

**WPOA**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**March 14, 2022**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angie Balzano, President  
Mike Rosario, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Tom Osendorf, Secretary  
Dave Perez, Member  
Chris Leffler, Member  
Nathan Volk, Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brenda Manzo, Member  
Angel Garcia DeAlba, Treasurer  
Tim Jakcsy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Yoshitake  
Lana Houpt  
Nick Fernandez  
Jimmy Azpilicueta  
Austin Castro  
Chris Alvarez  
Daniel Aldaz  
Matt Handlen

**MINUTES:**

It was moved by Rosario and seconded by Balzano to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2022 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER:**

The Treasurer's reports for December, January and February were discussed. Balzano approved and said they will also be presented at the next in person board meeting for formal approval.

**RETIREE/MEMBER DINNER:**

Yosh said he has been in contact with Retired Officer Prisco regarding the Retiree/Member dinner. It has been set for Sunday, July 10 at 5 p.m. at the Elks Club. He said he would be happy to organize the event. The Board agreed to participate in the event and agreed management should be invited. He said Reyes may be able to help with donations for raffle prizes. Rosario will work with Leffler on researching the retirees since the last dinner and getting the street signs for them. Balzano will look into getting gag bags also for the retirees.

**ASSOCIATION LOGO:**

Volk advised that only one person submitted a design for the shirts and that was from Leonette. The design will be presented to the board for final approval. Balzano will run it by the Chief's Office. A final determination on what to purchase will be made after review of the logo.



**MEMBERSHIP INPUT:**

Rosario said that officers were recently drafted for a DUI checkpoint that was called off because of rain. The officers drafted for that day were told they would have to work the next event. The members asked why a new draft wasn't held. People shouldn't have to be held accountable for two dates.

**FOUNDATION BY-LAWS:**

Balzano said members of the Board met with our Attorney Mike McGill on the proposed revision and they are good, and he will be revising them. Nothing is illegal. They do need their own board. Guidelines can be set up for how the distribution. Should sworn management staff be allowed to be on the Foundation. If we want them to, they will have to pay the dues for it. In this case they would be entitled to support. Currently once you promote you aren't eligible for the funds. Rosario said if something happened to a management person, we would probably help them. He feels they should all agree to be in or not be in it. Yosh would they be required to pay back up. Reasonable would be a one year buy back total \$120. Chris thinks we should just offer them to come back in. He doesn't think it's fair to ask for the buy back. Angie will ask management first to see if they are interested in joining up.

Negotiation Teams: Angie we're still a year out. The new by-laws said we need to have a negotiations team. We need someone from each rank. Patrol officers, Detectives, Traffic, sergeant, and corporal. They will each be the liaison to their group. If anyone is interested, please let us know. Jakcsy has the Sergeant spot and Tom has the Corporals. She is happy so many new members are on tonight's meeting. The city will give time for participation.

Golf Tournament – Angie said she'd head it up. She'll need help. Please spread the word on it. Rosario will help. A lot of work and a lot of fun.

Good of the Order - Jordan Memorial Tournament \$375 team fee. Approved by consensus. Angie will send email to Fran to pay.

Evaluations on gigs – There was discussion on gigs and how they affect evaluations and if its fair

**ADJOURNMENT: 2026 HOURS**

**BAKER 2 VEGAS:**

There was discussion on the 2022 Baker2Vegas Run. Mike Roy is serving as the Committee Chair and requesting financial support from the Association. After discussion it was moved by Balzano and seconded by Osendorf to approve the entry fees for half the amount since the team will be joining El Monte PD and they will pay the other half. Motion carried unanimously. Further requests will be submitted pending the Committee's fundraising efforts.

**CHIEF'S MEETING:**

Balzano requested that anyone attending future meetings with the Chief via Zoom to have their cameras on so they can be seen as present in the meeting.

**TRAINING:**

The Board approved members attending the IRIS conference in Las Vegas. Rosario had to cancel for personal reasons and Osendorf volunteered to take his place.

**BY-LAWS:**

Jakcsy reported that he has been communicating with our legal representatives regarding the revision of the Foundation By-Laws. Our copy of the By-Laws seems to be missing page three. We are contacting the State of California and the IRS to see if they have a complete set of By-Laws. All other sources have the same set we have missing page 3. Because of this the law office is utilizing the information we have and preparing a new set with proposed revisions. He will present it to the Board ASAP for discussion so that needed changes can be made quickly.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Balzano discussed supporting Huntington Beach PD with some refreshments when the Whittier is there to provide needed support. There was consensus from the Board to approve a maximum of \$350.

**LEGAL REPRESENTATION:**

Balzano said that she sent an email to the membership on the three agencies being proposed by the Board for legal representation as needed. Those agencies include Dawson & Riley, AFS, and RSL. She advised no comments or additional names were received from the membership. It was moved by Balzano and seconded by Rosario to approve these firms as WPOA's legal representatives. Motion carried unanimously. Balzano will notify LDF of the agencies. Jakcsy said he'd like to see the agreement prior to it being signed.

**CITY COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT:**

Leffler said that he was contacted by representatives from Mary Sullens campaign requesting WPOA endorse her candidacy. After discussion on the pros and cons of endorsements it was moved by Leffler to endorse Ms. Sullens. Motion failed five against; one in favor. The Board felt due to the lateness of the request and not enough time to interview all the candidates that it was not a good idea to make

endorsements this year. Any considerations for endorsements should be submitted in December to give the Board time to interview the candidates.

**RESILIENCY PROJECT:**

There was lengthy discussion on Resiliency Support and the conference call the Board had with Nick. At that time the Board agreed to not participate in the Project. After discussion, the Board agreed to set up another discussion with Nick to discuss the project more fully and make a final determination at that time. Rosario will contact him and make arrangements for the meeting.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Balzano asked who is responsible for the Associations presence on social media. Prior Board Member Fernando Sanchez and Balzano had been the representatives. Angie will contact Sanchez to see if he is still interested in helping and she will continue to work on social media.

**BOARD SHIRTS:**

Jakcsy asked if the Board would consider shirts for the Board or all members to wear when they are representing the association. The Board agreed it was a good idea and Jakcsy will return with quotes and design info.

**DONATION REQUESTS:**

The Board approved the proposed list of donations for FY 2021-22 totaling \$12,192. Any requests not on this list will be submitted to the Board for approval.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The regular meeting was adjourned by Balzano at 2018 hours.

Submitted by,  
Tom Osendorf, Secretary