

**Minutes of a Meeting
of the Board of Directors of
Americans for Effective Law Enforcement, Inc.
November 20, 2014**

Multiple electronic notices were sent to all Directors, calling a General Board Meeting via AT&T teleconference, at 2:00 p.m. on November 20, 2014, Central Standard time.

Attendance

In attendance were nine voting Directors, constituting a legal quorum: Messrs. Epperson, Graves, Gruber, Laine, Pecoraro, Plitt, Reynolds, Schmidt and Youngs. Absent were Messrs. Daigle and Hales.

Election of Directors and Trustees

Mr. Youngs moved the reelection of all current Directors. The motion was seconded by Judge Plitt, and their election was confirmed unanimously. By acclamation, both absences were excused.

Appointment of Officers

Mr. Youngs moved to reappoint all corporate Officers: 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. The motion was seconded by Judge Plitt and carried unanimously.

Prior Minutes

Mr. Youngs moved to ratify the Minutes of our October 21, 2013 meeting in Philadelphia (pp. [493-494](#)). The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Financial and Seminar Attendance Reports

Mr. Schmidt provided a general overview, and noted that specifics are listed in sections on the AELE Corporate Documents [webpage](#).

Amicus Activity

Mr. Schmidt brought attention to a Supreme Court appeal of a drug interdiction traffic stop, and explained why AELE did not file a brief in that case.

Website Activities

Mr. Schmidt reported on the success of our webpages for [ECW deployments](#), [ECW Articles & Reports](#), and a new page on police [body worn cameras](#). There are currently 750 ECW case citations and 204 pages of text, if printed.

Mandatory Reporting of Police Use of Force

Charles Gruber spoke fervently about the need for mandatory reporting of police use of force instances. There was discussion about what is use of force (versus show of force). Mr. Gruber offered to write an article for the AELE [Monthly Law Journal](#), joined by others. It would open with a short history, focus on the need for mandatory reporting, recommend the creation of a national database and standardized reporting software, and a systematic analysis of force instances, for policy and training purposes. There was a unanimous endorsement of this project.

The meeting concluded at 2:50 p.m.

Wayne W. Schmidt
Corporate Secretary