

# **Crime Stoppers USA**

## **Executive Committee**

### **December 16, 2010**

Present: K. Scott Abrams, John Lamb, Chris Cameron, James Chambers, Elaine Cloyd, Bob Mooney, Estela Quintanilla, Jan Van Houten, Richard Carter

The meeting was called to order at 12 p.m. by Chairman K. Scott Abrams.

#### **CSUSA 2011 Conference**

Elaine Cloyd said the conference committee has been corresponding and will have an agreement between CSUSA and the host, Silent Observer. She and Chris Cameron will get a template drafted with the help of Judge Carter and submit it to the Executive Committee and the Conference Committee hopefully by the end of the year. Chris said that the contract with the hotel must be signed by December 31 or her program, the host, will lose some of the discounts that have been offered.

#### **Bylaws**

#### **SE Conference Participation**

Scott Abrams stated that the Board may want to consider holding its Spring Board Meeting during the SE Conference to network and get to know some of the Crime Stoppers Programs in that region of the country. Scott did say that if it is difficult for a Board Member to attend, they could join the meeting via conference call. Elaine Cloyd and Bob Mooney will work on this with members of the SE Region and will report back with more details.

#### **LA Crime Stoppers**

The Los Angeles Crime Stoppers Organization is a newer program that has many questions regarding how to set up and run their program. They have asked CSUSA to assist them and have spoken with John Lamb, Scott Abrams and James Chambers. Scott and James spent some time with people from LA Crime Stoppers when they were at the California State CS Conference. John Lamb said that he has received a request asking for members of our Board to fly there and help them sort things out. John made a motion that John Lamb, Scott Abrams, Richard Carter and James Chambers go out to LA between Christmas and New Years to meet with them. There was much discussion about this and in the end it was decided that we would not send multiple board members there at this time. Scott said he would like to know who will be attending the meeting from LA Crime Stoppers and the duration of the meetings before we decide.

#### **Not For Profit Resource Center**

John Lamb submitted the MOU between the Not For Profit Resource Center and Crime Stoppers. John said that CSUSA needs a company to handle all inquiries, financial matters, marketing and grant writing for CSUSA and the Not For Profit Center has done quite a bit of work for CSUSA at no charge. There was much discussion on the \$15,000

price for this and the EC wondered if we could piece this out a bit so the cost would be lower. Scott said that if we have someone else do our financials then we will need to pay for a yearly audit which will cost upwards of \$5,000. John was directed to go back to the Not For Profit Resource Center to see if we could pick and choose the services we need and get a lower cost.

#### **CSI Training Conference – Jamaica**

John Lamb asked the Board to pay his expenses to the CSI conference since he will need to be there to promote Data Dots and to establish relationships with people close to CSI. The EC said that we still need to come up with travel policies and earmark travel money in our budget so that the Regional Directors can do some traveling to conferences and meetings in their area with a little financial help. Since the budget for 2011 is not complete yet, Scott asked that we table this for another time.

No other business was brought before the EC so the meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.