

WMACP Winter Meeting
Amway Grand Plaza- MACP Conference- Ottawa Room
February 6, 2025

Meeting called to order at 1602 hours by President Arnold

Minutes: Jungel/Bagley M/S to approve minutes of 11/08/24 meeting. Motion Approved

MCOLES REPORT: Director Bourgeois stated the bills that MCOLES was following and interested in came to a draw at the end of 2024 legislative season. They intend to try again with the new legislature to address issues such as Public Act 128, MCOLES Licensing and Employment differences, etc.

He brought up the issue of some officers in the State working without a valid MCOLES license, due to failure to reactivate. He explained that each prosecutor is looking at the arrests made by those officers and there are different opinions on how to save those cases. Tim asked us to all take a close look at our agency rosters to make sure payroll and the agency roster in MITN match.

The 2025 CPE allocation per FTE is \$1000 and everyone should have it by now. This is still a pilot. They recently held a webinar on the process and are hosting one on registering a class soon. 302 approval involves a deep drive and CPE courses will be evaluated on the same level.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Geigle provided a copy of the report. Total assets of \$24, 175.75 (report attached). Motion Approved. Geigle requested approval to renew the Website domain - Callahan/Litwin M/S to approve, passed. Also requested Wild Apricot renewal - Ergang/Kline M/S, motion passed.

Tony reminded everyone that the 2024 golf outing was cancelled due to low response and the deposit was returned by the course. He explained the importance of the fund raiser for the association and we briefly discussed the need for a committee. No one volunteered to chair. A couple people said they would help, but could not take the lead. Arnold asked people to consider and reach out if they could help.

Treasures' report is attached. Motion to approve the report Ergang/Allen M/S. motion passed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Arnold remind the group that the transition of power to incoming President Jungel will take place at the June meeting, based on the bylaws. We will nominate and vote on the new North Vice president at the next meeting (April).

Other Reports:

MACP: Executive Director Bob Stevenson thanked the group for their attended at the conference and spending time with the vendors. He explained this conference was not approved for CPE credit but they were working to fix that by the summer conference. Bob reminded everyone about the reception to be held at 5, specifically honoring the legislators of the year, Mike Harris and Matt Hall.

MLEAC: Ron Wiles stated 11 agencies were re-accredited and 2 new agencies received accreditation at this conference. Currently 90 agencies throughout the state are accredited. He reinforced there is still money available for the mini-grants to help agencies with less than 25 officers pay for fees, Power DMS, etc. to help with the accreditation process. The deadline is February 14th.

Ron also advised MACP has hired a full time Program Director to manage the accreditation program. Matt Silverthorn from White Lake PD will be taking that position.

Ron also thanked the chiefs and specifically Vic Green, for their response to the "Call to Action" during the legislative lame duck session.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Asst. Director Green thanked everyone for stepping up and making the calls during lame duck. Notes from the update:

- At the start of the 2025 legislative session, MACP Board attended a roundtable hosted by newly appointed Speaker of the House, Matt Hall. Speaker Hall is serving his fourth term and represents the district 42 (Kalamazoo and Allegan Area). The meeting also included the announcement of Judiciary Committee Chairperson, Sarah Lightner and Judiciary Vice-Chairperson Brian BeGole (former law enforcement).
- Speaker Hall emphasized that his goal for this session, is to have legislative focus on victims rather than offenders and pledged to block bills that would weaken truth in sentencing, introduce good time credits, allow guaranteed "second looks," or change life sentences without parole for qualifying juveniles. He also assured that legislation aimed at reducing law enforcement effectiveness would not succeed. With these assurances, the committee now has the opportunity to shift from a defensive stance to proactively developing legislative objectives.
- Also, Victor will send out information to each WMACP member on who are their representatives (contact information). Encouraging each WMACP member to reach to their representative for introductions.

Old Business: Pres. Arnold asked volunteers to review the bi-laws.

New Business: Matt Messer reminded the group that we would need an April business meeting to elect the MACP Reps. We will need to fill the North Vice President position as well.

Next meeting will be April 25, 2025 at noon. Director Callahan will host in Plainwell

Meeting adjourned Messer/Bagley M/S, passed.

Associated Documents:

Treasurer's Report

Sign In Sheets (3)