

Ohio Association of Polygraph Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
General Membership Meeting of November 14, 2013

1) Call to order

4:25pm. by President Fiorita. 23 members present.

2) Roll Call of Officers

Present: President Fiorita, Vice President Butler, Treasurer Moore, Director Favre.

Absent: Secretary Osborne, Directors Slusher and Evers

3) Reading of minutes of meeting of:

No minutes available.

4) Report of Officers

a) President

Pres. Fiorita reported the Facebook page is running and connected to website.

Working on updating directory.

b) Vice President

VP Butler attended AAPP Seminar on behalf of OAPE. He noted lengthy CVSA discussion at AAPP and inroads it is making in some states. Texas has legislation pending to require CVSA training as is the case for polygraph. Concern is that this will somehow legitimize CVSA.

c) Treasurer

Treas. Moore had no report available as he did not have his brief case. He said he would forward same later. He verbally reported that the Spring 2013 seminar lost approx. \$800.00.

d) Secretary

Secretary Osborne not present. No report. Pres. Fiorita reported that Sec. Osborne does not wish to continue on as Secretary. Board asked Director Favre to act as Secretary.

5) Sickness/Illness Report.

Jack Lonier's wife still battling cancer. All were asked to keep them in thoughts and prayers.

Frank Sack, OSP retired, died within last couple weeks.

6) Committee reports

a) Ethics & Grievance (Lonier, Dick, Alexander, Moore))

Lonier absent. Nothing new to report.

b) Awards (Erwin)

Erwin not present. Nothing to report.

c) Seminar (Robertson, Moore, Butler, Ginley, Stimson)

Robertson reports that Spring 2014 seminar likely to be in SE Ohio. Program to be developed, suggestions being sought. No dates set.

Treas. Moore suggests approaching OPOTA or Fire Academy for seminar participation. General discussion of having seminar in Cuyahoga County area in two years.

d) Certification (Butler, Alexander, Moore)

VP Butler reports 2 new and 2 re-certifications.

e) Membership (Stimson, Favre, Cook)

Stimson reports no new applications were received.

As of 11/14/13, there exact number of members was not reported.

f) Ad Hoc Validation Committee (Evans, Butler)

Evans not present. VP Butler reminded members that APA analysis ignored Arther technique. Since last meeting, contact made with a statistician PhD. at Univ. of Akron for possible OAPE rebuttal study.

Wells spoke on an article by Mark Handler in APA "Polygraph" 2013 Vol. 42 Number 2 titled, "A Case Study of the Validity of the Arther Examination Procedures in a Criminal Case With DNA Confirmation." Article is critical of the Arther technique, calling it "outdated" and not valid. Wells wrote lengthy rebuttal and corresponded with Donald Krapohl at APA. Other members also engaged in this discussion.

Pres. Fiorita reported that the Board of Directors authorized him to send a letter to Mark Handler to identify and share his research in this regard.

Robertson advised that he had a call from Mark Handler and suggested letter be sent to Dr. Charles Honts, as he is the likely real author of the article.

Butler referred to another writing by Mark Handler critical of Arther wherein he is clearly the author.

Robertson reported that Honts was embarrassed when he testified in a Summit County case in this regard and this should be addressed as well in any letter to Handler.

Robertson further reported that Arther trained examiners are being barred in New York and Pennsylvania and expressed concern that information being disseminated by Handler and Honts will spread.

Pres. Fiorita and VP Butler opened a discussion of getting additional training for all OAPE members, regardless of original training in other techniques. Robertson and other mentioned several trainers that will offer training free of charge. All agreed this would be a good direction for the association to take.

7) Unfinished/Old Business

None reported.

8) New Business

Pres. Fiorita suggested an Ad Hoc Finance Committee to review items such as best practices, audit function and investment forecasting. Stimson, Ginley, Wells, and Matheny volunteered. Pres. Fiorita will be making appointments.

Pres. Fiorita also suggested an Ad Hoc Quality Control Committee and asked for volunteers to contact him.

Election of Officers:

President: Welles nominated Fiorita, second by Daugherty. All in favor.

Vice President: Alexander nominated Butler, second by Matheny. All in favor.

Treasurer: Coon nominated Moore, Mifflin second. All in favor.

Secretary: Favre was nominated by Stimson and seconded by Ginley. All in favor.

9) Adjournment

5:20pm.

Minutes approved: 5/22/14