

ARIZONA HIGHWAY PATROL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AHPA CHARITIES MEETING
08-20-15



THE AUGUST 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & AHPA CHARITIES
MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 0900 HOURS BY PRESIDENT
JIMMY CHAVEZ AT THE VALLEY GARDEN CENTER
1809 N 15TH AVE PHOENIX, AZ

PRESIDENT CHAVEZ BEGAN THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS**MEMBERS PRESENT**

PRESIDENT	JIMMY CHAVEZ
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	BOB GILBERT
SOUTHERN VICE PRESIDENT	KEVIN MCNICHOLS
ASSISTANT TREASURER – Ed Sharpsteen	ED SHARPENSTEEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER CIVILIAN	SHADENA COLTER
DISTRICT 1	ROYAL MANN
DISTRICT 2/NORTHERN VP	MARK HAUGHEY
DISTRICT 3	KEN BAYS
DISTRICT 4 – David Duran	
DISTRICT 5/METRO CENTRAL	TIM KVOCHICK
DISTRICT 6 – Josh Howerton	
DISTRICT 7	NEAL PEDEN
DISTRICT 8	ANGEL RAEI
DISTRICT 9	TIM WIEDEMANN
DISTRICT 11	BERT CHENEY
DISTRICT 12	NATHAN TEEL
DISTRICT 13/METRO EAST – Dough Jennings	KEN NELSON (PROXY)
DISTRICT 14/METRO WEST	MICHAEL TARANGO
DISTRICT 15	JIM STANTON
DISTRICT 16	CRAIG BOWLES
HEADQUARTERS/TREASURER	ROB RENNER
AVIATION – Dan Millon	JACKIE ALLEN (PROXY)
CI CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE (VACANT)	
CI CENTRAL II/GITTEM ASST TREASURER	BERRNIE STEFANIAK
CI SOUTH	JIM OIEN
RETIRED CENTRAL ZONE	KEN NELSON
RETIRED SOUTHERN ZONE – Mario Duran	
RETIRED NORTHERN ZONE – Brian Kolb	GREGG GIRARD (PROXY)
RETIRED CIVILIAN	BETTY GALLERY
CIVILIAN CENTRAL ZONE I	VICKIE TOLL
CIVILIAN CENTRAL ZONE II	JUDY BARE
CIVILIAN CENTRAL ZONE III	GARY KELTZ
CIVILIAN CENTRAL ZONE IV & RECORDING SEC.	VIAN GORGIS
CIVILIAN SOUTHERN ZONE & ASST REC. SEC. – Lisa Campoy	VIAN GORGIS (PROXY)
CIVILIAN NORTHERN ZONE (VACANT)	
CAPITOL PD (VACANT)	
SPECIAL PROJECTS/BENEFITS CHARITIES	BEV FULLER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	COLLEEN GIRARD
LABOR COUNSEL – Dale Norris	
LEGAL COUNSEL	GREG ROBINSON
LOBBYIST – Kelsey Lundy	
INSURANCE ADVISOR – Robert Jaguas & Pat Madden	
PUBLIC RELATIONS	STACEY KRUEGER

I. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT

- ❖ Gregg Girrard
- ❖ Michael Dickinson
- ❖ Stephen Powles

GUESTS PRESENT

- ❖ Marry Nelson
- ❖ Ken Hunter

CARDS/FLOWERS

- ❖ Thank you card to Rachel Fink
- ❖ Flowers to Retiree Frank Caquias #2919
- ❖ Flowers to Ron DeLong #466

NEW PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS

- ❖ Brian Shaver #7485
- ❖ Adam Twork #7845
- ❖ Heather Fertig #7137
- ❖ Sarah Burkhart #10025
- ❖ Jackie Allen #6788
- ❖ Jonathan Hall #7725

NEW SWORN MEMBERS

- ❖ Michael J. Derfus Jr. #7504
- ❖ Aaron M. Torres #7864
- ❖ James D. Reeves #5901
- ❖ Kevin Tilley #7837

REJOINED RETIRED

- ❖
- ❖ Larry Burns #1974
- ❖ Robby Craig #3770
- ❖ Pat Eagan #5039
- ❖ Brett Farrar #3447
- ❖ Lynn R. Ideus #2378
- ❖ Frank R. Martinez #1334
- ❖ Dean Nyhart #2597
- ❖ Sandra Patterson #2698
- ❖ Rocky Quijada #2391
- ❖ Jeffrey Raynor #2392
- ❖ Ernest Severson #4685
- ❖ Jon Wisner #4738

RETIRED WHO CANCELED

- ❖ Pat Smith #4197
- ❖ Jon R. Olney #4725

MEMBERS WHO HAVE LEFT DPS: None

DEATHS – MEMBERS/FAMILY

- ❖ Linda Godbold, wife of retired Officer Gary Godbold #401, passed away Monday evening, July 13, 2015. Linda had been battling cancer for quite sometime
- ❖ Retired officer Frank Caquias passed away July 17, 2015. Frank was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer on May 5th. Frank was a past AHPA Representative
- ❖ Retiree Ron DeLong #466, passed away on August 10, 2015. He is also the father of Captain Ron DeLong #2911 and the grandfather of Trooper Brandon DeLong #7828

DEATHS – LINE OF DUTY

Seventy-five (75) police officers have died in the line of duty thus far in 2015. That's eight more police officer deaths than this time last year. Line of duty deaths are down 6%. Gunfire deaths are down 26%. Auto related deaths are up 3%.

Nineteen (19) K-9s have died thus far in 2015. Five (5) K-9s died during the past month.

Ten (10) have died since the last meeting. Four (4) were killed by gunfire, two (2) were killed in automobile accident, one (1) was killed by assault, one (1) suffered a heart attack, one (1) was struck by a vehicle, and one (1) was killed in an aircraft accident. All ten (10) were male.

1. Deputy Sheriff Carl Howell
Carson City Sheriff's Office, Nevada
Age – NA Tour of Duty – 9 years
End of Watch – Saturday, August 15, 2015
Cause of Death – Gunfire
2. Deputy Sheriff Craig S. Whisenand
Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, Illinois
Age – 44 Tour of Duty – 15 years
End of Watch – Monday, August 10, 2015
Cause of Death – Automobile Accident
3. First Lieutenant Arthur A. Green, III
Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan
Age – 58 Tour of Duty – 39 years
End of Watch – Sunday, August 9, 2015
Cause of Death – Aircraft Accident
4. Detective Brant L. Hanger
Washington State Patrol, Washington
Age – 47 Tour of Duty – 17 years
End of Watch – Thursday, August 6, 2015
Cause of Death – Heart Attack

5. Police Officer Thomas La Valley
Shreveport Police Department, Louisiana
Age – 29 Tour of Duty – 4 years
End of Watch – Wednesday, August 5, 2015
Cause of Death – Gunfire
6. Police Officer Sean Michael Bolton
Memphis Police Department, Tennessee
Age – 33 Tour of Duty – 4 years, 9 months
End of Watch – Saturday, August 1, 2015
Cause of Death – Gunfire
7. Deputy Sheriff Delton Daniels
Marlboro County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina
Age – 22 Tour of Duty – 3 weeks
End of Watch – Saturday, August 1, 2015
Cause of Death – Automobile Accident
8. Sergeant Scott Lunger
Hayward Police Department, California
Age – 48 Tour of Duty – 15 years
End of Watch – Wednesday, July 22, 2015
Cause of Death – Gunfire
9. Police Officer Vernell Brown, Jr.
New Orleans Police Department, Louisiana
Age – 47 Tour of Duty – 17 years
End of Watch – Friday, July 17, 2015
Cause of Death – Struck by vehicle
10. Corrections Officer Timothy Davison
Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas
Age – 47 Tour of Duty – 8 months
End of Watch – Wednesday, July 15, 2015
Cause of Death – Assault
11. K-9 Wix
Brown County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin
Age – 3 Tour of Duty – NA
End of watch – Wednesday, August 12, 2015
Cause of Death: Heat Exhaustion
12. K-9 Zeke
Muldrow Police Department, Oklahoma
Age – 7 Tour of Duty – NA
End of Watch – Thursday, July 23, 2015
Cause of Death – Heat Exhaustion

13. K-9 Titus
Little Rock Police Department, Arkansas
Age – NA Tour of Duty – NA
End of Watch – Wednesday, July 15, 2015
Cause of Death – Heat Exhaustion
14. K-9 Baston
Savannah State University Police Department, Georgia
Age – 7 Tour of Duty – 5 years
End of Watch – Friday, July 10, 2015
Cause of Death – Heat Exhaustion
15. K-9 Zane
Conyers Police Department, Georgia
Age – 5 Tour of Duty – NA
End of Watch – Thursday, July 16, 2015
Cause of Death – Heat Exhaustion

F. SEAT PROXIES/DIRECTORS

- ❖ A motion to seat the proxies was made by Bob Gilbert, 2nd by Mike Durango.
Motion passes.

2. DIRECTOR FRANK MILSTEAD

- ❖ Budget request due September 1st to the Governor's office and pay is in the budget request.
- ❖ Trying to look for 10 – 12% over the next few years
- ❖ We have been given a lot of latitude from the governor's office even though we are under the hiring freeze
- ❖ A lot has been accomplished in the last 6 months. The Department is taking over all the state's aviation programs. This includes ADOT, Forestry, State Games and Fish and DPS. The Governor looks at the state as a large corporation. This will reduce the redundancy. Eventually they will all be under the DPS umbrella.
- ❖ Discussion on going back to evaluate the pay step increase process.
- ❖ Discussion on the new badges and transferring to the Arizona State Troopers
 - Badges discussion
 - o By statute the AZ highway patrol badge is the only official badge
 - o No decision yet on the badge changes
- ❖ Discussion on the DPS Vehicles
 - The Director is leaning towards keeping the same color of the current vehicle, and only change the stripes. The white car has been the most popular car color. Many creative designs were submitted. We are planning on continuing to buy Explorers and Tahoes.
- ❖ Looking at how to utilize existing working radio systems for our team especially in outlying areas. Working on the northwest loop of the microwave system.

- ❖ The director is looking for opportunities to see what sierra vista and Cochise county are doing to be able to support one another
- ❖ Bringing the aviation under one DPS umbrella
 - They pilots are becoming DPS employees
- ❖ ARIES system update
 - Major butler is overseeing the ARIES project, it is moving forward and will follow up and keep everyone updated next meeting
- ❖ The director is paying attention to everyone's ideas and suggestions.

3. LT. COLONEL KEN HUNTER

- ❖ The CID is looking into many changing the selection process
 - The selection process and a written exam of 50 questions of case laws, CI procedures and math
 - Title 13
 - Search warrant service
 - CID procedure
 - Applicable title 28 laws
- ❖ The CID is also looking into changing the CI transition school into a true detective school
 - Building the school into the ARIES system so there is familiarization with ARIES before the school
 - Adding Reid into the detective school
 - Requiring an FTO program for new detectives
 - The CI-FTO program was built 7 or 8 years ago
 - It has been optional but it will not be optional any more
 - The goal is to set people for success and provide all the tools to allow them to succeed
 - The school will be available to everyone after the 31 Troopers in CID currently get to attend the class
- ❖ Developing a formal interdiction school – still in the developing stages and will be offered in the future
 - This project has been going on for two months
 - The school will cover normal vehicle interdiction
 - Commercial vehicle interdiction
 - Human smuggling
 - Two weeks long class
 - Offered internally and externally
- ❖ Career Criminal Squad has been developed and fully staffed
 - Expanding to bring back the conspiracy squads
 - Will start with a few detectives but will bring in several Troopers on TDY to get more Troopers trained
- ❖ Looking to expanding K-9
- ❖ Working on a Border plan for the Governor's Office
 - This program is still in development and will be built based on funding
 - The Governor is calling this team The Border Strike Team

- ❖ Questions from the board:
 - Discussion on Border Plan budget.
 - We do not know how much is coming to the Department, so we have a scalable plan. We start with expanding the travel and training budget utilizing existing personnel.
 - Phase two would come with a significant amount of money comes to the agency to hire new personnel and expand the office equipment.
 - How often will the CID detective school be offered?
 - The test will be offered three times a year, and the CID is currently working with training for a possibility of setting the test online.
 - Once a detective takes and passes the test with 70% or better, they are eligible to go to CI. This is not the requirement now; all lists are still good if you are on a list. This is something we are looking at moving towards.
 - Can we add or make a position in CID squads as a short term (2 or 3 years) with other positions being permanent so the outlying areas have a chance to rotate in and out?
 - Lt. Colonel Hunter made a note on this and will look at how some of the other agencies are handling this. He supports keeping people in CI especially if they are working and performing.
 - Limiting how long to stay in CID to five years, is that true?
 - It is a good idea to rotate people out of CI, but Lt. Colonel Hunter's idea is that if someone is doing a great job then there is no need to rotate or take the employee out of their position

4. ROXANNE DEAN, CALIFORNIA CASUALTY

- ❖ Roxanne will be our representative from the California Casualty, she will be taking over George's position who retired after 38 years with California Casualty, and Jill will continue to be our local state representative
- ❖ California casualty will be taking an overall 1.5% reduction on average on their home owners' insurance policies
- ❖ California Casualty will be increasing personal property coverage
- ❖ New business, newer homes, changing deductibles to percentages as some options
- ❖ Great enhanced multi policy discount
- ❖ All the new information should be in the upcoming quarterly AHPA Magazine
- ❖ Currently working on getting the reduced rates out to AHPA members
- ❖ California Casualty will be giving away either a \$25,000 Harley or \$25,000 in cash in their Work Hard Play Hard give away
 - The flyer is on the AHPA website
 - www.ahpa.com
- ❖ For more information on the California Casualty please visit www.calcas.com

5. REPORTS

A. RAFFLE TICKETS

Colleen Gerard

- ❖ Raffle tickets will be distributed today
- ❖ Master spreadsheet of all ticket numbers and which board member has what tickets will be emailed to everyone within the next couple days
- ❖ Remember, the more tickets we sell the more scholarships we can give away to assist our member's children in building their future
- ❖ Everyone's hard work and participation is greatly appreciated
- ❖ Insurance
 - All active sworn members have the \$10,000 life insurance, if they die in the line of duty, they have additional \$60,000 and if that death was accidental, then additional \$60,000 will be added which will total \$130,000. If the death is accidental but not in the line of duty then only \$60,000 and the \$10,000, which totals to \$70,000
 - Professional Staff, have the \$10,000 life insurance, and additional \$60,000 if the death was accidental that goes to your dependents

B. LEGAL

Greg Robinson

- ❖ A bill was received by the legal officer to treasurer Rob Renner
- ❖ A letter was received from the AHPA Verizon representative and the letter will be discussed with president Chavez

C. TREASURER

Robert Renner

- ❖ Investment changes
 - AHPA moved accounts from Merrill Lynch to Wells Fargo because the accounts were not producing an acceptable level of interest
 - The association is trying to make smarter money with their investments
 - Jeff Munstor is still willing to continue responding to members questions and he is willing to come and attend the AHPA meeting if he is needed in the future

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Stacy Krueger

- ❖ Raffle tickets and flyers were all printed and distributed
- ❖ The website was updated with the Verizon plans
- ❖ The donated vest was received
 - ❖ Idea to the board to raffle the vest during the NTC conference
- ❖ Started making contacts with some of the hospitals to prepare for the Christmas bear schedules

E. DISTRICT REPORTS

- ❖ Royal Mann from District one – Concern and discussion on redline days approximately 20 to 25 redline days, the staffing issues are being buried on the troopers backs. Policies from other districts will be sent to Royal for comparison

- ❖ Neal Peden – Issue with ordering business cards, there is no option to say “Trooper” the only option is officer. Collaborate with print shop to fix this issue
- ❖ Mike Tarango – Troopers can no longer take vacation time to work off duty. Change to no more than one trooper off at a time, and this is causing a moral issue
- ❖ Kevin McNichols– currently waiting for a quote to resume the construction with the Tucson project
- ❖ Tim Wiedemann from District nine – Wrong way driver discussion, no one was injured from that collision the wrong way driver caused. Also, a member reaching out to AHPA due to a family illness.
- ❖ Angel Rael– discussed recent retirements
- ❖ Tim Kvochick from District five– Cabin had two offers, the committee decided to buy generator
 - The cabin now has a queen size bed and tow night stands
 - Request for a log splitter for the cabin and a snow blower
- ❖ Vickie Toll – Unable to get interest in articles for the AHPA magazine. Looking for articles of any topic anything other than golfing, funny stories and fishing. Asking for help with articles from everyone within the agency

6. OLD BUSINESS

AHPA NAME SURVEY

- ❖ Stacey put up a survey on google doc
 - The responses we received were 64% supporting to include “Trooper” within the name of the Association to rebrand the AHPA
 - AZ State Troopers associations received 266 votes which was 72% supporting the name
 - A motion to adopt the name of the Arizona State Troopers Association in conjunction with the Arizona Highway Patrol Association, made by Ed Sharpensteen, and 2nd by Jim Oien. After discussion and roll calling, 21 board members out of 25 currently present board members voted yes, and 4 board members voted to abstained, which ruled the majority of the board voting to adopt the name of the Arizona State Troopers Association in conjunction with the Arizona Highway Patrol Association. Motion carries.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST FOR FUNDING:

- ❖ The executive board had to make a quick decision prior to this meeting, it was agreed to provide a \$1000 sponsorship to the 100 club for an event in Tucson in September 11th, the event is called the 9/11 Tower Challenge. Due to the timeline it was approved two weeks ago
- ❖ Reach out to offer assistance to a retiree Chris Romero who moved to Texas and is currently dealing with medical issues. The Association secretary will reach out to the family and find out what type of assistance is needed
- ❖ The President of AHPA will lobby for the sharing of any future surplus from Fund #3015. Special Employee health Fund. If this “Fund Surplus” happens again all contributors should have in the refund: Employees, Retirees, and the State. A motion

for the AHPA to lobby for the sharing of any future surplus from fund #3015, by Gregg Gerard, second by Jim Staton. Motion carries

B. SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE

- ❖ Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2015

C. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- ❖ A motion to authorize each board member to participate in a membership drive as each board member sees fit, by Tim Wiedemann, 2nd by Craig Bowles. Motion carries

8. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Haughey, 2nd by Craig Bowles. Motion carries

NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 AT THE VALLEY
GARDEN CENTER
1809 N 15TH AVE PHOENIX, AZ

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
VIAN GORGIS, RECORDING SECRETARY & CIVILIAN CENTRAL
REPRESENTATIVE

If you have any questions or concerns about any information contained within these minutes, please contact any association representative for clarification.