

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Board Meeting Helena, Montana
February 1, 2007

Directors Present

Cheryl Liedle-----President
Tony Harbaugh-----Sec/Treas

Dennis McCave-----1st Vice
Daryl Anderson -----2nd Vice
Leo Dutton-----3rd Vice

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell
Dave Castle
Cliff Brophy
Dave Schenk

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Blue Corneliusen
Greg Hintz
Brian Gootkin
Rube Wrightsman

The meeting was called to order by President Liedle and roll was called.

Guests:

Senator Jim Elliot
Dan McGowan
Chris Christensen
Becky Berger
Paul Grimstad
Fred Hansen
Kevin Olsen

Senator Elliot addressed the board in regard to his bill to require POST certification prior to filing for Sheriff. He explained the intent of the bill.

**Motion by Jim Cashell to support the bill

2nd by Blue Corneliusen

Motion Passed

Dan McGowan, State DES, advised that they would like our help in getting the word out to sheriffs to support getting the SERC money put back in HB 2 before the transmittal date. This funds the 6 SERC teams and mobile response trailers.

Becky Berger, 911, gave an update on bills involving 911 funding. She advised that HB 33 is still alive and the TracFone and Verizon amendments were killed. She advised that HB 27 is still in committee. She advised that HB 14 asks the state for \$4 million of excess funds to build out and provide E911 for wireless. She also advised that HB191 deals with selling cell phone information.

Chris Christensen, PSSB, advised the board that HB14 also includes a request for \$5 million for interoperability radio and \$3.5 million for a second master controller to prevent a single point break down in radio communications.

Col. Paul Grimstad, MHP, advised the board that he will have his captains attend our board meetings and extended an invitation to MSPOA to attend MHP meetings. He advised that the mobile DUI RV will be available this summer for events to process DUIs on site. He further advised that they are seeking a grant to compile the statistics that they are marking on their tickets in regards to tracking racial profiles. It was also noted that the racial profiling legislation is back in this session as well as a primary seatbelt bill.

** Motion by Jim Cashell to forego the regular meeting agenda

2nd by Dave Castle Motion Passed

Fred Hansen, MACo, addressed the issue of law enforcement moonlighting as security and further advised that if an officer takes outside work the other employer must provide work comp and liability coverage. However, if they arrest someone the officer's agency is now liable. The officer may use no county property or equipment.

In regards to MCA 7-32-303 involving hiring issues, Fred advised that MACo will be issuing a memo to all Sheriffs soon.

Kevin Olsen, MLEA, advised that the hiring consortium meeting was January 31. They are working towards uniform testing of applicants to form a hiring pool to be used by all participating agencies. The consortium will meet again at MLEA on March 7, 2007.

MLEA may produce a hiring handbook by this fall.

Legislative Issues:

Jim Cashell explained to everyone how to access the MSPOA preference list to view legislation that is being monitored by Smith and McGowan. It was noted that February 27, 2007 is transmittal date.

Discussion included the following bills:

HB14	SB5
HB 27	SB143
HB33	SB171
HB35	SB194
HB172	SB216
HB174	SB222
HB191	SB224
HB207	SB247

HB208	SB273
HB234	SB288
HB263	SB309
HB275	SB389
HB277	SB410
HB340	
HB423	
HB475	
HB491	

Cheryl Liedle advised that the concealed weapon committee would like to change the language from “may” fingerprint to “shall” when issuing concealed weapon permits in order to achieve reciprocity with some other states.

**Motion by Tony Harbaugh to support the language change

2nd by Jim Cashell

Motion Passed

Discussion on SB153 concerning security work by off duty law enforcement officers.

**Motion by Jim Cashell to oppose striking 37-60-406 from SB153

2nd by Dennis McCave

Motion Passed

Treasurer’s report was given.

**Motion by Dave Castle to approve the treasurer’s report

2nd by Leo Dutton

Motion Passed

Next meeting schedule for March 28 in Billings, Montana, at the YCDC.

Meeting adjourned.