



# San Diego County District Attorney Investigators Association

Monthly Meeting  
HOJ – 9<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room  
Wednesday, September 14, 2011

## MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by President Rich Wissemann 12:10 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: 12+

**Introduction of Guests** – President Rich Wissemann

- Deputy District Attorney Garland Peed – Request for Judicial Endorsement  
Garland Peed is a 28-year veteran with the Office, currently serving as the Chief of the Superior Court Division. He has also held posts as Chief or Assistant Chief of the Gang Division, the North County Branch, and the Superior Court Division. He is seeking endorsement for Judicial Seat 44, to replace retiring Judge Brown. He has already been endorsed by Sheriff Gore and Judge Brown.

**Secretary's Report**

- The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. They were accepted as presented. Kathy O'Connell made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Chuck Martin. **Motion Carried.**
- Special thanks to Matt O'Deane for the Retirement Checklist and 1-page pamphlet.
- Police Memorial Update
  - ◇ This 55,000 square foot, two-story underground museum is located underneath Metro Judicial Square.
  - ◇ Our association has the option of having our sponsorship donation located at either the "Judicial Simulator" or the "Cops Critique".
  - ◇ Presentation of A&E video

**Treasurer's Report: August 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011**

- The balance in the accounts as of August 31, 2011:
  - ◇ Operating: \$\*\*\*\*\*
  - ◇ Merchandise: \$\*\*\*\*\*
  - ◇ FOF: \$\*\*\*\*\***Total Account Balance (excluding FOF): \$\*\*\*\*\***
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

**President's Report:**

- Meeting with Bonnie
  - ◇ Hiring – offers made to 9; they are currently going through backgrounds.
  - ◇ Chief Position and the Future of the DA Office  
It was brought to Bonnie's attention that there is a feeling of "limbo" with the DAI's in regards to the impending 2012 Mayoral Election and a Chief that only works on a 120-day basis. To date, Bonnie has no thoughts on the matter and is just hoping that Paula will stick around long enough. Ideally, the new chief

will already know what our DAI's responsibilities are. Bonnie is hoping the new chief will have the same views as Paula.

- ◇ City of San Diego Car Audit – A recent audit of 74 vehicles showed the maintenance cost as \$21 million. There was a suggestion of lowering the number of vehicles used, in order to reduce the amount spent on maintenance. City Council will be voting on the car issue. As of the latest report (dated September 13, 2011) there are 277 vehicles for SDPD and 48 for FD. “Commute Only” does not include emergency call-outs.
- ◇ Vests – Training for G-36
  - 18 DAI's currently have expired vests; 85 more DAI's will have expired vests by the end of the fiscal year.
  - Bonnie originally promised not to compromise DAI safety.
  - There was a brief discussion among the general membership regarding quick resupplying.
  - Please make regular inquiries.
- A Thank You letter was received from SDPOA for the \$3000 donation by FOF for Officer Jeremy Henwood.
- A Thank You letter was received from the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.
- A Thank You card was received from Norma Dormann for sponsoring her in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk.

### **Committee Reports / Unfinished Business:**

#### **Insurance – Mike Porretta**

- CLEA Meeting
  - ◇ Dues will be increasing by \$4 - \$7 in the near future. They have not increased since 1992.
  - ◇ PORAC is making an aggressive approach to take away clients from CLEA.
  - ◇ Approximately 2200 personnel from San Bernardino recently left the CLEA plan to go to PORAC.
  - ◇ CLEA is still looking at ways to retain clients.
  - ◇ In a comparison, CLEA still has the best overall benefits package available.
  - ◇ In an untimely death during employment situation, CLEA pays \$10,000 - \$15,000. Make sure your Beneficiaries are updated.
  - ◇ PORAC didn't originally have LTC & Disability. That is how CLEA originated.
  - ◇ LTC – there may be an option for active members to pay month-to-month versus in full.

#### **Good & Welfare – Jeff Miller / Kathy O'Connell - NONE**

#### **PORAC – Chuck Martin / Matt O'Deane**

- PORAC says CLEA is “insolvent”.
- DDA Mary Ellen Barrett will be running for a judicial seat.
- PORAC is actively opposing SB9, the State Bill that states a juvenile (up to the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday) can no longer get LWOP even if they are tried as an adult.

#### **Merchandise – Diane Snyder**

- Bottle holders are still available.

#### **FOF – Larry Davis**

- SDPD Officer David Hall committed suicide in his home the week he was supposed to be arraigned on felony drunk driving charges, for an incident that occurred in February 2011. He was a 14-year veteran with the department. He is survived by his wife and three young children. FOF has offered \$3000 to the family.

#### **Social – Nancy Dodd / Diane Snyder**

- Summer Bash had a small turnout.
  - ◇ 55 attended
  - ◇ Good food and prizes
  - ◇ \$1525 was raised and donated to ECPD Officer Jarred Slocum

- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Light the Night Against Crime 5K Run – October 22, 2011 / Balboa Park
  - ◊ Proceeds benefit the San Diego County Crime Stoppers Felony Crime Reward Fund and its community education program.
  - ◊ Contact Diane Snyder if interested in participating.
- MADD Walk –October 8, 2011 / NTC Park Liberty Station
  - ◊ DDA Patty Herian and team will be walking in honor of fallen Sheriff Deputy Ken Collier.
  - ◊ Contact Nancy Dodd if interested in participating.

**Old Business:**

- Website – Nancy Dodd  
The website design is almost done. If anyone has any cool photos to post, please send them to Nancy.
- PORAC Conference / November 18-20 / Reno, NV  
The four board members to attend are Rich Wissemann, Kathy O’Connell, Nancy Dodd, and Emalee Bowles. Mike Porretta motioned to send the four members to the conference at a cost of approximately \$1000 per person to the PORAC Conference in Reno on November 18-20, seconded by Ken Brown. **Motion Carried.**

**New Business:**

- Email Votes  
Due to the short notice, the following were addressed and voted on via email votes between the board members:
  - ◊ \$3000 Donation to the family of SDPD Officer Hall. Approved unanimous.
  - ◊ Table sponsorship at the DDA Banquet on September 17<sup>th</sup>, honoring Perry McIvor. Approved unanimous.
  - ◊ \$250 Donation to Light the Night Against Crime 5K Run. The donation will allow any DA employee to have free access to the After Party. Approved Unanimous.
- Westhills High School Girls Volleyball Team – Rich Wissemann  
A donation in the amount of \$250 is being requested on behalf of the Westhills High School Girls Volleyball Team, who are underfunded this year. Rich’s daughter is a member of the team. Ken Brown motioned to donate \$250 to the Westhills High School Girls Volleyball Team, seconded by Kathy O’Connell. **Motion Carried.**
- Eastlake Panthers Football Team Mighty Mite Black Division – Matt O’Deane  
A donation in the amount of \$250 is being requested on behalf of the Eastlake Panthers Football Team Mighty Mite Black Division. The money will go towards purchasing mouth guards for the team, of which Matt’s 8-year old son is a member. Kathy O’Connell motioned to donate \$250 to the Eastlake Panthers Football Team Mighty Mite Black Division, seconded by Chuck Martin. **Motion Carried.**
- DAIA Name Badge - Chuck Martin  
A request is being made to purchase name badges for the board members, for uniformity/identification purposes during events. There is a basic concern that no one knows who we are. The idea of uniform name badges would alleviate that problem. Chuck has researched that it would cost \$22 for placards and \$12 for name badges. After a brief discussion, Kathy O’Connell motioned to purchase name badges for each of the board members, seconded by Jeff Miller. **Motion Carried.**

**Good of the Association:**

- Dave Weil attended the first meeting on Open Enrollment and obtained the following information:
  - ◊ People with Anthem Blue Cross will need to change over to either the PPO or the one that’s \$1000.
  - ◊ Full Access and PPO are the plans that are affected; there will be an increase of approximately \$144 more per paycheck.
  - ◊ There’s no change in the Select coverage, nor to those who have Kaiser.

**Further discussion was made regarding the Endorsement of Garland Peed. The board agreed to endorse DDA Peed for Judicial Seat 48. Rich will draft a letter of endorsement**

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** 1:15 pm

**Next Meeting** is scheduled for October 12, 2011.