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# Chair Report

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Chairperson  
Crime Stoppers USA

- I. Ongoing Operational Issues
  - A. International Association of Chiefs of Police. I participated on behalf of CSUSA at the IACP on October 24 – 27, 2010 in Orlando, Florida. I was able to make some very good contacts enabling us to repatriate ourselves with this organization. I met the incoming fourth vice president, Captain Beary. He suggested I contact the IACP so we could perhaps participate on one of their committees. I will make this contact in the near future.
  - B. Absolute Software. We have received a request to consider a relationship with this organization. They offer a product that provides security to laptop computers that works in conjunction with Lo-Jack. We are exploring whether this is a viable organization in which to associate. There have been others expressing interest in this type of venture with Crime Stoppers USA.
  - C. Motorola Target Grants. John Lamb will update you further on these grants, but all required paperwork was submitted in support of Crime Stoppers USA seeking additional funds for the next year. We anticipate hearing back by the end of the year whether we are successful in these grant submissions.
- II. Upcoming Events.
  - A. Mississippi State Crime Stoppers Conference. I have been asked to participate in their conference coming up in January, 2011. Due to my participation, they will be picking up the travel expenses incurred for this conference.
  - B. California Crime Stoppers Conference. Another opportunity to improve our visibility in connection with these programs is taking place Palm Springs, California from November 9 – 11, 2010. I will be participating as the closing speaker at this event. Judge Carter is a participant as well and of course we have several Crime Stoppers USA board members participating due to their California roots.
- III. Executive Committee – October 26, 2010
  - A. A final accounting was received from Provident Travel regarding the 2010 CSUSA conference, and James Chambers and I are reviewing the information for correctness and appropriateness. More information to follow based on our discussion.
  - B. The Conference Committee for 2011 is exploring possibilities and has a committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, 11/11/10 at noon. More information will be provided following that meeting. There are several local programs interested in hosting this event, but the challenge is meeting the timelines established given the short in getting this organized for a summer conference.
  - C. UDAP Pepper Spray. The Executive Committee took this up based on our last board meeting, and we have approved working with this firm with the potential of receiving an endorsement of a proximally \$3,500 to Crime Stoppers USA.
  - D. 2011 Legal Services Agreement. The Executive Committee reviewed the legal services agreement for 2011. The agreement remains virtually unchanged from prior years with a month or retainer of \$2000 plus expenses, given our current membership numbers. The 2011 legal services agreement was approved.
  - E. Not For Profit Center. This firm assisted us with the recent Motorola and Target grants as well as with the training certificates from the conference. CSUSA would like to investigate further utilization of their services, and the Executive Committee requested a written proposal outlining responsibilities and costs associated with the services.