

North Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Network
Gaston County Police Department, Gastonia, NC
August 11, 2000
Minutes

The North Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Network meeting was called to order at 10:00 am on Friday, August 11, 2000 by President Sue Wales. She opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and introduced Rick Powers. Rick extended a welcome to everyone and introduced Gaston County Police Department Chief, Tom McCarthy. Chief McCarthy stated that he is an advocate of accreditation and his department is available for anyone needing assistance.

Rick also introduced Captain James Buie, Professional Standards, Gaston County Police Department.

There were 18 agencies in attendance, represented by 27 people:

Albemarle Police Department
Burlington Police Department
Conover Police Department
Council of Governments
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Durham Police Department
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Garner Police Department
Gaston County Police Department
Greensboro Police Department
King Police Department
Morehead City Police Department
North Carolina Highway Patrol
Pitt County Memorial Hospital Police Department
Salisbury Police Department
Shelby Police Department
UNC Public Safety
Winston-Salem Police Department

Secretary David Plyler presented the minutes from the June 1, 2000 meeting in Burlington. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Rich Buchanan reported a current balance of \$7,771.15, which includes \$4,125.00 from donations for the CALEA Conference, March 2001. His report was approved.

Old Business

Renae Sigmon stated that Randall Brady and Marilyn Stieneke were attending a meeting in Greensboro in hopes of obtaining shirts for the CALEA Conference. She advised money for the conference is “trickling in”. Since it was near the beginning of the fiscal year, it may be a good time to ask for money. Hopefully decisions on contributions will be made by November or December. Renae advised Randall is still working on a couple of things. All help will be appreciated. Renae suggested getting patches from all North Carolina accredited agencies to put in conference gift bags. Gift bags are already available with some novelty items from Stanback such as Goody Headache Powders and Chap Stick. Renae also advised she would put together a list of hotels and restaurants with rates, amount of meals, and any available discount rate.

President Wales stated over 1,000 people registered in Chicago and a larger attendance is expected in Greensboro next year. She advised volunteers are needed for the March 2001 conference and can be placed on conference committees.

Rick Powers advised that he had ordered 1,100 NCLEAN pins. Pins were available at the meeting.

President Wales announced that Cary Police Department, Greenville Police Department and Winston-Salem Police Department have on-sites in August 2000. Public hearing notices were available from each of these departments and everyone was encouraged to make telephone calls to these departments.

President Wales discussed the past issue of raising NCLEAN dues and advised that she had contacted other PAC members and learned that \$200.00 is the average per year. Mark Brooks made a motion to raise dues from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for 2001 and evaluate again the following year. The motion was carried. President Wales added that agencies not able to pay their dues still need to attend the NCLEAN meetings.

President Wales announced that it was a proud moment for North Carolina when the Highway Patrol went before the Commission in Schaumburg.

David Plyler and Frank Stout gave a report on the NC Highway Patrol’s review before the Commission and an overview of the Commission’s findings:

- 11 agencies were accredited
- 41 were re-accredited
- 2 communication centers were accredited
- 1 Peace Officer Training Academy received certification
- 1 Municipal Court Security Division received re-certification
- 2 agencies did not get re-accredited
- several agencies had “conditions” for re-accreditation (required to hold on-sites)

Renae Sigmon advised Greensboro had sent their contract and check for re-accreditation and had been advised they need to send in an additional amount of \$200.00. She stated they had not been advised their on-site fee went up from \$6,700.00 to \$6,900.00.

New Business

Ollie Bower, UNC Public Safety, gave an update on their recent qualitative on-site. He stated 15 files were returned, 8 files needed more policy, but overall, they had a favorable review.

Mike Riazzi advised Winston Salem Police Department's on-site was in two weeks.

An update was given on the on-site at Greenville Police Department, which was qualitative. Standard 72.9 (Temporary Detention) had been N/A before and the assessors questioned this. President Wales will contact accreditation managers to determine whether or not agencies can N/A if they have an interview room.

Cary Police Department has a regular on-site this month (August 2000).

The following is an over-view from President Wales on the PAC meeting in Schaumburg:

- Several states want to get so involved with operations of CALEA
- Standard 1.3.2 (Use of Force) was changed from "serious physical injury" to "serious physical violence;" passed by standards review committee
- University of Penn. requested and was granted waiver on 81.2.2. (agency using single phone number).
- CALEA has proposed two new standards:

26.1.9 (Early Warning System)

1.2.9 (Profiling)

President Wales asked that each agency check the CALEA web-site and review how these standards would impact their agency. All recommendations will be presented at the meeting in Vermont.

Discussion was held reference a telephone call from Steve Powell, Lynchburg, Virginia, on NCLEAN joining Virginia and Maryland to form a "Mid-Atlantic PAC". Frank Stout stated he felt this would hurt NCLEAN. He was opposed to joining. Motion from Steve Parlett, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, to decline joining the PAC, but to invite them to attend our meetings.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion was held on training for next meeting. Brenda Matthews and Marilyn Stieneke will discuss setting up files. It was suggested to bring samples of files from each office.

Rick Powers inquired if an extra meeting needed to be held in January or March to help stuff the conference bags. Renae advised that Randall will set up a meeting for this and volunteers are needed.

First Sergeant David Plyler presented a program on Video Recording Devices. He gave handouts of policy used by the NCSHP and discussed the following:

- general use and operation guidelines of video recording devices
- storage of recorded tapes and the value of evidentiary value of tapes
- value of recordings for training purposes.

The next NCLEAN meeting will be on Friday, October 13, 2000, at the Durham Police Department.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 P.M. for lunch. The Executive Committee met following lunch.

Respectfully Submitted

First Sergeant J. D. Plyler
NC Highway Patrol