

Minutes of a Meeting
of the Board of Directors of
Americans for Effective Law Enforcement, Inc.
March 22, 2006

An electronic notice was sent to all Directors and local area 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, Carl Wolf and a new candidate, Charles Remsberg. 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. Graves seconded the motion, which passed 6-to-0.

Mr. Gruber moved the approval of the 2005 Minutes, appearing at pp. 475-6. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt then gave a financial update. He reported that the new Lethal and Less Lethal Force seminar in February 2006 had 270 paid attendants.

Mr. Schmidt then announced that Jeffrey Higginbotham has decided to terminate his teaching efforts in criminal justice and to explore alternative interests.

On the motion of Mr. Graves, the Board expressed its gratitude to Mr. Higginbotham, for his well-researched and superbly presented lectures at the AELE discipline and civil liability seminars. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt announced that the organization currently has amicus briefs in two cases now awaiting decision by the Supreme Court.

He also discussed the continued loss of the publications subscriber base. A memo had been circulated in which he recommended that the periodical be accessible by all website visitors, without a password, effective with the Sept. 2006 issues. Starting with the January 2007 issues, the *Liability Reporter*, the *Fire and Police Personnel Reporter* and the *Jail & Prisoner Law Bulletin* would each have only one feature article, followed by case summaries. No renewal notices would be sent to existing subscribers after the June 2006 renewal period.

After extensive discussion, Mr. Gruber moved to accept the plan, which was seconded by Mr. Graves. The Motion was carried, 6-to-0.

Mr. Schmidt reported that he had looked at a possible affiliation with online universities, whereby AELE seminars could be pre-certified for college credits. He said that at the present time, the no action should be taken. The process is tedious, and would consume substantial administrative time.

Mr. Remsberg said that he had discussions with Mr. Alex Ford of *PoliceOne.com* concerning a formal affiliation with AELE, whereby *PoliceOne* readers would be directed to AELE legal resources. There was a consensus that the affiliation should be pursued, and that a formal agreement could be concluded with the approval of President Hales.

Mr. Schmidt then outlined a plan to develop teaching materials to be used by persons who have achieved our Certified Litigation Specialist designation, and independently sponsor or participate in civil liability training programs for local police and corrections officers. There would be a minor licensing fee. The plan was received without objection.

The Board adjourned at 12:40 P.M. and informal discussions followed at a restaurant across the street.

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Secretary