

**Minutes of a Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of  
Americans for Effective Law Enforcement, Inc.  
March 8, 2005**

A notice was sent to all Directors and Trustees, calling a general board meeting at 11:00 A.M. at the organization's headquarters in Park Ridge, IL. In attendance were all six Directors: George P. Graves, Charles A. Gruber, Daniel B. Hales, Russell B. Laine, Wayne W. Schmidt and Richard N. Williams.

Charles Gruber nominated Messrs. Graves, Hales, Laine, Schmidt, Williams and himself for reelection as voting Directors. Mr. Graves seconded the motions, and all six candidates were reelected, 6-to-0.

Mr. Gruber then nominated as Trustees all six voting Directors plus Harry T. Mahoney, Charles Reynolds, Joseph Samuels, and Carl Wolf. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, and all Trustees were reelected, 6-to-0.

Mr. Gruber moved the reelection of officers: Mr. Hales as President, Mr. Schmidt as Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Carl Wolf as Treasurer, Bernard J. Farber and James P. Manak as staff Assistant Secretary-Treasurers, and Helen Finkel as staff Vice-President. Mr. Hales seconded the motion, which passed 6-to-0.

Mr. Graves moved the approval of the 2004 Minutes, appearing at pp. 473-4. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt suggested that the Board should try to interest others in the leadership of the organization. There was a consensus that an academic would be useful.

Mr. Schmidt then gave a financial update. He spoke about two new seminars that are in the works. A Criminal Justice Compliance Officer seminar will be sponsored in November 2005, and a Lethal and Less Lethal Force seminar in early 2006. The latter program will focus on the legal, psychological and biometric aspects of force encounters.

Mr. Schmidt also discussed the continued loss of the publications subscriber base.

After a discussion about the AELE website, he asked for approval of a new, free, online publication called the AELE Law Journal, which would also be linked to a law reprints menu. Mr. Gruber moved for approval, and after a second by Mr. Hales, the proposal was adopted.

There was extensive discussion of the amicus program, including joining a brief supporting the plaintiff in a domestic violence lawsuit now pending before the Supreme Court, *Castle Rock v. Gonzales*.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 P.M. and informal discussions followed at a restaurant across the street.

*Wayne W. Schmidt*

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Wayne W. Schmidt  
Secretary

March 27, 2005