

**NCISS
SAAB MINUTES**

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The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Carino (PA) at 4:15 pm at the Millinnet Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago, Illinois on Friday April 23, 2010.

Signing in were twenty-seven (27) attendees from the following States: CA, CO, FL, IL, LA, MA, MD, NJ, NY, OH, PA, WA, DC. There may have been late comer who missed signing in.

The Chair opened with a summary of the prior meeting. He also reported the updated BIO List, which now covers 100+ subjects and forty-one speakers, will be sent out soon. As of this time three States (PA, LA, and GA) have utilized the list. J. Carino (PA) also pointed out that few of those on the speaker list asked for compensation and urged everyone to review this list and utilize the opportunity it represents.

The second agenda item was a discussion of membership renewals. PALI reported a loss of 22 members, with most going out of business. CO lost 23 members but reported only two non-renewals were for financial reasons. Of the 25 non-renewals in Illinois, only 5-6 were believed to be for financial reasons. WA experienced an increase in membership. In CA, CALI has increased membership in spite of about 200 non-renewals and PICA lost approximately 100, or 25% of its membership from non-renewals. A “free membership period” for new members was being offered at PICA, but the actual retention numbers are unknown. OH thought they were down about 30% and IN estimated a loss of 20%. LA has had an approximate 20% increase over last year. No figures were available from NJ, but it was noted they now have renewal on line and can self report and change their contact information. PA has used a tactic of an open invitation to non-members to attend a meeting which included a free lunch. They have brought in new members through this plan that more than paid for the lunches they have provided. MD has been inactive and they are in the process of holding meeting in various locations in the State to generate interest and membership.

The third agenda item was how to help promote NCISS membership through the State Associations. L. Montgomery (WA), NCISS Membership Chair

took the lead in this discussion. Better contact with and from Regional Directors can be expected and efforts made to keep State members informed of NCISS conferences. J. Huckabee (IL) recommended the State associations try to make a joint membership deal which would include NCISS membership. V. Ruffolo (IL) made the suggestion that more publicity be given to the bills where NCISS was able to have an effect and having applications on hand at State meetings. J. Dickerson (CO) revealed that the NCISS Legislation updates are read at their State Association meeting. At this time both E. McClain and J. Mesis talked about the surveillance bill in Congress and some of the silent issues behind this legislation and revealed plans to put more information out to the membership.

The meeting jumped to item 7, the Colorado Anti-Surveillance Bill, as a tie-in to the prior discussion, and was lead by E. Ferraro ©). He announced that \$12,000 had been raised to help with lobbying and testifying on this issue. WAD and NCISS support were mentioned as NCISS Lobbyist, L. Sabbath, has provided talking point for use by those working on this issue.

Item 4, Unlicensed PI's, was discussed. M. Landry (LA) took the lead on this and reported that her State is trying to create a bill to make it a felony instead of a misdemeanor. She also noted there has been some talk of eliminating licensing in her State. In New Jersey, reportedly the State Police take a stand that they are against unlicensed activity, but they provide no enforcement of this law. J. Huckabee (IL) reports that in Illinois it is a felony, but also no enforcement. J. Zimmer (CA) reported the effort to change the enforcement law in CA is through giving the Bureau in charge more authority. It is only a misdemeanor (in CA), however. S. Drobny (NJ/PA) recommended the fine be raised rather than change the charge; "...money will be more attractive to Legislators to make the change." In Indiana a committee was formed to contact all Boards and Commissions asking input to improve licensing with the State. D. Johnson (IN) said both enforcement and regulation were weak in his State. It was further recommended that IASIR be contacted and their assistance be solicited for this problem through their organization of Regulators of licensees.

The 5th agenda item concerned three areas of concern brought up by C. Goldsmith (NJ). Those were: A: marriage record access. Discussion revealed Colorado has no access, in California it varies by County (with at least one refusing access now); New Jersey has no access and only a

complaint filing as recourse. B: assault on PI's. New Jersey has drafted a bill covering PI's and armed guards during the commission of their work. Maryland legislature had a bill with penalties for 3rd party interference with the Service of Process, but it was withdrawn and expected to be introduced again. C: statewide access to (criminal) records. Florida can get this on line and B. McGinness (FL) thought there were 17 or 18 States where this can be done. New Jersey is trying to get all townships covered.

Agenda item 6, Can off duty LE do PI/Security work in your State? was dropped because the person who posed the issue (J. Olsen (TX)) was unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda item 8 was lead by E. McClain (CA), the NCISS/SAAB List Serve Chair. He mentioned the new List Serve Rules and briefly spoke of ways to make the communications from NCISS and the SAAB leaders a more effective exchange of information to the members of those lists.

The Chair, Jim Carino (PA) announced this would be his last meeting as Chair of SAAB.

The meeting adjourned at 5:5 pm