



# San Diego County District Attorney Investigators Association

Monthly Meeting  
HOJ – 9<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room  
Wednesday, January 11, 2012

## MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by President Rich Wissemann at 12:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** 2 Executive Board members and 5 Directors were present. A Quorum was present.

- Executive Board members present: Rich Wissemann, Jeff Miller
- Directors present: Ken Brown, Nancy Dodd, Chuck Martin, Matt O’Deane, Mike Porretta
- Board Member Absentees: Kathy O’Connell (excused), Emalee Bowles (excused)
- Total attendees: 9

**Introduction of Guests** – President Rich Wissemann

- Lynn Howarth – Deferred Comp  
845 Provision:
  - ◇ Allows up to \$3000/year to pay LTC and/or Medicare Plan.
  - ◇ The money is tax free from the IRS, as long as the monies go directly to the facility housing the person.
  - ◇ It is considered a Rollover Plan.
  - ◇ IRS Caveat: you must be separated at full retirement age (Tier A, under 50 years old; Tier B, 55 years old).
  - ◇ If you retire at any age due to disability, this applies as well.
  - ◇ For use with 401 and 457 Roth accounts.
  - ◇ First 18 months after separation, you are covered by COBRA.
  - ◇ Afterwards, 18 months additional coverage by CAL COBRA (as long as you reside in California). This is basically an extension of the current benefits not to exceed a total of 3 years total coverage. After the 3 years, you’re on your own.
  - ◇ Randy Nunez (from Nationwide) is one of three retirement specialists who work out of HOJ at least once a month. He can answer any questions regarding retirement.
  - ◇ Deb Anderson is a certified financial planner/specialist who can help you determine specific details for the monies you can anticipate to receive at retirement; help you determine if you can retire; and if you can retire comfortably.
- Brad Fields and Rick Pinckard – Bobbitt, Pinckard and Fields  
Bobbitt Pinkard and Fields LLC has been approached by Probation Department, which consists of 700-800 members. Representing another (second) labor group may mean fewer resources for our association members. There are currently 135 DAIA members. Rick and Brad do not perceive there being any conflict of interest, but we want our thoughts either way.
  - ◇ Pros and Cons:
    - May have more knowledge with what’s going on in other labor groups (i.e., global knowledge). This may be a pro or con depending on how it’s perceived.
    - The DA is an elected official and has more clout than Matt Jenkins, the Director of Probation (a position appointed by the CAO).
  - ◇ Further Discussion on this at a later time.

## Secretary's Report

- The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. They were accepted as presented. Ken Brown made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Matt O'Deane. **Motion Carried.**

## Treasurer's Report: November 1, 2011 to November 30, 2011

- The balance in the accounts as of November 30, 2011:
  - ◇ Operating: \$\*\*\*\*\*
  - ◇ Merchandise: \$\*\*\*\*\*
  - ◇ FOF: \$\*\*\*\*\***Total Account Balance (excluding FOF): \$\*\*\*\*\***
- On 12/28, we sent the \$25,000 donation to the National Police Museum. Our agreement with the Museum is that a donor plaque will be displayed in the Judgment Simulator Room; we will be named on their website; and we will be named on their electronic billboard as well.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

## President's Report:

- We received holiday/well wishes cards from DSA and HR Staff.
- A Thank You card was received from the El Camino High School Choir for our recent donation. They also performed at the Pearl Harbor Ceremony.
- DSA Installation Luncheon is Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. They have a new DSA Board.
- Drug and Alcohol Policy Change – Section F
  - ◇ Exceptions: County employees are required to undergo random drug and alcohol testing if they are transferring, demoting, or promoting (Section C25)
- Unanimous Email Vote for Donation to the Officer Prokop Memorial Fund in the amount of \$5000 (FOF).
  - ◇ Memorial Golf Tournament to be held at the Loma Santa Fe Country Club on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Dave Innumerable Retirement held on January 6<sup>th</sup> – Rich presented him with a plaque and retirement money.
- Meeting with Bonnie and Paula held on December 14<sup>th</sup>
  - ◇ Privatized extradition to Guam – Case by Case basis.
  - ◇ Promotional Process – County sent an email regarding supplemental on job application
  - ◇ iPhones – new tax with IRS charging County employees for personal use of a work device. Status Quo until a policy is created.
  - ◇ Meeting with Paula – Chico was present.
    - Expired vests - All members with expired vests will receive new ones.
    - Tasers – there are currently more qualified members than there are available tasers. We're working on getting more tasers available.
    - Equipment for New Hires are not yet available yet. The new hires should have them soon.
- Meeting in Vista – Kathy and Rich met with members to fix any problems and address any concerns.
  - ◇ DAIA Board - Rich isn't running again and Kathy will be retiring.
  - ◇ Monthly fees and donations – there's a general concern that we donate to individual people and not to agencies or community agencies. Rich explained reasons for donating to the community
  - ◇ Concern with a 120-Day only Chief – feel we need a full-time chief. Concerns about the timeline for disciplinary action without a full-time chief. Members of the North County feel the association should take further steps to get a new Chief, including taking a Vote of No Confidence. They could not site a reason.
  - ◇ The majority of Vista DAI's are disappointed there was no Christmas party in 2011. There was a brief discussion about low participation / low morale among the members including concerns regarding attire, anticipated attendees, and other obligations taking precedence.
- Centralized information (Nancy Dodd) – Pete Martinez is working on getting more centralized information regarding forms and policies available on the Q: Drive. If anyone is interested in working with Pete on a committee, contact him directly.
- Disciplinary Actions – still TBA via upstairs. Use of Force Forms and Policies versus IA; is there a difference?
- Website (Nancy Dodd) – there are new updates, but this matter to be tabled to the next meeting. Board members to submit short bio to be included in the website.

## Committee Reports / Unfinished Business:

### Insurance – Mike Porretta

- 2012 CLEA Scholarships are now open
- Health Plan Task Force is having regular meetings to avoid another 49.7% increase.
- PORAC LTD – Meeting with PORAC LTD to weigh pros/cons against CLEA

### Good & Welfare – Jeff Miller

- Flowers were sent to the funeral for DDA Christine Trevino.

### PORAC – Chuck Martin

- The San Diego Hyatt is offering a 15% off of their government rate for any bookings. Use code CR95767 when making reservations.
- DOJ's and Boston PD's computer system recently got hacked.
- DDA Bob Amador got the PORAC Endorsement
- Jim Miller is a private attorney who is running against Bob Amador. Jim Miller is alleging that Bob Amador misrepresented himself, stating that Bob knew full well of the opposition for the judicial seat. Bob didn't attend the PORAC meeting so wasn't able to defend himself of this allegation.

### Merchandise – Diane Snyder – NONE

### FOF – Larry Davis

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern California Gang Conference is tentatively scheduled for May 28-30, 2012
- The Annual FOF Golf Tournament will be at the Rancho Bernardo Inn on May 11, 2012.
- The next FOF meeting is Thursday at Noon.

### Social – Nancy Dodd

- Our next meeting is still TBA.

### Old Business: NONE

### New Business:

- Donation for the Grow Foundation Student and Family International Outreach – Jose Cuervo  
A donation in the amount of \$250 is being requested on behalf of the Grow Foundation Student and Family International Outreach Program that Jose is involved with. This non-profit organization helps support schools, teachers, students and their families in low income communities by funding educational programs and outreach activities; they distribute an average of 2500 backpacks with school supplies a year to students in low income communities locally, in Mexico and the Philippines; offer educational scholarships; and distribute up to 1500 blankets, toiletries and gifts as well as school supplies during the holidays. After a brief discussion, Matt O'Deane motioned to donate \$250 to the Grow Foundation Student and Family International Outreach, seconded by Chuck Martin. **Motion Carried.**
- Donation for the Friends of Hope School at Hope Elementary School – Kathy Pierce  
A donation in the amount of \$250 is being requested on behalf of the Friends of Hope School at Hope Elementary School in Carlsbad. The Friends of Hope School work to channel contributions from parents, staff, and community to provide a readily accessible source of funds which enhances academic achievement and the development of life skills through activities, technology and student incentives; they conduct some fundraisers, but focus primarily on getting outside sources of revenue for the school and its students. A donation is being requested to help fund an annual school trip to Sacramento. After a brief discussion, Ken Brown motioned to donate \$250 to the Friends of Hope School at Hope Elementary School, seconded by Matt O'Deane. **Motion Carried.**

**Good of the Association:** NONE

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** 1:40 pm

**Next Meeting** is scheduled for February 8, 2012.