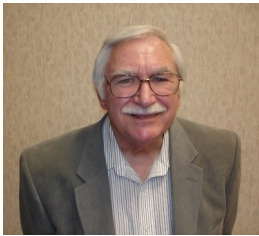




WSPAA QUARTERLY

September 2016



2016 WSPAA ANNUAL MEETING President Scott Lindemann

The Annual Business Meeting of the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association Inc. was held at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy on Friday, September 9, 2016. This was held in conjunction with the Annual State Patrol Alumni Day. The alumni luncheon and briefing was attended by 109 attendees. The afternoon started with the posting of the colors by the State Patrol Honor Guard and the "Pledge of Allegiance."

A Special Keynote appearance was made by Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch. She welcomed the retirees and thanked them for their years of dedicated service and the sacrifices each made throughout their careers. Special notation and gratitude for those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

She acknowledged the variety of tasks and missions the State Patrol has been asked to perform in the service to the people of the State of Wisconsin.

The Lt. Governor and Governor are very proud of the service and capability of the Wisconsin State Patrol.



Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch
addresses the assembly.

Following the Lt. Gov. , Major Charles Teasdale and the State Patrol command staff conducted the Division briefing.

This included a status report of personnel. As seems to be a normal situation. The State Patrol has a large number of vacancies. This is a long term process. The 61st recruit graduated recently and the process has begun to select the members of the 62nd class to start in October. Finding quality cadets to enter the law enforcement field is difficult. The Division has attained a budget line to allow a new recruit class each year of the budget cycle. This will be very helpful and we appreciate the legislative action allowing this.

This staff discussed the implementation of technology in law enforcement. Many changes have been made in the past 20 years and more are on the way. Caution must be used to avoid the over use of new technology for basic law enforcement. Similarly, public expectation of law enforcement may not match conventional or new technology. This is going to be a difficult balancing act for managers for some time to come.

Several other specific reports were provided on the communications network and services being provided to numerous agencies across the state. The State Patrol is a leader in communications services.

WSPAA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL ACADEMY

September 9, 2016 – 1:00 PM

President Scott Lindemann called the meeting to order at about 1:15pm. Vice-President Phil Wenzel was called on to conduct the elections first on the agenda.

Phil welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance and especially those who voted for him last year.

He said this year the President and Secretary are up for re-election and we have not received any applications interested in those positions except the incumbents. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. A voice vote was taken for each position and the incumbents were re-elected. Scott Lindemann and Gary Brogan were elected respectively.

The Chair was returned to President Lindemann. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Scott said there are a couple of things to take care of, first there have been requests from a few people to recognize the graduating classes of the Academy who are celebrating their 50th year anniversary. Unfortunately, it was brought to our attention too late to include it in the program this year but we will put together a committee so we can do it more accurately at our next year's annual meeting. He has talked to Lyle, Gary and Bruce Bishop to handle it and put together that information. Is there anyone else that wants to be on the committee? There were no responses.

FINANCIAL REPORT –

Treasurer Linda Woldt said the balance in our treasury is \$12,729.19 which does not count the renewals we are receiving today. She also printed out copies of our financial statements from January 1, 2015 to September 8th 2015 and from January 1st through September 8th, 2016 if anyone wants to make a comparison. So far our expenditures have not been as high as last year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT –

Secretary Gary Brogan thanked everyone for their vote and for being here today. This year has been somewhat less active than the previous year when we had numerous meetings during which we diligently reworked our By-laws; we are definitely thankful for fewer meetings this year. However, there is a need for one or two future committees to work on other subjects which we need your help to accomplish. Gary said Bob Young has done another exceptional job this past year with our group mailing system and hopefully has saved him some time in front of the computer and made our emailing that much more efficient. As far as those without email service, Gary said he mails the quarterly newsletter and other info to 17 members. If there is anyone here that does not have email and wants to receive the info by US Mail, let him know.

Gary said that he personally felt the need to bring up the subject of participation – at our last board meeting at District 5 in Tomah there was a comment, “We are an association of some 310 members run by six” – Think about that! – is that what you want or are satisfied with? Does it make you want to become involved?? We definitely need help with keeping this organization alive and well. Volunteers – the magic word that in this day and age most people ignore or don't want to get involved especially with all the portable electronic gadgets available. Further and not to sound repetitious, but Regional Reps, we still have unfilled positions in which we need active volunteers to step forward!

Gary also said he wanted to personally appeal to the membership for one, two or even three of you to step forward and take over the responsibility of helping with:

the eventual take over or assumption of “editorial duties” of our newsletters and News Briefs. These duties can be divided in any of a number of ways. Second and third to work with and eventually take over my position as Secretary and any of the other positions that may come up.

Gary also, “I can't begin to tell you what I feel has been a privilege and honor to serve as your secretary considering most of you are sworn officers whereas I'm an old burned out dispatcher!” None of us are getting any younger and one of the things that comes along with our older age is “Forgetfulness” – just ask my wife about that...

Gary said in closing and as one of our members so succinctly said, “If I get run over by a beer truck WHO is going to take over or even knows the format of what we are doing?!” We need your help in continuing the success of our WSPAA! Gary also said I am exceptionally proud of Mary Sander and Linda Woldt who when asked to volunteer, both stepped forward and filled some very big shoes and obligations!

Last but not least, if you have a questions or anything at all pertaining to the WSPAA, please do not call the Academy! Contact any one of your officers on our website, email, telephone, in person or whatever works; do NOT contact the Academy!!

WSPAA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (CONT)

Scott said if you know of a son or daughter or anyone good with computers that would like to help us out, get in touch with anyone of us, Scott, Phil, Gary or any of us and we will get the ball rolling.

Bob said it is not a job that someone can take over in just a day but there are many things that are done on a template and other stuff is there. It's a matter of getting the info, putting it all together and sending it out to everyone.

Keith Young commented that everyone he knows looks forward to the info on the Patrol which keeps us current and interested and the subject always comes up at our breakfast get together as it is what and who we are. Keith also said we need another NE Regional Rep. This isn't something that is difficult, there isn't that much to do other than make contact with people in your region, pass along any information that comes up and promote membership.

Mary Sander asked Keith for a brief description of that you do as a rep. Keith said you're the point of contact and pass along any information that you find especially any information on members that may have recently passed away. There was a funeral a few weeks ago that I would have attended but didn't find out about it until after he had been buried. He also attends gravesite events and takes pictures so you people can see what's going on. Without your help in filling these positions or being active in yours, we have this six-person process.

Scott said we have unfilled rep. positions in the SE, NE and NC regions, is anyone here interested in filling one of these positions? Unfortunately, no response from the floor.

Keith Young said, "If you want something done, ask a busy person."

MEMBERSHIP –

Mary Sander reported that Keith covered what I wanted to say that this is a networking system, tell us what you're doing. You as a member tell us what you want from the membership. You pay \$15.00 a year for your membership you get the once a year contact coming to the Academy. Yes, you want to know what's going on the rest of the year and you get that information in the News Brief and US Mail from Gary.

Mary said, her Dad Tim, loved the WSP and that's why she is here, she said she is a little of her Dad's daughter and hard to say no. When retired people ask her if she misses the WSP? She said no, BUT I definitely miss all the people of the WSP! She also said membership is open to anyone now, if you're working for the Patrol you are alumni. We must get the younger people involved as Lucy told us the WSP is "Family" and will always be family to me. Mary said she doesn't know of anyone of the list that if she were traveling in their area and had a problem, if she contacted you she knows she would help her; "I know I have your back and you have mine." Mary said we have the money now to do things, membership fees were originally for getting us started and we are up and running now. If you have an idea of what we could do with it we are open to suggestions, just contact us. She also said getting back to today, we have 312 members, four brand new ones today plus we gave out applications to other potential members. Mary asked if there were any questions on membership and also keep in mind that when you pay your dues, you can pay for more than one year at a time.

Bill said we could put together a packet with brochures and distribute them. Mary said we could also spread the word when training at different posts.

Lyle Bliss said the Regional Reps should be looking for those that recently retired so Mary could send them the information, applications, whatever you have.

Keith Young said historically what we see are the retirees are in their early 50's going on to other occupations. It's usually a couple years or sometimes five to ten years before they think they're in a position to become members. Mary said she has had a few responses, "Not at this time" or not now. We think Superintendent Fitzgerald is the first one to attend right after retiring.

Mary also said regarding our membership list, that is all confidential information and we do not put it on line plus we do not want to periodically send it out to members either. If you want one, in about three months send me an email and I'll send you an updated one.

Scott said earlier this year there was a fraudulent request for money trying to use his name. Our Treasurer did an outstanding job in finding out it was a fraud from Florida. It was reported as a fraud/scam to the authorities and don't know what became to it.

Bob Kowalski asked, "Why don't we hire someone to do Bob's job?" Scott said I don't think we have that kind of money in the treasury. He asked, "What about the organization we are now using that puts our info out on the web at no cost, could they help with this also?" Lucy and Scott said it could be a student with the expertise to handle it but not a full time person with benefits and we will have to look into that.

Scott asked if anyone had anything else, there was no response. Scott said thank you for coming here today, thank you for your votes and hope to see you all next year on Friday, September 8th, 2017.

We are adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Gary Brogan, Secretary

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY GATHERINGS – 50 YEARS

TROOPER MICHAEL JENNINGS ON HIS 14TH CLASS 50TH ANNIV (1966-2016)

It was the year 1966: A gallon of gas was 32 cents; Ave cost of a new car was \$2,650.00; Miranda rights became law; The US had 215,000 soldiers in Vietnam and protests began; The first color television was available: Medicare begins; The Chev Camaro is introduced Cigarettes get a warning label and the 14th Recruit Class began their training.

I'm not sure where to begin when reflecting back for such a long time. Everyone asks "where did the years go so fast?" We think back about raising our children, all of the different places we have lived, areas worked, the good, bad and weird incidents on the job and the friends we had over the years. Back then, it seemed like easier, less stressful times as compared to the world today.

I suppose our biggest problem then was living together in those first big open-bay barracks and making about \$3.50 per hour. But we survived. We even learned how to stoke a coal furnace to keep the old barracks warm.

The Governor at that time was Warren Knowles. Jim Karns was the MV Commissioner and L.E. Bier was our Enforcement Director. Our academy staff was Training Officer Lt Perry Griffith, Assistant Training Officer Alva Rehberg and Staff Officer Sterling Standiford.

I do believe that we had about the most laid-back commandants any class could have in Jerry Blied and Aldin Asp. Could you picture them out running with the class? "No way!" "We'll follow along in the squad car or be here when you guys get back."

Many of the subjects taught were the same as today, but then it was all about note taking. We had stacks of notebooks. Another important thing, we only got to go home every other weekend. And it was a short weekend at that as we had to be back at the Academy on Sunday.

I'll always remember Jerry Blied parked along Hwy 21 with his radar hoping to catch one of us speeding on our return.

I was the youngest in the class and always felt it was Rehberg's personal challenge to try to get rid of me. I can thank Don Holt and Kurt Rocksvold for helping me along at times though they would not remember it today. Being the youngest did have a reward. I was about 145 pounds and quite athletic. Coming in first put me at the head of the chow line quite a number of times to get Blanche's delicacies.

We also had a County and Municipal class of 27 officers going through training at the time. They had some interesting stories as many had already been on the job for some years.

Four of our classmates graduated only to resign the next day and join the DNR. I'm sure they would never have been hired if management had known their intentions.

Our class was the first to be issued the 357 revolver. They were quite an eye-opener on the range as compared with the old 38's.

So, I give to you all a 50th anniversary toast: "Remember in spirit those classmates who have passed away, a big thank you to those who came to meet and reminisce and a prayer to stay in health and be able to attend our next reunion."

Attending the 50th Anniversary were:

Michael Riebe, Gary Raabel, Richard La Bude; Bob Follis, Marv Egle, Joe Black, Kurt Rocksvold, Doug Jensen, Don Aderman, Bob White and Mike Jennings.

We hope you enjoyed your time together.

14th RECRUIT CLASS

FEBRUARY 28 — JUNE 16, 1966



MEMBERS OF THE 14TH RECRUIT CLASS ATTENDING: (L-R)

Michael Riebe
Richard LaBuda
Gary Raabel
Bob Follis
Marv Egle
Joe Black
Kurt Rocksvold
Doug Jensen
Don Aderman
Mike Jennings

ATTENDED, NOT AVAILABLE AT GROUP
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PHOTOS OF ANNUAL MEETING & ALUMNI DAY

WSPAA OFFICERS



PRES. SCOTT LINDEMANN



VICE-PRES PHIL WENZEL



SEC. GARY BROGAN



TREA. LINDA WOLDT



MEMBERS OF THE 2ND RECRUIT CLASS:
GERALD STRIEGEL
ED ROSS
ORVILLE FROH



BRUCE BISHOP—1ST RECRUIT CLASS
MAYNARD STOEHR— 1ST RECRUIT
KEITH YOUNG— 29TH RECRUIT CLASS
MIKE MOORE— 16TH CLASS





EVENTS—Regularly Scheduled Gatherings

Second Monday of the Month— Aurora Hospital Cafeteria, 2845 Greenbrier Rd., Green Bay, WI
9:00 am— Join us for coffee. All are welcome.

First Thursday of the Month - Anyone formerly employed by the State Patrol is invited. This is an informal gathering, no reservations needed, just show up at 9:00 am at the Green Lantern, McFarland, WI.

First Thursday of the Month - DOT Retiree Lunch at 11:30 am. Held at Monona Garden Family Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Road, Monona. No reservation needed.

Last Thursday of Even Numbered Months - WISDOT/DNR Retiree Breakfast at 9:30 am at "The Prime" in Trego, WI. Contact Connie Salquist (ConnieSalquist@yahoo.com).

Monthly — ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) - contact Dennis Schroeder for date, time, and location. The location varies but is generally in the North Central portion of the state. Everyone welcome. denniss@charter.net

Second Tuesday of each month — Retiree Breakfast at 7:30 am at the Hwy 51 Truck Stop (I-39 & CTH Q) south of Merrill. Contact Bill Harvey at lois3545@aol.com if you are attending.

Every Thursday — Eau Claire Retired Law Enforcement Breakfast Group, at 8:00a.m., any retired law enforcement officer welcomed. Held at VFW Post 305, 1300 Starr Avenue, Eau Claire, WI.

If you know of additional events or gatherings of State Patrol alumni, please let us know so we can post it for all to see or attend. Send these items to bjyoung@charter.net. Send items in as soon as you hear of them. Thank you.

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_____ New member, please complete the entire form

_____ Membership Renewal: If there is no change in your address, telephone or email, please enter the year (s) you are renewing for in this box and fill in your name below.

Membership year runs from January 1, through December 31.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

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Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Current DSP Assignment: _____ Retired/Separated (Date): _____

Highest Rank or Position: _____

_____ Full Member: \$15.00/year or _____ Associate Member: \$15.00/year

Amount Paid: _____ Renewal Year(s): _____

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