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Chair Report



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I. Ongoing Operational Issues

A. Program Contacts.

- a. Walworth County (WI) Crime Stoppers. Requested access to our Members Only section on our website, but they are currently not members of Crime Stoppers USA. Will work with this organization in gaining their membership.
- b. Crime Stoppers of Natural Alabama. Requested login information to the members only portion of the website and how to enter their statistics regularly. Have not paid their 2012 dues as of yet and encouraged payment.
- c. Crime Solvers of Washington DC. The new treasurer of this organization requested information on how to renew their membership. This organization hasn't been members since 2005.
- d. Santa Fe Crime Stoppers. Confirm receipt of their 2012 dues and updated their login information for the website.
- e. Various Crime Stoppers organizations notified Crime Stoppers USA that they had no intention of becoming members and did not appreciate the dues notice they received. I have responded to many of these programs and constructed a standardized e-mail for the Non-Profit Resource Center to utilize in these particular situations.
- f. Republic Crime Stoppers. Received an e-mail that this organization is no longer in service and has been disbanded over a year ago.
- g. Crime Stoppers of a Suffolk County. Requested information on how to access the members only area of the Crime Stoppers USA website. Informed the organization that their dues were presently not current for 2012, and informed them how to bring them up to date. Provided their login information for the website.
- h. Grayson, Kentucky. An individual is interested on learning how to start a Crime Stoppers program. Provided contact information with Frank Boyd and John Lamb for assistance.
- i. Lake County Crime Stoppers. Inquired whether Crime Stoppers USA members received a discounted price on the annual TipSoft maintenance fee. Responded through the assistance of Kevin Anderson. This organization also wanted to update its statistics and provided them information on how to accomplish this. Finally, encourage them to renew their 2012 CSUSA dues.
- j. North Olympic Crime Stoppers. This organization requested information on how to purchase Crime Stoppers business cards from CSUSA. Responded that we do not directly sell business cards, but I copied Mike Blatman on the e-mail and he was able to assist this program.
- k. Henderson County Crime Stoppers. Inquired about group liability insurance. This organization didn't even appear in our CSIM database, so I encourage them to become members which allow them to gain access to the group insurance policies. I shared with them other membership benefits of being CSUSA members. Loren Hamilton was copied on the e-mail.

- I. Crime Stoppers Bayou Region. Inquired about directors and officers liability insurance. Provided specific information about how to access this insurance contact through our CSUSA website.
 - m. Rockford Area Crime Stoppers. This organization requested assistance in their dues renewal process. Provided the applicable information.
- B. **Crime Stoppers USA Insurance Program. Summary:** Crime Stoppers USA terminated its working relationship with Legacy Connections in May 2011. All references to Crime Stoppers USA were to be removed from the Legacy Connections website by June 20, 2011. **Update:** Judge Richard Carter, John Lamb and K. Scott Abrams met with Lt. Morales, Chief Investigator of the Texas Department of Insurance. We were informed on the current status of the case as well as provided details on the part of Crime Stoppers USA. Following our conversation, Lt. Morales was to contact Russ Handley for his statement, but this has not taken place as of this time. We are still awaiting whether the Texas Department of Insurance will be submitting suggested charges to the Mr. Attorney of Tarrant County. A more detailed report will be provided during the board meeting.
- C. **Crime Stoppers International Television Production.** CSI is still proceeding with this initiative and Michael Gordon Gibson and K. Scott Abrams will be the point people for CSI going forward until we meet in Las Vegas for the CSI Spring Board Meeting. CSUSA needs to come up with more case files in order to keep this project going. This will be discussed further during the board meeting in April.
- D. **Crime Stoppers International Development Opportunity. Summary.** CSI is exploring a development opportunity on an international basis with the Shred It Corporation. Many local programs enjoy the support of Shred It at the present time, but this would expand this current relationship by offering promotional and financial support to community events. There might also be some financial support to Crime Stoppers USA on a licensing basis. More information will be available after the Crime Stoppers International board meeting in Jamaica, so stay tuned for additional information. **Update.** I am currently working with Ralph Page of the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association. He is picking up this part of the relationship following the passing of Gary Murphy. According to Ralph Page, unfortunately, Shred IT is still evaluating this potential relationship with Crime Stoppers. They have not decided whether to continue to participate in this potential venture. I will attempt to make a personal phone call to them in the near future **At the present time, please keep this information confidential. No additional update at this time.**

II. Upcoming Events.

- A. **Crime Stoppers USA - Mid-Year Board Meeting.** Do not forget to mark your calendars to attend this midyear Board meeting at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino, Las Vegas on May 1 – 2. We intend to start a board meeting at noon on Tuesday, May 1 and conclude by 4 PM on Wednesday, May 2, however, keep in mind we will have a meet and greet reception with the Crime Stoppers International Board of Directors on Wednesday evening. It is the expectation that all board members are to participate in the board meeting and a meet and greet. We will conduct a regular board meeting to start, conduct committee meetings, reconvene to discuss the strategic plan, dissect the Membership Vision Committee recommendations then finalize goals and objectives by the committees for the strategic plan.
- B. **Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers - Annual Conference.** April 26-28, 2012.

- C. **Crime Stoppers International - Spring Board Meeting.** May 3-4, 2012.
- D. **Crime Stoppers International Leadership Institute.** October 2-4, 2012.
- E. **Crime Stoppers USA Annual Meeting.** October 2, 2012 (Tentative).

III. Executive Committee – Did not meet.