

Minutes of a Meeting
of the Board of Directors of
Americans for Effective Law Enforcement, Inc.
April 30, 2008

An electronic notice was sent to all Directors and local area Trustees, calling a general Board meeting at 11:00 A.M. at the organization's headquarters in Park Ridge, IL. In attendance were three voting Directors: George P. Graves, Daniel B. Hales and Wayne W. Schmidt. Trustee Charles Remsberg also attended.

Charles A. Gruber and Richard N. Williams had advised Mr. Schmidt that they would be out of state. Russell B. Laine was the hospital with a serious illness. A quorum was declared, and the attendance of Messrs. Gruber, Laine and Williams was excused.

Mr. Schmidt noted that Charles Reynolds, an AELE Trustee and past president of the IACP, has expressed a strong interest in serving as a voting Director. He has long been a supporter of AELE.

Mr. Graves then nominated Messrs. Gruber, Hales, Laine, Reynolds, Schmidt, Williams and himself for reelection as voting Directors. Mr. Hales seconded the motion and all seven candidates were reelected, 3-to-0.

Mr. Graves then nominated as Trustees all seven voting Directors plus Harry T. Mahoney, Charles Remsberg, Carl Wolf and a new candidate, Giacomo A. Pecoraro. Mr. Pecoraro is an attorney and is the former Executive Director of the Illinois Assn. of Chiefs of Police. Mr. Hales seconded the motion, and it passed, 3-to-0.

Mr. Graves moved the reelection of officers: Mr. Hales as President, Mr. Schmidt as Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Carl Wolf as Treasurer, Bernard J. Farber and James P. Manak as staff Assistant Secretary-Treasurers, and Helen Finkel as staff Vice-President. Mr. Hales seconded the motion, which passed 3-to-0.

Mr. Graves moved the approval of the 2006 Minutes, appearing at pp. 477-8. Mr. Hales seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt then gave a financial update. He focused on the increased attendance at AELE seminars, comparing 2005 [the last calendar last year that paid subscriptions were required to access the online periodicals] and 2007 [the first calendar year that all subscriptions were free to access]. The loss of net subscription revenue was more than offset by the increase in net tuition revenue. Other financial documents are online at <http://www.aele.org/board>

He also discussed the success of the AELE Monthly Law Journal, which published 40 articles in 2007. The number of subscribers to the free e-mail Alert bulletin has increased from less than 500 to more than 3200, and is probably forwarded to another 6400 persons.

Mr. Schmidt announced that the organization currently has an amicus brief in *Arizona v. Gant*, a case now awaiting argument before the Supreme Court. Our brief, joined by the IACP and the NSA, is also joined by two Arizona law enforcement organizations.

Mr. Schmidt then discussed the progress on a plan to develop teaching materials to be used by persons who have achieved the AELE Certified Litigation Specialist (CLS) designation, enabling them to independently sponsor or participate in civil liability training programs for local police and corrections officers. A *Police Law Instructor's Manual* will focus on use of force issues. It will be on a CD-ROM and sent to CLS recipients without fee. It will include outlines, lesson plans, PowerPoint slides and full court opinions.

Mr. Schmidt focused on the role of AELE as a non-profit educational organization:

- Four monthly periodicals can be accessed, without fee, by anyone with Internet access.
- Search engines like Google can locate AELE publications for research purposes.
- No longer is information restricted to management level subscribers. Entry level police officers, jailers, academy cadets, criminal justice students in colleges, part-time and reserve/volunteer officers and those in allied professions (park rangers, campus security, investigators, etc.) now can access AELE publications.
- Criminal justice professors can assign research projects that require use of our free search engine and the extensive case digests (30,000 case summaries, classified in 696 topics).

Mr. Schmidt then discussed a City of Park Ridge redevelopment plan to demolish all homes and commercial property south of Touhy Ave. between the Metra station [east of our property] and Cumberland Ave., and extending Garden St. to the South. The entire area is planned for new multiuse occupancy like the former Glenview Naval Air Station/ Tower Road development.

On motion of Mr. Graves and the second of Mr. Hales, the Board authorized the President and/or the Executive Director to engage a commercial appraiser and to employ legal counsel or another qualified person to negotiate the sales price of the AELE building, at the appropriate time.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 P.M. and informal discussions followed at a restaurant across the street.

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