

## **Minutes from Spring Meeting**

**Juneau, May 18, 2004**

13:00 President Tom Clemons stated that due to lack of a meeting in December, no minutes were available. The following persons were present as the meeting opened:

Chief Tom Clemons - Seward Police Department  
Chief Hugh Miller - Hoonah Police Department  
Director Bob Beasley - Unalaska DPS  
Asst. Chief Greg Browning - Juneau Police Department  
Chief Wilbur Hood - Anchorage Airport Police Department  
Director Bob Griffiths - NIJ  
Executive Director Kevin Smith - AML/JIA  
Chief Greg Russell (Ret) - AML/JIA  
Membership Director Jennifer Perry – Fight Crime, Invest in Kids  
Brian Kauffman, Joe Garrute, & Denise Morris – Western Community Policing Center  
Regional Coordinator Skip Coile – WSIN  
Chief Robert Gorder – Sitka Police Department  
Chief John Lucking Jr. – Soldotna Police Department  
Captain Ed Harrington – Alaska State Troopers  
Major Joe Masters – Alaska State Troopers  
Director Billy Andrews – BPX  
Chief Lonnie Hatman – North Pole Police Department  
Sergeant Lee Oly – Alaska State Troopers  
Chief Joe Michaud – Valdez Police Department  
Director Paul Harris – Fairbanks Police Department  
Colonel Julia Grimes – Alaska State Troopers  
Chief T. C. Kamai – Kodiak Police Department  
Chairman Ronald Rice – CPAI-APSC

After welcoming the attending persons, President Clemons introduced the Financial Officer, Greg Browning, for the financial report. (The financial report is available from Chief Browning 907.586.0680)

Upon completing the financial report, Treasurer Greg Browning returned the floor to President Clemons. President Clemons brought forth an item for discussion, which he had received from Chief Paul Carr of the North Slope Borough Police Department. According to President Clemons, Chief Carr had emailed in reference to issuing identification cards for retired officers. This item was discussed and the consensus being that the membership does not believe that AACOP is the proper forum to contend with this issue, but would prefer it to be managed by the community or department from which the officer retires.

President Clemons introduced Mary Reginald from the Highway Safety Office in reference to the national "Click it or Ticket" campaign. According to Ms. Reginald, there is approximately \$500,000.00 set aside for the campaign, which is currently beginning it's 14<sup>th</sup> wave of national attention. Further, according to Ms. Reginald, during the previous campaign in Alaska, a 13% increase in drivers wearing seatbelts was noted during the previous year.

Ms. Reginald also spoke in reference to the Drug Recognition Expert Program (DRE) which is to be instituted and training provided by the State of Alaska. The next class will be held in October 2004, in Anchorage. According to all parties, this class is an extremely difficult class to complete. Sergeant Terry from the Alaska State Troopers recently returned from the course and stated that it was the most difficult class that he has ever taken. At the present time all officers taking this course are receiving training out of state. Currently only 1 person is State Certified as a DRE.

50% of DUI arrests involve additional intoxicants, but the driver is normally not tested beyond the alcohol testing. Ms. Reginald requested all interested parties contact her office for the DRE Program and about any grants which may be available for the training.

Another class which will be offered to school administrators and employees will be the DYTAC Class, which instructs school officials on how to determine drug use in school children. This training will be held in both Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Denise Morris, Joe Garrute, and Brian Kauffman with WCIC spoke about the various benefits presented and available through WCIC, such as classes, training, and train the trainer instruction level courses. The trio further stated that an advisory committee made up of representatives of the law enforcement community should be assembled.

President Clemons introduced Jennifer Perry with Fight Crime/ Invest in Kids, and stationed in Washington D.C.. Ms. Perry spoke in reference to the program, which is designed to intervene before children can become criminals. According to Ms. Perry currently there are over 2000 members in the program. In the State of Alaska, there were 15,947 confirmed cases of Child abuse or neglect.

Chief Lucking spoke in support of the program.

President Clemons introduced Chief Greg Russell (Ret.) with AML/JIA, who spoke about the accreditation process, the background, how the process was formed, the membership and affiliates. Chief Russell recommended that AACOP nominate and elect a committee for processing and proceeding with the process. Chief Russell advised that 26 other states have formed accreditation boards for their respective states.

Discussion was brought forth by Asst. Chief Browning in reference to CALEA and the proposed process.

Kevin Smith with AML/JIA spoke briefly about liability concerns, and how they were being addressed.

Chief Russell motioned that AACOP nominate and elect a committee, Chief Lonnie Hatman seconded the motion. A vote of the members was taken, the vote was unanimous for the nomination and election of a committee, with no opposition.

Asst. Chief Browning spoke about sharing data between agencies, and spoke about Alaska Law Enforcement Information Sharing System (ALEISS), and encouraged everyone to learn more about the system through [www.aleiss.org](http://www.aleiss.org).

The meeting was adjourned at 1440 by President Clemons