership
Mike	Gaffney	WSU Police Department	Director	Re-instate Membership
Dawn	Daniels	WSU Police Department	Chief of Police	Associate to Active
Chris	Sutter	Snoqualmie Tribe	Chief of Police	Lapsed to Active
Mike	St Jean	Kirkland Police Department	Chief of Police	Associate to Active
Ryan	Green	WA State Parks & Rec	Chief	Associate to Active

Motion to APPROVE membership applications. **Motion by Sheriff Raymond. Second by Sheriff Kriete.**
Motion passed unanimously.

Life Membership Nominations were reviewed by the Executive Board. **Motion to Approve Cherie Harris as a WASPC Life Member was made by Sheriff Myers and Second by Chief White. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Board Meeting Schedule

- November 11, 2025 | Three Rivers Convention Center

Meeting adjourned by Sheriff Nowels at 9:07 AM.