

**Arizona Highway Patrol Association
Board of Directors
&
AHPA Charities Meeting
May 18, 2011**

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The May 2011 Board of Directors & AHPA Charities Meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by President Jimmy Chavez at the Phoenix Mountain Preserve & Conference Center located at 1431 East Dunlap, Phoenix, Arizona. President Chavez began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President	Jimmy Chavez
District One	David Stopke
District Two & Northern	
Vice President	Mark Haughey
District Three & Recording	
Secretary (Proxy)	Jim Stanton
District Four	Eddie Simpson
District Five (Metro Central)	Tim Kvochick
District Seven (Proxy)	Dave Schroder
Southern Vice President	Kevin McNichols
District Nine (Proxy)	Kevin McNichols
District Fourteen (Metro West)	H. Groll
District Fifteen	Jim Stanton
District Sixteen	John Smith
Executive Vice President	
& OCI (Proxy)	Dave Schroder
OCN II (Proxy)	Kevin McNichols
Civilian Northern Zone	Rebecca Smith
Civilian Zone I & Crime Lab	Mike Slonker
Civilian Zone II	Vickie Toll
Civilian Zone III	Patty Simpson
Civilian Southern Zone	Lisa Campoy
Retired Northern Zone	Brian Kolb
Retired Southern Zone	J.R. Ham
Retired Civilian	Betty Gallery
Treasurer	Dave Schroder
Special Projects Benefits/ Charities Liaison	Beverly Fuller

AHPA STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Secretary	Colleen Girard
Legal Counsel	Greg Robinson
Lobbyist	Kelsey Lundy
Public Relations	Stacey Dillon
Legal Services	Dale Norris
Insurance Advisor	Robert Jagus

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gregg Girard	Bruce Flickinger
Jeff Reynor	Rod Ferguson

GUESTS:

Brian Livingston	Levi Bolton
Dianne McCallister	Jim Hacking
Jessica Ruiz	

FLOWERS / THANK YOU LETTERS:

Flowers - Buckeye Police Officer Rolando Tirado
Larry Bradley
Dr. John Carney

Sgt. Ken Hawkins

Thank You Letters - Jim May and family
Marie Dryer Kircher

Cards - None

NEW SWORN MEMBERS:

Stephen M. Robson, Badge #5763

NEW CIVILIAN MEMBERS: None

REJOINED MEMBERS: None

MEMBERS WHO HAVE RETIRED:

David C. White, Badge #3648
Barry A. Maerker, Badge #3736
M. Jeff Mitchell, Badge #4037
Shawn M. Evans, Badge #5597

MEMBERS WHO HAVE LEFT DPS:

Sworn: None
Civilian: None

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Wayne A. Simmons

SICK & DISTRESSED: None

DEATHS - FAMILY:

Mrs. Lucille Beddome, wife of retiree Major Larry Beddome, Badge #56, passed away on May 26th.

Retiree Larry Bradley, Badge #102, passed away on April 27th.

Buckeye Police Officer Rolando Tirado, was killed in the line of duty on May 1st.

Sgt. Ken Hawkins, Badge #2873, passed away on May 8th.

Dr. John R. Carney passed away on May 10th. Dr. Carney was a Lifetime Associate member since 1987. He had been a Gov. Babbitt appointee to the Law Enforcement Merit System Council and had served for 10 years.

DEATHS - LINE OF DUTY:

This year seventy Police Officers have died in the line of duty. This is seven more than this time last year. Ten have died since the last meeting:

Four were killed by gunfire.
Two were struck by a train.
One was killed in a motorcycle collision.

One was killed by a heart attack.
One was killed by assault.
One was killed by vehicular assault.

Four were from Municipal Agencies.
Two were from County Agencies.

Two were from State Agencies (Tennessee Highway Patrol & Texas Department of Criminal Justice).

Two were from a Federal Agency (United States Department of Homeland Security, Customs & Border Protection, Border Patrol).

All ten were male.

- 1) Police Officer J. Christopher Kilcullen
Eugene P.D., Oregon
Age N/A Years of Service - 12 years
Killed Friday, April 22, 2011
Gunfire
- 2) Deputy Sheriff Clifton Taylor
Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Texas
Age 31 Years of Service - 3
Killed Saturday, April 23, 2011
Gunfire
- 3) Police Officer Daryl Hall
St. Louis Metropolitan P.D., Missouri
Age 34 Years of Service - 5
Killed Sunday, April 24, 2011
Gunfire
- 4) Police Officer Rolando Tirado
Buckeye P.D., Arizona
Age 37 Years of Service - 11
Killed Sunday, May 1, 2011
Gunfire
- 5) Captain Ralph Braden
Wartburg P.D., Tennessee
Age 58 Years of Service - 22
Killed Monday, May 2, 2011
Assault
- 6) Trooper Andy Wall
Tennessee Highway Patrol
Age 36 Years of Service - 7
Killed Saturday, May 7, 2011
Motorcycle Collision
- 7) Sergeant Brian Dulle

Warren County Sheriff's Office, Ohio
Age 36 Years of Service - 12
Killed Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Vehicular Assault

- 8) Corrections Officer IV Craig A. Orrell
Texas Department of Corrections
Age 50 Years of Service - N/A
Killed Thursday, May 12, 2011
Heart Attack
- 9) Border Patrol Agent Hector R. Clark
United States Department of Homeland Security
Customs & Border Protection, Border Patrol
Age 39 Years of Service - 10
Killed Thursday, May 12, 2011
Struck by Train
- 10) Border Patrol Agent Eduardo Rojas Jr
United States Department of Homeland Security
Customs & Border Protection, Border Patrol
Age 35 Years of Service - 11
Killed Thursday, May 12, 2011
Struck by Train

For more information on these officers, refer to [www.odmp](http://www.odmp.org)
[Officer Down Memorial Page])

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of April 2011 meeting minutes
2. Seat Proxies
3. Approval to destroy April 2011 meeting audio tape.

Motion made by Dave Schroder, seconded by Mark Haughry
to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried.

PSPRS: Director Jim Hacking

- 1) Information is listed on PSPRS website
<http://www.psprs.com/>
- 2) Expecting legal challenges to SB 1609
 - a. SB1609 could be amended in the next legislative session.
 - b. Expecting amendments once the retirement reserve balances reach zero.
 - c. Increase diversity of the portfolio while reducing the equity market exposure.
 - d. Fund ration in actuarial numbers is approximately 68.2%.
 - e. Market value is approx 52.8%.

f. Numbers are going up but still low due to bad FY 2008 & FY 2009.

3) **CORP**

- a. Plan may have enough to provide a retiree increase adjustment about 3% to 4%.
- b. Reserves will be nearly exhausted.

4) **EORP**

- a. Does not have enough to provide an adjustment. Reserve will most likely be exhausted.

5) **DROP**

- a. If you have 20 years of service by December 31, 2011, the current system will apply.
- b. You do not have to make contributions to PSPRS during your DROP whether you enter this year or later.
- c. You will only have to pay into the system if you do not have 20 years into the system by December 31, 2011 and enter into DROP's after that.
- d. Rate of return will be between 2% and 8%.
- e. You will be paying into the system but will not earn time of service.

6) **Alternative Contribution Rate (Rehires)**

- a. Total contribution requirement is 30% of payroll.
- b. 10% is the portion the employer would have to pay.
- c. Primarily written to address teachers.
- d. If you change retirement plans this does not apply, if in same system, penalty applies.

7) **Prior service**

- a. Purchase for prior time should be started by January 1, 2012. Purchase does not have to be completed by that date.
- b. Parts of the discussions were about possible lawsuits being brought forward against SB 1609.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kelsey Lundy

1) Potential challenges to SB1069

- a. Change in the COLA for retirees. This would be a separate class Action lawsuit. Would fall under the Arizona Constitution on the diminishment of benefits. Two separate classes (pre 1983 & after 1983).
- b. Under the contract clause (Gazelle case) in both the U.S. Constitution & Arizona there could be challenges.
- c. AEA is looking at a challenge due to the increase in benefits in ASRS to 53/47 split.
- d. AEA looking to challenge SB1365 which exempts public safety dues being withheld. This challenge could cause our exemption to be thrown out or could result in the entire bill being thrown out.

2) Personnel Reform

- a. Looking at not having a special session before the fall on this issue.
- b. Full Authority Police Officers would be under new LEMSC.
- c. Everyone else would be at will including every supervisor.
- d. This would change 1 in 5 employees to 1 in 4 being uncovered.
- e. New system could go into effect starting October 1, 2011.
- f. New system could be discussed in the fall or in the next session through a bill.
 - i. AHPA working to keep all DPS employees protected.

EXECUTIVE STAFF: Lt. Col. Jeff Raynor

- 1) District 12 Commander position has not been discussed in Executive Staff for awhile.
- 2) Uniform replacement:
 - i) Uniform committee brought up several issues
 - (a) Contract with current uniform was running out.
 - (b) New uniform has better venting.
 - (c) Employees prefer to go to a store and look/try on before they buy it.
- 3) Hiring
 - i) Executive Staff has not had any discussion on hiring.
 - ii) Department has been contacted by ALEA about number of cadets for next year.
 - iii) Uncertainly about revenue projects for the State.

MERCHANDISE REPORT:

New shirts are in; Old polo shirts with block lettering have been reduced to \$15.00.

TREASURER REPORT: Dave Schroder

General Checking:	\$ 218,773.70
Merchandise:	\$ 8,395.57
Bass:	\$ 1,860.20
Golf:	\$ 34,534.15
Raffle:	\$ 51,833.98
Charities:	\$ 5,184.94
PAC	\$ 9,362.90
Heber - AHPA Cabin	\$ 1,594.44

Merrill Lynch	\$ 468,880.18
Monument Account	\$ 9,569.75

Snedaker Account (Originally)	\$ 40,084.00
(Remaining)	\$ 16,467.24

Funding Requests (Budgeted)	\$	5,000.00
<u>Expenditures</u>		
July 2010		0.00
August		0.00
September		0.00
October		0.00
November		300.00
December		0.00
January 2011		250.00
February		1,250.00
March		1,000.00
April		650.00
May		0.00
Balance	\$	1,550.00

Sick & Distressed (Budgeted)	\$	4,000.00
<u>Expenditures</u>		
July 2010		0.00
August		0.00
September		0.00
October		0.00
November		0.00
December		0.00
January 2011		0.00
February		0.00
March		0.00
April		0.00
May		0.00
Balance	\$	4,000.00

Donations:

\$300.00 Anonymous donation in appreciation of courtesy and professionalism of Officer Joseph Ritchie, Badge #6515.

\$30.00 from Michael Larsen.

Association golf tournament will be held next year on the second Saturday in May 2012.

LEGAL REPORT: Greg Robinson

U.S. Attorney has advised that the federal stance on marijuana is that it is a controlled substance regardless of state law and should be prosecuted as such.

AZPOST has sent agencies some training material to provide standardized training.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Stacey Dillion

1. Media coverage on our Officer Memorial.
2. Eblast was developed to explain what an at-will employee is.

3. Working on putting out material with help from the Association & Department on the differences between our civilian employees and other agency civilians.
 - a. Our civilians can be placed on the Brady list
 - b. Have to go through more through background checks including polygraphs.
4. Information coming on grants related to equipment and personnel positions.
5. Number of officer-involved shootings has increased.
6. Will start working on the Associations' Christmas Bear program next month.

PACIFIC FINACIAL:

Offering a new improved group rate on life insurance. Rates are published on our website www.ahpa.com. Premiums are lower than through State benefits. You can enroll in their plan anytime. Benefits include a \$40,000 scholarship.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pension Reform: Organizations can not bring a lawsuit only individuals. Discussion about SB1609 among Employee Organizations.

Centennial Badge: Have not heard back from the committee. Working with FOP on the badge design. Suggestion was made to charge a couple of dollars more so that the cost will go to a good cause. One of the suggestions was to have the money go towards the DPS Museum.

NEW BUSINESS:

AAA is proposing a ballot issue which would outlaw texting while driving. There would be a law enforcement exemption. Dave Schroder made a motion to remain neutral on this issue. Seconded by Mark Haughey. Motion passed.

Endorsement request was made by Matt Salmon who is running for Congress in District 6. He was a previous State Senator and previous member in Congress. He is running against Kirk Adams who just resigned from the Arizona House as Speaker. Motion was made by Kevin McNichols, seconded by Dave Schroder. Motion passed.

Rod Fergueson made a presentation to the Board on the Phoenix Jaycee Commancheros Pony Express ride. The ride will take place June 23-24 from Cave Creek to Prescott. Motion was made by Jim Stanton to fund \$500, seconded by Brian Kolb. Motion passed.

Beverly Fuller advised the Board that we will send a family to the National Police Memorial next year.

Recommendation was made to rejoin the national Troopers Coalition. They have taken on new leadership and are more responsive to the entire group, not just the east coast. The western states which left in 2000 have rejoined. Motion was made by Beverly Fuller, seconded by Brian Kolb to rejoin. Motion passed.

Board Positions expiring in May 2011:

President: Jimmy Chavez
Recording Secretary: Jim Bee
Executive Officer (appointed): Pat Eagan

Motion by Jim Stanton to open nominations for President, seconded by Brian Kolb.

Jimmy Chavez was nominated for President.

Motion to close nominations. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Dave Schroder to open nominations for Recording Secretary, seconded by Herb Groll.

Jim Bee was nominated by Dave Schroder.

Motion was made by Dave Schroder to close nominations. Motion passed.

Colleen will be sending out an email and post on the Internet to the Association membership asking for any candidates to run for either position. Vote will take place at the June meeting.

The Association met with Director Halliday regarding the TRACS audit and possible discipline. The Association will follow up with the way the discipline is being administered.

**Motion to adjourn by Mark Haughey, seconded by Lisa Campoy.
Motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be held on June 15, 2011, at the Phoenix Mountain Preserve & Conference Center located at 1431 East Dunlap, Phoenix, Arizona. Meeting will start at 0900 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Bee, Recording Secretary

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