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WISCONSIN STATE PATROL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. FORMED

Over the years you have individually and collectively expressed a need and an interest in developing and maintaining a linkage between the past and present in the State Patrol. Maintaining communications and social interaction with employees you served with during your active service days and by some of those who are still serving today was requested. You also expressed a concern about historical documentation and the need of collecting, protecting and displaying memorabilia. At the Academy Alumni Luncheon last year, we asked, "Should we pursue the formation of an Alumni Association which would be separate and apart from any existing association to perform these tasks?" The response was an almost unanimous, YES! And over one third of the responders signed up to actively support the effort.

In answer to your desire, the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association, Inc. (WSPAA), a non-political; non-profit; non-union; non-stock corporation has been created. The purpose of the association is to maintain the heritage and traditions of the Patrol, provide a mechanism for social and fraternal interaction, and communication between its retired and active employees. Communications will be established between the WSPAA and program administrators in the development and furtherance of programs that enhance police professionalism, highway safety, and service to the motoring public. WSPAA membership is available to all former and current Communications personnel, Troopers, Inspectors and non-sworn support staff.

In more contemporary terms, WSPAA, through liaison with State Headquarters and other State agencies, will periodically publish newsletters informing members of current or pending changes in personnel, departmental policy, organizational structure and technological advances in police sciences. We will monitor pending changes in the retirement system, health insurance and pending legislation. Members/subscribers will be encouraged to contribute news articles of present day happenings and reminiscent anecdotes from the past. We plan to have regional representatives across the State to help in the gathering of information and the coordination of WSPAA efforts. A web page for the Association is also planned as a future project.

A dedicated task force has been at work for nearly a year to get this effort started. By-Laws have been promulgated and adopted. The WSPAA has been approved as a non-profit corporation under State Law. A Board of Directors has been seated. A budget has been developed and a dues structure has been established. A membership drive is ready for launching and this first issue of the Association Newsletter is being distributed electronically. As the WSPAA grows we will evaluate the addition of printed news material.

Please read further to find out more information about membership and other efforts of the WSPAA. **The WSPAA needs You! We welcome you as a member of the WSPAA.**



Bruce Bishop, WSPAA Vice-President introduces the WSPAA to the Alumni Luncheon attendees.

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WSPAA OFFICERS & CONTACTS

The original By-laws of the Association have been written and approved by the working Task Force. The original slate of Officers for the Association have been selected from the group of people working on this effort.

The Officers elected are:

William Harvey, President

Bruce Bishop, Vice-President

Janet Sabatke, Secretary

Lyle Bliss, Treasurer

The WSPAA is registered as an organization in Madison with the following contact information:

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WSPAA VISION & CORE VALUES

VISION

The Vision of the WSPAA is the promotion of fraternal activity, preservation of history and the sharing of information amongst the current and former employees of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

CORE VALUES

Promote congeniality, fraternity and fellowship

Support the mission of the State Patrol

Honor professional public service

Respect the diversity of State Patrol experience

Preserve the heritage of the Wisconsin State Patrol

Keep members informed about the WSP, the State Retirement System and the activities of current and former WSP employees

The Wisconsin State Patrol has a long and proud heritage. Those who have been part of history in various roles are invited to join the WSPAA. Providing an opportunity to share past experiences (both the good and the bad) and learn new initiatives while supporting the WSP which is our goal. We also want to preserve artifacts, articles and memories of WSP's illustrious history.

Those who served the Wisconsin State Patrol, completed their initial probation and honorably terminated their employment OR are currently employed by the WSP in a worn or non-sworn position are welcome to become a member.

MEMBER BENEFITS

By joining the WSPAA you will be involved with others who served or are currently serving as uniformed and civilian members of the Wisconsin State Patrol. We encourage participation in events such as:

Annual Retiree Luncheon—A time for socializing and a time to hear what is new within the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Periodic Newsletters—This document is planned to be published and distributed quarterly (March, June, September and December). We encourage members to submit articles for consideration to be published in the Newsletter. Draft documents in MS Word would be most helpful with pictures in **jpeg** or **gif** format.

Regional Activities—As regional coordinators are established, we encourage social gatherings. These may be organized by the WSPAA or by other groups/organizations. We hope to publish these gatherings in the Newsletter if the time/date coincide with publication dates and other outings around the State.

Other gatherings may develop as the organization grows. The possibilities are only limited by our imagination, budget and participation.



Bill Harvey, WSPAA
President



Janet Sabatke, WSPAA
Secretary



Lyle Bliss, WSPAA
Treasurer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Start of 58th Recruit Class, begins October 9, 2011, WI State Patrol Academy. Graduation is scheduled for March 25, 2012. The class is expected to start with 40 cadets.
- WISDOT/DNR Retiree Breakfast—9:30 am last Thursday of the even numbered months (next meeting October 27), at The Prime in Trego, WI—contact Tim Heffernan (tprtim@charter.net)
- 2012 WSP Alumni Luncheon planned for September 14, 2012, WI State Patrol Academy

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

One of the reasons for the WSPAA is to remember where the WSP has been and to help preserve the history and heritage. It is through pictures, stories and news articles that we can remember the history of the organization and the people who have served.

We plan to include some history in each newsletter.

This is the 2nd Recruit Class of the Academy.

If you have WSP historical pictures in digital format that we may use in future Newsletters, please send them to us at jsabatke@tds.net OR bjyoung@charter.net. Thank you.



MEMBERSHIP

There are three categories of membership: Full Membership, Associate Membership & Honorary Membership.

Full Membership: Any retired member or current employee (sworn or non-sworn) of the Wisconsin State Patrol who has successfully completed their initial probation or has honorably terminated his or her employment with the WSP is eligible to be a full member of the WSPAA.

Associate Membership: Available to members of other law enforcement arms and persons who have displayed an interest in, performed a service or made a contribution to the general betterment of police services and to the Wisconsin State Patrol. Associate Members will be nominated by an active member and approved by the Board of Directors. Dues for an Associate Member are the same as for a Full Membership. Associate members have no voting rights.

Honorary Membership: An Honorary Membership is mainly ceremonial and is granted to any person or organization which is deemed by the Board Of Directors to have contributed substantially to the goals and purposes of this association. Potential Honorary Members may be submitted by any active member and approved by the Board of Directors. There are no dues for an Honorary Member. Honorary Members have no voting rights.

Annual dues are:

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| Full Members or Associate Member | \$15 / year |
| Honorary Member | No charge |

WSPAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Last or Current DDSP Assignment: _____ **Rank:** _____

Dues Paid : _____

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