

**MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING ASSOCIATION
 APRIL 23, 2003 ANNUAL MEETING
 UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

- 1) Call to Order: Chair C. Manthei called the meeting to order at 8:04PM. The following people attended:

Chairperson Cory Manthei, MLEEA
 1st Vice Chairperson Cheri Dexter, MLEEA
 Treasurer Eddy Manthei, MLEEA
 Secretary Jim Stromberg, MLEEA
 Immediate Past Chairperson Erik Johnson, MLEEA
 DuWayne Dixon, MLEEA
 Bob Reid, Viking Council
 Jeanne Lawrie, Viking Council
 Samantha Cruze and Rick Kreyer, Anoka County SO
 Nick Francis and Kurt Schultz, Apple Valley PD
 Nate Reibef, Ryan Hansen, Jayson Nixon, and Brian Owens, Blaine PD
 Ben Calhoun and Carolyn MacAskill, Bloomington PD
 Bill Breth and Brian Whiteford, Brooklyn Park PD
 Christine Overstrom and Joe Sturdevant, Columbia Heights
 Desiree Toninato and Brian Beedle, Coon Rapids PD

Kathi Left Gomez, David Oyaas, Jason Nolan, and Justin Tourville, Crystal PD
 Ryan Olson, Jennifer Molan, and Rhonda Doheny, Dakota County SO
 Mike Thamm, Steve Pruse, Trudie Holton, and Jill Kettleson, Duluth PD
 Linda Myhre, Lisa Fancher, Brian Rezny, Michael Lange, and Andy Helgerson, Eagan PD
 Brandon L. Gleim, Fairbault PD
 Terri Berg, Patrick Martin II, and Mike Aschenbrener, Forest Lake PD
 Lilly Murr, Hastings PD
 Allen Schmidt and Chris Johnson, Mankato PD
 Kal Nordby and Nick Gross, Maple Grove PD
 Todd Winters, Travis Boetel, Matt Langer, and Beth Stanton, Minnesota State Patrol
 Gary Cayo, Mark Melander, Kendra Gruman, Troy Pass, and Andrew Pike, Minnetonka PD

Kathy McNeely and Mary Bitzan-Hieb, New Brighton PD
 James Lenart, Deb Downing, and Marty Williams, New Hope PD
 Lynette Estrom, Northfield PD
 Heath Bird and Angela Haseman, Plymouth PD
 DiAnn Valento, Ramsey County SO
 Marcus Bruning and Bryon Ball, Saint Louis County SO
 Laura Johnson, Mark Kampa, and Daniel Meyer, Saint Louis Park PD
 Jeff Wyckoff, Shakopee PD
 Christi Hoffman, Dennis Kern, Jo Doeden, and Joseph Lichy, Stearns County SO
 Matt Wieland, Justin Kaeding, Sara Peulen, Washington County SO
 Brett Billmeyer, Woodbury PD
 Dave Nysteam, Todd Merwin, Amee Pribyl, Wesley Holland, and Eric Leander, Wright County SO

- 2) Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved without changes. The motion was made by Gary Cayo, seconded by Eddy Manthei, and approved unanimously.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 18, 2004 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Lora Johnson, seconded by Kathy Left Gomez, and approved unanimously.
- 4) Reports:
- a) Board

- i) Chair: Cory Manthei thanked those who volunteered at last year's traffic details. She also reported that volunteers are needed for the upcoming St. Paul Bike Classic.
- ii) Vice Chair: Cheri Dexter did not have anything to report.
- iii) Treasurer: Eddy Manthei reported on the financial health of the association. He provided the attached Balance Sheet as part of his report. MLEEA's scholarship money was reflected in the Investments category. Also, MLEEA purchased a trailer eliminating the need for mini storage. Eddy Manthei encouraged questions but

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received none. A motion to approve the report was made by Al Schmidt, seconded by Joe Sturdevant, and approved unanimously.

iv) Secretary: Jim Stromberg reported that he enjoyed serving at Secretary and encouraged others to run for the position.

b) Standing Committees

i) Funding Committee: Laura Johnson reported for the Fundraising Committee. She advised that about 80 applications for grants have been mailed. She is looking for inside connections at large organizations that might be beneficial to getting our grant requests approved. The committee was also looking for smaller donations to cover routine operating expenses.

ii) Scholarship Committee: Eddy Manthei reported for the Scholarship Committee. A report is being generated and will be available by request soon. Eddy Manthei asked if there was interest in a password protected addition to our web page where scholarship amounts could be posted. The general consensus indicated it was a good idea.

c) Special Committees

i) Minnesota Conference Committee: Gary Cayo thanked Cheri Dexter for her work assembling the Career Fair. Gary Cayo reported that the new scheduling computer program had lots of glitches and that it was not successfully used this year. Cory Manthei recognized Gary for his work to manually schedule all of this year's events. Cory Manthei asked about the quality of this year's food and everyone agreed it was much better than last year's fare.

ii) Nationals Conference Committee: Gary Cayo reported for the National Conference Committee. The deadline to register for the National Conference had passed. Northwest Airlines had flights for under \$300.00 and National Car Rental still had vans available. Laura Johnson advised that ATA had flights for about \$200.00. The Viking Council was sending Jeanne Lawrie to Nationals. She will serve as a problem

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- solver for Minnesota posts. Eddy Manthei reported that MLEEA clothing could be purchased in bulk at a discount and personalized with stitching for the conference.
- iii) Communications Committee: D. Dixon reported for the Communications Committee. The web site was recently updated. Updates were needed for the Membership page and the Honor Roll page. Pictures of the Minnesota Conference and the upcoming National Conference may be posted on the website by contacting D. Dixon.
- iv) Internal Audit Committee: Bob Reid reported for the Internal Audit Committee. MLEEA became a 501c3 not-for-profit organization in May 2003. Not-For-Profits must conduct audits of their finances in order to be considered for corporate donations. Audits are commonplace and not a result of suspicions. Internal audits are permitted.
- 5) Old Business:
- 6) New Business:
- a) Marcus Bruning encouraged all posts to consider attending the Duluth Conference this fall. The conference grew by 50% last year and was well liked.
- b) Secretary Election: Cory Manthei called for nominations for Secretary. Troy Pass of Minnetonka PD, Al Schmidt of Mankato PD, and Brian Owens of Blaine PD were nominated and accepted their nominations. Jeanne Lawrie and Bob Reid conducted an election and reported that Al Schmidt won.
- c) Youth Representative: Jeanne Lawrie reported that about 15 applications for Youth Representative to the MLEEA were received and, based on their applications, the MLEEA Board narrowed the nominees to three: Katusa Stellrednt, Heather Olson, and Brett Hayes. Each nominee will be given an opportunity to make a presentation at the awards ceremony and each post will be given an opportunity to vote for a representative and a backup.
- 7) Miscellaneous Items:

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- a) Joseph Lichy reported that he submitted St. John's University to the National Conference staff as a potential location for the 2006 National Conference.
- 8) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:50PM (motion by Laura Johnson, seconded by DeWey Dixon, and approved by all).

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