

**O.A.P.E**  
**Ohio Association of Polygraph Examiners**



DATE: July 15, 2010

Dear OAPE Member:

The 2010 Spring Seminar / Meeting of the OAPE was held on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Ohio University Inn and Conference Center in Athens, Ohio. Geoffrey Flohr with Las Vegas Metro PD and Detective Robert Borowski with Holland MI PD gave a presentation on Gathering Linguistic Communication Information Theory and details about the Janet Chandler Cold Case Homicide. On the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> we had our annual spring business meeting. These are the minutes for that business meeting, which were recorded for us by Dick Stimson.

President Jim Slusher called the meeting to order at 4:24 PM on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There were 15 OAPE members, applicants seeking membership and 2 other officers (Baird and Alexander) present at the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**The Treasure, Jim Baird, gave the report. Finances are in good order. 11 members were named who have not paid their dues for the current year and it was reported that if they were not paid they would be removed from the association. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasures report and by vote of membership the motion passed.**

**Secretary's Report:** The reading of the Secretary's report was waived as minutes for the Fall of 2009 meeting, as the were posted to our website.

**Committee Reports:**

**\*\*Membership Committee:** The president appointed Dick Stimson to head the Membership Committee due to it being vacated.

The following applicants for membership were presented to attending membership for vote:

Eric Sharp	OSHP
Tim Errington	OSHP
Paul Wittreich	Euclid PD
Scott Blankenship	Union Township (Clermont County) PD

All new members were voted in by attending membership. Eric Sharp was voted in as a full member, the others as intern members.

The President brought it to membership's attention that Chuck Slupski will conduct his satellite polygraph school starting this summer in June at the West Chester Township (Butler County) PD.

**\*\*Ethics & Grievance Committee:** In absents of Chairman Jack Lonier, committee member / Vice President Randy Alexander reported the following. A grievance was filed with the association against one of our members and was investigated by the committee chairman. The results of this investigation was reviewed by the Board of Directors and dealt with in accordance with the Association's By-Laws.

*\*\*Awards Committee:* There were no members of this committee present for this meeting. The President voiced a desire to award the first R.O. Arther Memorial Award at the Fall meeting. A basic outline of the award criteria was given and nominations were requested of membership. No nominations were made during the business meeting.

*\*\*Seminar Committee:* President Jim Slusher indicated the 2010 Fall seminar would be held at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The Speaker will be Skip Webb, who will provide his instruction on the pretest interview as well as using an interrupter during a polygraph exam. Membership was encouraged to continue to book their lodging needs at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Center on Sinclair Road in Columbus, Ohio.

There was discussion on attendees at the spring and fall meetings. A few members from out of state polygraph associations have made inquiries on attending. It is clear that a non-member attending our Spring Seminar will be charged the full seminar fee. The president requested guidance on how to handle attendance at our fall seminar. After a lengthy discussion and sharing of valuable points were made that we would do the following;

1. Continue to have a Spring Seminar and provide instruction that was not specific to polygraph which would be open to investigative workers.
  - a. A fee would continue to be charged for their attendance.
2. The fall seminar will be for polygraphist only and the speaker will be specific to polygraph interests.
  - a. A motion and vote passed the following points.
    1. Out of State Polygraphists can attend the spring or fall seminar and they would be charged a fee of \$75.
    2. It would be required that that examiner be a member of their home state association if one existed in that state. If that state didn't have a state association thing the Board of Directors of the OAPE would decide if they would qualify to attend and would be charged the \$75 fee.
    3. Ohio Polygraphists would be able to attend either seminar for free for one seminar as long as they submitted an application to the OAPE for membership.

*\*\*Certification Committee:* Committee Chairman / VP Randy Alexander asked for all members to advise him when their last were certified and their certification number to bring the records he obtained from the past chairman up to date. So far only a few members have done this. If your certification has expired (over 3 years old) you must fill out re-certification form and forward it to Randy and send the Treasure a check for \$10.

*\*\* Ad Hoc Committee on VAW ACT:* Nothing new reported.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

1. Sick and Distressed Members report was given. It was shared Bill Lewis' wife was suffering from illness as well as Jeff Fiorita's wife.
2. The association would be represented at the AAPP Seminar in St. Louis, MO by Randy Alexander. Jack Lonier will represent the association at the APA in Hilton Head, SC.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Hope to see you all in Columbus, Ohio in November.

Jim Slusher