

**Minutes of a Meeting
of the Board of Directors of
Americans for Effective Law Enforcement, Inc.
September 30, 2012**

Two electronic notices were sent to all Directors, calling a general Board meeting on Sep. 30th, 2012, at 1:15 p.m. in Room 23A of the Convention Center in San Diego, California. AELE Treasurer Charles D. Reynolds chaired the meeting, at the request of President Daniel B. Hales, who was absent.

Attendance

In attendance were Directors Eric P. Daigle, Russell B. Laine, Charles D. Reynolds, Wayne W. Schmidt and Alan C. Youngs. Also present were Chet Epperson, the chief of police in Rockford, IL, and W. Ken Katsaris, an AELE seminar presenter. The meeting began promptly at 1:15 pm. Director Charles A. Gruber arrived late, at 1:50 p.m.

Election of Directors and Trustee

Mr. Laine nominated Chief Chet Epperson for Board of Directors membership. Mr. Youngs seconded the motion and his election was confirmed unanimously. Mr. Laine then moved the reelection of all current Directors and non-voting Trustee Charles Remsberg. Mr. Youngs seconded the motion, and their reelection was confirmed unanimously. The ten reelected Directors are Eric P. Daigle, George Graves, Charles A. Gruber, Daniel B. Hales, Russell B. Laine, Jack Pecoraro, Charles D. Reynolds, Wayne W. Schmidt, Richard N. Williams and Alan C. Youngs.

Absent Directors

George Graves, Daniel B. Hales, Jack Pecoraro and Richard N. Williams had asked that their attendance be excused. Mr. Laine moved to formally excuse all absent Directors. Mr. Youngs seconded the motion, and it was confirmed unanimously.

Appointment of Officers

Mr. Laine moved to reappoint Mr. Hales as President, Mr. Reynolds as Treasurer, Mr. Schmidt as Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Bernard J. Farber and James P. Manak as staff Assistant Secretary-Treasurers, and Helen Finkel as staff Vice-President. Mr. Youngs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Prior Minutes

Mr. Laine then moved to ratify the Minutes of Oct. 23, 2011, as published on the AELE website at pp. [488-490](#). Mr. Youngs seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Reports

Mr. Schmidt provided three brief informational reports. Firstly, he indicated that our health insurance costs have fallen because a staff member, Melissa Taki, was furloughed and now works intermittently without AELE compensated health benefits.

Secondly, Mr. Schmidt stated that the sale of the building in Park Ridge to a retail food store developer is still progressing, although more slowly than anticipated.

Thirdly, Mr. Schmidt discussed several cases that will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, but said there were no plans to file in any of the current cases.

General Discussion and New Business

1. Mr. Daigle suggested that we vigorously pursue corporate sponsorships, deductible as advertising expenses and not as charitable contributions. It was noted that the IACP has formal guidance on corporate sponsorships, and Mr. Laine said he would try to provide the others with a copy. There was a strong consensus to pursue the sponsorships, consistent with ethical and professional precepts. Messrs. Gruber, Daigle and Epperson agreed to report on potential sponsors.
2. Mr. Katsaris recommended that Mr. Schmidt compile a list of insurance agents and risk managers who have attended AELE seminars or who previously subscribed to AELE publications. Mr. Schmidt said the list would be compiled in a few days.
3. Mr. Daigle announced his personal sponsorship of a 'Use of Force Summit' in Connecticut on November 27th - 29th, 2012. Mr. Schmidt said the location was non-competitive with AELE seminars in Las Vegas.
4. Mr. Daigle suggested that AELE create a *Survey Monkey* or similar online questionnaire asking the readers of our monthly Alert e-mail to respond. He offered to draft questions for the survey.
5. Mr. Daigle also recommended that AELE explore the development of a phone "App" for enhanced mobile website access. He offered to provide more specific suggestions.

The meeting ended at 2:45 pm.

Wayne W. Schmidt
Corporate Secretary