



Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory
Annual Membership Meeting
Greenbelt Cultural Center, North Chicago, IL
June 27, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Present: C. Herdegen (Libertyville PD), S. Husak (Lake Zurich PD), S. Balinski (Kildeer PD), Marc Hornstein (Winnetka PD), others as listed on Sign-In Roster which is available upon request

Absent and Excused: J. Dunne (Wheeling PD), G. Filenko (Round Lake Park PD), J. Idleburg (Lake County Sheriff's Department)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by C. Herdegen.

A quorum was reached.

Approval of Minutes:

March 21, 2019- Board of Directors Meeting

S. Husak made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

The motion was seconded by S. Balinski. The motion passed.

President's Report:

Chief Herdegen advised that an election for the executive board was needed. The nominees for the new Executive Board are as follows:

- Steve Husak- President
- James Dunne- Vice President
- George Carpenter- Treasurer
- Marc Hornstein- Secretary
- Steve Balinski- Member at Large

Herdegen asked for nominations from the floor for new board members. There were no new nominations.

S. Balinski made a motion to approve the new executive board. The motion was seconded by P. Kreis. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

In his absence, Chief Dunne requested that Director Kinsey present the report.

Director Kinsey advised that earlier this year, a newer member agency, Braidwood PD, needed to leave because of budgetary issues. We also welcomed a new agency, Country Club Hills PD. Kinsey advised that there is a potential new agency looking at joining NIRCL. Romeoville PD expressed interest in joining and has a population of approximately 40,000 residents. Their joining should not negatively impact the productivity of the lab.

Kinsey presented the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which was approved by the Board of Directors at the March 21, 2019 meeting. NIRCL is stable on the revenue side and is looking into investment opportunities. There is a surplus of money in the accounts when the annual dues come in, around May and June. They would like to invest in CDs to earn additional interest on this money that would otherwise just sit untouched for a portion of the year. Kinsey recently met with the lab director of the DuPage County Crime Laboratory and the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory. They discussed the possibility of changing the distribution of funding from the Coverdell grant. ISP is willing to share a portion of their funding and we are hoping to be allocated an additional \$100,000 per year.

Kinsey explained an increase in expenses. There is an increase in health insurance spending. Several additional employees have opted into the lab's health care program or added family members to existing plans. There is also an increased cost in technology, mainly in the DNA section.

In summary, the total revenue is about \$2.7 million and total expenses are about \$2.5 million. This leaves about a \$150,000 buffer.

Other Business:

Director Kinsey introduced the laboratory staff members present.

The lab destroyed over 3.1 tons of drugs for the 2019 destruction.

Kinsey spoke about the new cannabis legislation. He said that Gina has been working on reading through the legislation and figuring out how it will affect what the lab needs to do. The States Attorney's offices and law enforcement are in a holding pattern. At this point the plan is to gather information for the first 3-6 months of 2020 and see what the need for new instrumentation is. If we are unable to perform work that needs to be done, we have access to a laboratory in Pennsylvania that will do the work. If there is a budgetary impact the lab will notify members ahead of time to allow them time for planning.

Kinsey mentioned that the Quarterly Reports are posted on the website and that turn around times are in each. Turn around times in each section have been maintained or improved this quarter.

George Carpenter (East Dundee PD) is the new Treasurer and they have been discussing the possibility of contacting smaller agencies with relatively low crime rates to become members of the lab. The Executive Board is cautious of adding new agencies because of the possible effect on turn around times, so they would ensure that any new departments would not cause an increase in this. If the lab adds to the head count, it would likely do so in the firearms section.

Director Kinsey thanked Chief Herdegen for his service to the laboratory during his time as Board President.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

M. Hornstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by J. Koziol. The motion passed.