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**WASPC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

10:00 to 11:30 AM

Great Hall | Three Rivers Convention Center | Kennewick, WA

President-Elect Rick Scott opened the meeting at 10:25 AM. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted it was great to see everyone in person again.

He introduced FirstNet Built with AT&T as this year's spring scholarship sponsor. Our scholarship winners this time include Tony Ryan, Operations Commander from the Enumclaw Police Department, and Chief Daniel Christensen from the Omak Police Department.

Approval of the 11/18/2020 GBM Meeting Minutes

**Motion: Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Sheriff Tom Jones seconded. The motion carried.**

Executive Board Elections

The open positions and the candidates who have expressed an interest on the Executive Board for election are as follows:

Vice President (Sheriff)

- Sheriff Tom Jones, Grant County

Chief at-Large

- Chief Darrell Lowe, Redmond PD

Sheriff at-Large

- Sheriff James Raymond, Franklin County SO

Active (Non-Municipal Chief or Sheriff)

- Chief Sam White, Lower Elwha Police Department

WASPC's membership has been solicited for any additional interested candidates prior to today's election. There were none.

President-Elect Rick Scott opened the nominations from the floor. He asked the question three (3) times: Are there any nominations from the floor?

Hearing none, it was moved by Sheriff James Raymond to close the nominations. It was seconded by Sheriff John Snaza. The motion carried to close the nominations.

APPROVED 11/17/2021

President-Elect Scott said not hearing any nominations from the floor, he would entertain a motion from the floor for approval of the ballot by acclamation as presented here today.

**Motion: Chief Mike Lasnier moved to approve the ballot as presented here today by acclamation. Sheriff Mark Crider seconded. The motion carried to approve the ballots as presented today by acclamation.**

President-Elect Scott congratulated all of the new and re-elected Board members and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

## Resolutions

*Honoring Fight Crime: Invest in Kids 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* – The WASPC Resolutions Committee reviewed the proposed resolution and made a recommendation that the resolution be brought forward for an affirmative vote by WASPC’s membership. Chief Ken Thomas from Des Moines PD and Sheriff Gary Simpson from Kitsap County served as this year’s Resolutions Committee.

**Motion: Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich moved to approve the resolution. Chief Ken Thomas seconded. The motion carried.**

## Committee Reports

**Boating Safety** – Sheriff Clay Myers is the Chair of the committee. The committee did meet on Tuesday, May 25 and discussed three initiatives they are currently working on.

In conjunction with collecting data on motorized vessels, the committee has three specific projects:

- Evaluating pre-attendance requirements with respect to vessel operations.
- Reducing deaths related to Non-Motorized vessels; Education, local ordinances or legislative. We have stood up a task force specific to this item.
- Review and modification to the funding matrix for the Federal Financial Assistance Grant Program.

**Corrections** – Chief Cherie Harris and Chief Patti Jackson are two of the committee’s co-chairs. The committee did meet on Tuesday, May 25 and heard presentations from the following:

1. Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder in Jails (20 Mins)

Mandy Owens, PhD

University of Washington

2. JBRS & Vine (10 Mins)

Jamie Weimer, Projects & Programs Manager

WASPC

3. CJTC Corrections Academy Update (20 Mins)

Tim Fasnacht, Assistant Commander

WA CJTC Basic Training Division

4. NW Shuttle Guidelines Update (20 Mins)

Jeff Young, Deputy

Clark County Sheriff's Office

5. Legislative Updates (20 Mins)  
John McGrath, Jail Services Liaison  
WASPC

6. MCO's (20 Mins)

NW Shuttle Guidelines - The committee voted to exclude Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications from our state guidelines.

**Finance & Personnel Committee** – Chief Brett Vance chairs the committee. The committee did meet on Monday, May 24, 2021.

#### **2020 Audit Status**

2020 Audit field work has been completed. The auditors will be issuing the audited financial statements following the presentation to the Treasurer and Finance Committee on June 2. The report in your packets include the 2020 final audited figures.

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

- Cash on hand continues to be adequate.
- 2020 figures for prepaid expenses, accounts receivable and payable balances are presented in accrual format.
- 2020 deferred revenues include annual service fees that span 2020 & 2021. Contracts for the VINE system, Sex Offender Website, CopLink – NIBRS repository, & Jail Booking and Reporting System. Also included is the internet crimes against children task force funding for the city of Seattle.

**Grants Committee** – Sheriff James Raymond is Co-Chair of this committee. The committee met on Monday, May 24 and approved the following:

- The WASPC Grants committee received a grant request from Ferndale Police Department to assist them with accreditation and their purchase of a PowerDMS application. The finance committee along with the grants committee recommended the approval of a \$1265 grant to Ferndale.

**Homeland Security/Intelligence Committee** – Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich and Chief Ken Thomas are the Co-Chairs of the committee. The committee met on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 and reported the following:

- The WAGang database is being closed and will be rolled into the WSIN RISSIntel program. Agencies who have data in the WAGang system can either choose to have their information rolled over into the RISSIntel system, or request to have it sent back.

**Indian Country LE Committee** – Chief Mike Lasnier and Sheriff Casey Salisbury are the Co-Chairs of the committee. The committee met on Monday, May 24, 2021 and reported that about a dozen members participated in the meeting. There are no major issues for the tribes at this time.

**LE Education & Training Committee** – Sheriff Drew Hyer and Chief Peter Fisher are Co-Chairs of the committee. The committee met on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 and reported on:

- WASPC leadership program – Getting a program stood up at the command level up to the executive level. The committee voted to approve and will be moving forward to prepare future law enforcement staff for leadership positions.

**Legislative Committee** – No further report beyond Thursday legislative update session.

**Membership Committee** – The committee did not meet.

**Model Policy Committee** – No meeting held at this conference. Chief Jamey Kiblinger of Black Diamond Police Department is stepping down as Chair of this committee due to other work demands. If there are any Chiefs or Sheriffs interested in co-chairing this committee, please contact Steve Strachan.

**Professional Services Committee** – The committee did meet on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, and reported on the following:

- **Accreditation Standards and New Laws** – Mike Painter reported that an Accreditation standards work group has begun the process of developing or editing (existing) accreditation standards in response to new laws that will go into effect in late July, 2021. The work group will tackle new standards once the legislation is finalized by the state code reviser with a goal of recommendations to the professional services committee at the fall conference. Drafts will be posted on the WASPC website accreditation forum prior to the fall conference.
- **Change to effective date of any new or updated standard** – Mike explained the need to move the effective date of changes to any new or updated standards from July 1 to January 1 of the next year. Absent an emergency, changes to standards would be advanced at the spring conference, approved at the fall conference and would go into effect on January 1 after the fall conference. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
- **Professional Services update**- Mike provided committee members with an update on professional services delivered to agencies around Washington since the start of the New Year. The next virtual training session for accreditation managers will be offered in October, 2021.
- **Jail Certification** – John McGrath has assembled a work group to structure a second tier of jail standards that would ultimately be called jail certification. The certification program would potentially have fewer standards than the full accreditation program and would start jails on the road to accreditation through an introductory program. The details of the program are still being worked out and have been potentially frustrated by a legislative work group tasked with addressing jail standards and reporting back to the legislature. John is continuing to strategically move forward with the WASPC jail standards work group and will report back at the fall conference.

**Public Trust Committee** – Chief Steve Mylett and Sheriff Bill Elfo are Co-Chairs of this committee. The committee did meet on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. The committee is looking at developing a library of best practices and programs from around the country that members can access. Chief Mylett asked the membership if they have successful programs being used in their organizations, please share that information and it can be added to the library. The Chief commented that it's time to get back into engagement with our communities.

**Technology Committee** – The committee did not meet.

**Traffic Safety Committee** – The committee did meet on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 and reported the

following:

- The Washington State Patrol - Impaired Driving Section delivered a presentation on the Ignition Interlock Program and highlighted some concerning data related to failed compliance by individuals enrolled in the court order program, circumvention tactics, and other violations. This information was presented by Lieutenant Clark Jones and Sergeant Villanti.
- Participants were given legislative updates regarding the law changes from the 2020-21 Legislative Session.
- Washington State Traffic Safety Program Manager, Edica Esqueda provide an update on the WASPC / Traffic Safety Commission Subcommittee. Representative from Yakima PD, Kennewick PD, WSP, Mercer Island PD, Redmond PD, Auburn PD, Region 16 Target Zero Manager, DuPont PD, and a former law enforcement officer with tribal experience made up the subcommittee. These individuals divided into two teams. Team 1 was tasked with defining attributes of law enforcement agencies that are highly engaged and effective in traffic safety. Team 2 was tasked with providing examples of police led non-enforcement strategies that lead to sustainable behavior changes regarding traffic safety. The result of the subcommittee is ongoing and will be formally delivered later this year.
- Kim Goodman provide information that the WASPC Traffic Safety Equipment Grant program has approximately \$25,000 available to agencies. A supplemental process will be published soon.
- Lastly, Union Gap Police Chief Greg Cobb and Garfield County Sheriff Drew Hyer have agreed to be our new Co-Chairs for the WASPC Traffic Safety Committee. Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza and Wenatchee Chief Steve Crown wish our new co-chairs continued success in this important committee!

**Wellness & Resilience Committee** –Sheriff Brian Burnett is Co-Chair of this committee. The committee met on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 and reported the following:

- Some early confusion on the committee reporting so meeting didn't start until approximately 10:30
- James McMahan gave Legislative and Committee update
- Committee indicated interest in the program and grant process
- Lots of good discussion and interest on the topics to include the following:
  - Post Trauma vs. Accumulative
  - Peer support / What covers and what doesn't cover confidentiality
  - One agency of 76 commissioned staff has 7 affected by PTSD / L & I. Voicing concerns over local attorneys head hunting for officers to file L&I claims
  - Before vs. After
  - Mandatory assistance referrals
  - Return to work evaluations after critical incidents
  - Officer Wellness Checks
    - Mandatory meeting for attendance
    - But participation within the mandatory meetings is voluntary and completely at the discretion of employee
  - One agency working 10/40 shifts (5 on 4 off) is authorizing last 30 minutes of shift to be used for wellness / team building and such
  - Training Pass downs to detective staff working violent and sex crimes
  - Restorative Rest
    - Use of 30 min lunch break to turn off radio and take a nap (night shift only)
  - Wellness / Resilience coach / trainer to add to training

- Detectives / Major Crimes / Sex Crimes holding monthly and 1/4 wellness checks
- Small agency access to programs
- Not just commissioned but civilian staff to be trained and have availability to wellness and resilience as they are being affected
- Monroe PD Chief Jeff Jolley interested in helping with this committee

**Motion: Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve the committee reports as presented. Sheriff Tom Jones seconded. The motion carried.**

**Liaison Reports** (no approval required)

- Explorers – A report will be provided at the Wednesday luncheon by the President of the WLEEA Board on their activities during 2020.
- LE Torch Run – No report
- LEIRA (written report only) – In 2020, LEIRA had a total of 284 members in 2020, including a full slate of Executive Board members and 26 lifetime members (former Presidents).

Executive Board meetings were held in January, June, and November. In June, the difficult decision was made to postpone the 2021 biennial conference scheduled for fall 2021 due to COVID. A General Meeting was also held in November and included the election of a full slate of Executive Board members for 2021.

While a variety of trainings were planned for 2020, many were cancelled due to COVID. LEIRA's model was to offer regional trainings in person around the state. When COVID hit, we did not have a platform for hosting online trainings and were prohibited from hosting in person trainings and thus had to cancel said events. Five regional trainings focused on public records and property/evidence were cancelled. Two trainings were successfully held online in the fourth quarter:

- All Things Juvenile in December with 105 participants
- NIBRS/Crime Statistics in October with 87 participants

We also launched MemberClicks for membership, event, and website management. This allowed the Executive Board to have extended access to back office functions and allowed for greater and easier communication with members.

In recognition that many of our members faced unexpected budget cuts and other implications of COVID, the Executive Board approved extending all 2020 memberships through December 31, 2021.

- SONAR Committee – Sheriff Brad Manke stepped down as Chair of the committee due to other workload demands. Jamie Weimer and Terrina Peterson from WASPC have been appointed to represent WASPC on this committee.
  - The committee will host a summer meeting July 13 in Wenatchee at the Confluence Center. There will be a morning meeting and afternoon training.
  - As the SOPB has been meeting to work through the current assignment, to review juvenile sex offender registration, treatment, impacts of registration and sex offense convictions, racial disproportionality as it relates to sex offense convictions and registration and then make recommendations to the legislature on all topics.

- As Terrina and Jamie work to preserve the law enforcement voice as it relates to this assignment, we want to check in with our members to determine if some of our historical stances are still accurate. We expect some of the work for this SOPB assignment may fuel similar discussions regarding adult registration, notification and verification. .
- We are asking that chiefs and sheriffs go back to your agencies and meet with your RSO staff to understand their role in sex offender registration, notification and verification. What pain points do they have? Do you share the same beliefs? We serve chiefs and sheriffs and want to make sure the feedback we receive from coordinators matches your direction. We will be hosting a discussion with Chiefs and Sheriffs along with RSO coordinators later this summer to get feedback in the following areas:
  - 1-What is the value of the Sex Offender Registry in your community?
  - 2-Risk Level Classifications. Currently responsibility of registering agency. Do you all want to keep that responsibility?
  - 3-What is the value of Address Verification Funds in your community. How can WASPC strengthen our grant agreements to demonstrate the value and keep the funding for address verification?
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  - Regarding the current SOPB assignment, some of the early recommendations we are hoping to further discuss are simplifying the relief of duty to register for juveniles and addressing public disclosure inconsistencies as previously recommend by the SOPB.

### Executive Director Report – Steve Strachan

- FBI Special Agent in Charge for the Seattle office, Don Voiret, has advised that the FBI is hoping to start the Academy again in October, but the more likely start-up date will be January 2022..
- Steve has been discussing with James McMahan about coming up with a uniform form for capturing data relative to unfunded mandates as a result of legislative changes. James continues to work with other stakeholders to develop the form. In addition, we are working on an alternative form for some options for diversion as a result of the Blake decision. For now, many agencies already have those resources available, but not all.
- The statewide school mapping program ends June 30, 2021. If any member agencies are still involved in school mapping through WASPC, please talk with David Corr at WASPC at [dcorr@waspc.org](mailto:dcorr@waspc.org).
- Futures Committee – WASPC once had a committee called Futurist that was forward looking. The committee was retired, but there is some discussion about wanting to resurrect it and have it chaired by future WASPC leaders. If any Chiefs or Sheriff or someone on your command staffs might be interested in this idea, please let Steve know.
- Congratulations to all of the new and re-elected Executive Board members. Steve thanked them and appreciates their willingness to serve.
- Steve thanked the Kennewick Police Department for all of their assistance with our conference this week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory  
Executive Assistant  
WASPC