

Crime Stoppers USA

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2009

Present: Tom Kern, Greg Willey, Scott Abrams, Tami Lawlor, Margaret Jones, Rob Sarrantonio, James Lewis, Frank Boyd, Jill Clabaugh-Will, Jack Sullivan, Tim Stark, Mike Hope

Not Present: Kevin Viney, Earl Winterling, Chris Cameron, Estella Quintanilla, Harvey Hilvitz, Ken Kelly, Elaine Cloyd

Chairman's Report – Tom Kern. Tom Kern briefly summarized his written report and answered questions from the board.

Vice-Chairman's Report – Greg Willey. Greg Willey stated CSUSA had received 41 new inquiries concerning membership, starting new programs, and general questions from member programs. Each inquiry was forwarded to the appropriate regional director for follow up. Greg has also established a conference call schedule for the regional directors to meet every other month.

Treasurer's Report – Scott Abrams. Scott Abrams stated a large number of membership dues had been paid and the financial reports will be updated in the next week. Additionally, a Crime Stoppers International dues payment of \$22,500 was made to Crime Stoppers International for 2009.

Legal Services Report – Richard Carter. Richard Carter's legal services report was submitted in writing.

Nominations Committee Report – Margaret Jones. Nominations Committee will be sending out applications for odd numbered regional directors will be sent out on April 6, 2009 and must be returned to the nominations chair 90-day prior to the AGM.

Travel Policy for Board Members. Greg Willey has prepared a final version of a proposed travel policy for CSUSA board members and will send it to all board members. The policy will be voted on at the next board of directors meeting.

Secret Voting proposal. As a follow up to an earlier discussion concerning a proposal from the nominations committee, Richard Carter stated there is no reference to secret voting in the CSUSA bylaws. Robert's Rules of Order does have provisions that can be invoked to utilize secret balloting when required. Delaware law does not prohibit secret voting. Two members of the Nominations Committee were not present and Margaret Jones will bring up the motion at the next board meeting.

The Informer. Tami Lawlor requested board members and Richard Carter submit articles for publication in the April 2009 issue.

CSUSA Booth at Boise Conference. Motion: Mike Hope. Second: Frank Boyd. The board approved \$350 to enable Jan Van Houten to set-up a booth at the Northwest Alcohol Conference which draws hundreds of law enforcement personnel from around the country. No opposed.

CSUSA Regional Conference. Tom Kern discussed the CSUSA/NADDI joint training conference taking place June 3-5, 2009 in Rising Sun, Indiana. The \$99 registration is waived for CSUSA board members. Tom hopes enough board members can attend to allow us to hold a board meeting during the conference.

Online National Tip Taking. Troy Daniels discussed the implementation of a link on the CSUSA website to allow anyone in the country to submit tips that are forwarded to the local programs. In 56 days more than 350 tips have been submitted.

Motion to Adjourn: James Chambers. Second: Gary Potter. Carried.