



San Diego County District Attorney Investigators Association

Monthly Meeting
HOJ – 9th floor Conference Room
Wednesday, November 9, 2011

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Wissemann 12:05 p.m.

Roll Call: All Executive Board members and all Directors were present. A Quorum was present.

- Executive Board members present: Rich Wissemann, Kathy O'Connell, Emalee Bowles, Jeff Miller
- Directors present: Ken Brown, Nancy Dodd, Chuck Martin, Matt O'Deane, Mike Porretta
- Board Member Absentees: none
- Total attendees: 21+

Introduction of Guests – President Rich Wissemann

- Deputy District Attorney Bob Amador – Request for Judicial Endorsement
Bob Amador is a 29-year veteran with the Office, currently assigned to Case Issuing/Extraditions Unit. He has spent most of his career prosecuting violent crimes and drug offenders, and ran the JUDGE unit for 13 years. He trains law enforcement on POST, detective school, Miranda, and numerous other CDAA-related courses. He has achieved all of the goals he set out for himself as a DDA, and now wants new challenges. He is seeking endorsement for a judicial seat to replace retiring Judge Cannon. Bob was previously endorsed by the Board for judicial assignment, but he was asked to come speak to the membership about his qualifications.
- New DAI's – Four of the six New Hires were present and introduced: Rich Anderson (OPD); Tim Johnson (SDPD); Ryan Love (SDSO), and Sandy Oplinger (SDPD).

Secretary's Report

- The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. They were accepted as presented. Ken Brown made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Emalee Bowles. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: October 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011

- The balance in the accounts as of October 31, 2011:
 - ◇ Operating: \$*****
 - ◇ Merchandise: \$*****
 - ◇ FOF: \$*******Total Account Balance (excluding FOF): \$*******
*\$25,000 of which is still to be deducted for the National Police Museum
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
- There was discussion on where the DAIA sponsorship for the National Police Museum should be displayed: the Judgment Simulator Room or the Cop Critique Room. With input from the general membership, it was voted that the sponsorship would be displayed in the Judgment Simulator Room.

President's Report:

- PORAC Pension Seminar in Sacramento – Rich attended this seminar last month.
 - ◇ Special Redevelopment Funds (where the County uses/hides monies)
 - 85% of the entire budget goes to employee salaries.
 - ◇ Brown's 12-Point Pension Reform for all Public Employees (this can be Google'd)
 - Equal cost sharing for retirement
 - Minimum retirement age of 67 years old
 - Hybrid system to combine Social Security and other pensions to equal the max of 75% retirement.
 - Retirees stand to get the short end because they stand to lose more than a new hire.
 - Doesn't affect us now, but will for New Hires.
 - Brown unveiled the 12-Points on 10/27/2011. He is working at encouraging legislatures to put it on the 11/2012 Election Ballot.
 - Jeff Miller has all of this information available on PDF if anyone is interested.
 - ◇ Negotiations are at a standstill regarding the “what you earned is what you have” mentality (3% @ 55, all contributions to be controlled the State (issue of local government versus state government)).
 - ◇ Plan on ratio to be more out-of-pocket; hopefully the costs will be offset by pay increases.
 - ◇ Carl DeMaio may become a member of the County Board of Supervisors or Mayor – he intends to block all pay increases for a period of 5 years.
 - ◇ Currently on Reform: No Double Dipping (getting pensions from two public retirement sources (PERS & SERS)).
 - ◇ All of these items to potentially go to Legislation.
- iPhones – Rich met with Paula about having iPhones available, which may be cost effective. Still working on getting more info.
- A Thank You was received from Crime Stoppers for our recent donation.

Committee Reports / Unfinished Business:

Insurance – Mike Porretta

- 2012 CLEA Scholarships are now open. There are four categories for application with awards ranging between \$500 to \$1000.
- CLEA LTD is already included in our DAIA dues; there is continuous ongoing debate about LTD coverage between CLEA and PORAC.

Good & Welfare – Jeff Miller

- A condolence card was sent to Scott Young for the recent passing of his mother.
- A sympathy card was sent to Steve Kincaid for his recent injury.
- Flowers were sent to Process Server Richard Burke for the recent passing of both of his parents.

PORAC – Chuck Martin

- The last meeting was mostly for endorsements.
- Counseling is available for patrol officers with domestic issues.
- Tony Atkins from the 78th District sent a Thank You for PORAC's endorsement.
- DDA Garland Peed, DDA Mary-Ellen Barrett, DDA Dave Berry and Commissioner Terrie Roberts were in attendance.
- DDA Dave Berry was selected over Commissioner Terrie Roberts for PORAC's endorsement of a judicial seat.
- Mayoral Endorsement: several PORAC agencies already endorsed Bonnie.

- ◇ Home Rule discussion: which association is mostly affected by the endorsee (i.e., the DA affects all law enforcement in the county).
- ◇ Even after a secret “emergency” text message vote was done between PORAC’s executive board, PORAC still hasn’t decided on whether they’ll be endorsing Bonnie or Nathan Fletcher.

Merchandise – Diane Snyder - NONE

FOF – Rich Wissemann

- A Thank You card was received from SDPD Officer Jared Slocum.
- There will be a meeting next week regarding SDPD Officer Jason Prokop who was killed while off-duty when he was struck by a vehicle as he tried to render aid to a person involved in a car accident on Interstate 15 on October 1st.

Social – Nancy Dodd

- Website – there was a preview presentation of the new layout and features of the site. It is not yet up and running. The Members Only page will be password protected.
- Shop With A Cop – Saturday, December 3 – please contact Nancy Dodd if you want to participate.
- Teddy Bear Drive – Tuesday, December 13th. Please contact Nancy Dodd if you want to participate. We will be meeting at Midway and then caravanning to Rady’s Children’s Hospital to make room visits to the kids.
- There is no Christmas Party 2011. However, we plan on having one in 2012. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Nancy Dodd ASAP. We need to book the venue by January 30, 2012.
- Hail & Farewell is tentatively scheduled for September 2012.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- Donation for the El Camino High School Choir – Julie Ward
A donation in the amount of \$500 is being requested on behalf of the El Camino High School Choir. This choir is an elite competitive choir that frequently performs free of charge, and often with little or very short notice, at various community events around San Diego County. Some of their recent performances have been at the County Counsel Inauguration; Bonnie’s Inauguration; and funeral services for Officer Jeremy Henwood and Detective Donna Williams. A donation is being requested to go towards their General Fund use. After a brief discussion, Jeff Miller motioned to donate \$250 to the El Camino High School Choir, seconded by Nancy Dodd. **Motion Carried.**
- Donation for the Eastlake High School Cycling Team – Rick Stark
A donation in the amount of \$250 is being requested on behalf of the Eastlake High School Cycling Team. This competitive mountain biking team began with four members and is now up to fourteen. They used a portion of last years’ donation to help train their coaches. The cycling team is also requesting permission to use the DAIA logo on their t-shirts. Chuck Martin motioned to donate \$250 to the Eastlake High School Cycling Team, along with permission to use the DAIA logo on their t-shirts, seconded by Kathy O’Connell. **Motion Carried.**

Good of the Association: NONE

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 12:57 pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2011.