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## *President Mary Sander's Thoughts*



Happy Birthday to the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association! The WSPAA is ten years old. The Association was founded by a group of retired WSP employees. Their vision was to keep their fellow retirees informed of what the WSP was doing and to support the Agency. We have tried to meet their vision by providing weekly reports, which include the “green sheets” (weekly memo) and the Monday table top reports (weekly review). We have assisted the WSP in identifying and categorizing the thousands of photos and memorabilia for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014. We took over the planning, organizing, and paying for the member’s lunch at the Academy on Alumni Day. We have also given the Honor Guard a \$1000 cash donation and we have started a program where we will give two \$1000 scholarships.

We have accomplished many things in our ten years, but we need to improve in one area. We are still in need of Regional Representatives. The WSPAA Board should consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and two representatives from each region. We

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need two representatives for the Southeast region, one for the Southwest region, and one for the Northcentral region. The duties of a regional representative are as follows:

- Function as a liaison between the WSP Commanders and the WSPAA members.
- Advance the directives set forth by the Board of Directors and the WSPAA by-laws.
- Monitor local news outlets for information that would be of interest to the membership, and forward such information to the appropriate person for possible inclusion in the weekly or quarterly newsletters. An example of information to be forwarded would be: activities of WSP or WSPAA members that are positive in nature; the death or illness of a WSP or WSPAA member.
- Attend regional gatherings and submit a short report for the newsletter
- Attend WSPAA Board of Directors quarterly meetings and provide a summary of regional activities.
- Promote the WSPAA and encourage membership for eligible prospects to join the Association

The duties of a regional representative are not difficult, nor are they all that time consuming. I would hope out of our 263 members someone from the regions where there are vacancies, would step up. If you care about the Association and would like it to continue then please consider becoming a member of the Board. You can contact me at [mamabear6615@gmail.com](mailto:mamabear6615@gmail.com) or reach out to any other Board member.

*Sincerely your President - Mary*

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## 9-21-21 WSPAA Board Meeting Minutes Meeting at Wausau Post

The meeting was called to order at 10:06am. Pledge of allegiance said by all.

Motion made to accept the agenda was made by Phil and seconded by Keith.

Attendees; Mary, Keith, Linda, Kim, Ray, Ruth, Lyle, Phil, Dave.

**Treasurers Report** – Linda reports the current balance in our checking account is \$17,820.95.

Discussion on how do we handle the money for the scholarships. There is no tax liability until we get into big money. Linda & Ray think we should keep the money in a regular account. Discussion on whether we want a separate account for the scholarship money from checking account. Keith & I think separate account is best. Linda would have to check in CD's and their payout and what a money market pays out. Linda will get back to us about should we have a separate account.

Linda stated we made a \$50 donation in memory of Scott Lindeman to the Kathy-Katy Lindeman scholarship.

**Scholarship Report** - Maybe we co-name the scholarships to future winners, the Bruce Bishop-William Harvey scholarship. We will table discussion on this until the next meeting. In February word will go out to retirees and current WSP employees. The criteria for the scholarships will remain the same as last year.

**Merchandise Report** – Ruth says we have 19 shirts, 118 silver coins, 41 travel mugs and 175 decals left.

Minimum order for challenge coins is 100. Motion by Dace and seconded by Ray to order another 100 gold coins. We will wait to order more medium t-shirts.

Linda makes a motion, seconded by Ruth to give scholarship winners a t-shirt.

Discussion on whether we should raise prices on mugs & cups. Motion by Dave to increase ceramic mugs to \$10, travel mugs to \$15 and coins to \$12. We would keep shirts and decals at their same price Motion was seconded by Linda.

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No 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary coin. But maybe 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary decal Tabled to next meeting.

Lapel pins and money clips did not seem much interest in by membership.

Keith suggested at alumni day we push to buy merchandise and save on shipping. Further discussion at another meeting.

Mary has been looking at getting pens with WSPAA logo on them. Mary has looked at 3 different styles and priced them out if we buy 100 of them. There would be an additional \$35 custom logo fee. Mary passed around the different pens for us to look at. The pens would be blue and have black ink. Pen order will be shipped to Linda and Linda will price out shipping cost for a pen.

New board member Joseph Jakuubicz had shared via email with board members the ability to get personalized WSP license plates. He has a contact to obtain them. He had ordered some with Trevor Casper number on it for Trevor's family. The plates are made of metal and people could have their car number put on it. Those in attendance decide to table this until Joseph can make a meeting to answer questions. We as the WSPAA will not be purchasing any of these plates, but we can get all the information from Joseph and share it with the membership.

Joseph had also shared via email a key ring. Again the boards decision was that we will not buy any key rings. If the membership is interested they can buy it on their own.

Previously there was some talk on getting money clips with the WSP door shield on them. I was asked to look into Centurion giving us pricing on the money clips.

**Misc.** - Mary is currently doing the membership coordinator job since she still has supplies from her original time as membership coordinator.

Mary spoke of vacancies for Regional reps. We need 2 reps in the SE region, 1 SW rep. and 1 NC rep. are needed.

**Regional rep reports** – SW Dave reports that the Green Lantern breakfasts continue to be successful. And that there was a nice turnout for the Law Enforcement memorial Dave said Kevin Lynch does great job at fallen officers wreath laying.

NC report from Ray is that he doesn't hear much from anybody. He knows staff at Post but not the young guys.

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NE from Lyle want to do centralized future breakfasts in the Appleton area. Lyle looking forward to working w/ Joseph.

NW rep. Report – Keith had nothing to report. He mentions Senate bill 498 in the last ETF newsletter and that is well worth supporting individually. We cannot support it as an organization as the WSPAA is not political organization.

**Round table** – Mary brings up display case at academy. Possibly we have a board meeting at the Academy and see what they had for the display cases.

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**Next meeting. Nov. 16, 2021 at 10 am at D-4**



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## Nov. 16, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes At Wausau Post

Meeting started at 9:55 am at the WI State Patrol Wausau Post  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Attendees: Pres. Mary Sander, NW Region Rep. Keith Young, Vice President Phil Wenzel, NW Region Rep. Ruth Tiry, Treasurer Linda Woldt, NE Region Rep Lyle Sconzert, SW Region Rep. Dave Collins and Secretary Kim Hurley.

Motion made by Linda and second by Ruth to accept the meeting agenda.

Mary shared the story of the Postmaster in her area making a \$300 donation to our scholarship fund. We are sending him a card and offering to make him an honorary member. Mary is also giving him a WSPAA challenge coin and WSPAA decal.

We are not making phone calls to solicit donations for our scholarship fund.

What should the donation amount be for the free gift? Discussion by all those in attendance. Keith suggested \$50, Phil suggested \$10, Ruth, Linda, Lyle and I suggested \$25. Motion made by Linda and second by Keith to make the minimum donation \$25. Linda will issue a receipt to the donors for tax purposes.

Linda will keep a spreadsheet of those who made the donations and their amount. This spreadsheet will be kept in house among the board only. However, we will mention donor names and names only in the quarterly newsletter.

I will put something together and send it out to membership announcing this scholarship fund and the opportunity to make donations.

I have been in contact with Centurion about gold coins and money clips. Discussion on the money clips and whether to pursue them. Consensus is not pursue them.

**Treasurers Report** – Linda reported we have \$17,680.67 in our checking account. Discussion among board members on money set aside for the scholarships and should we put it into a money market account or a CD. Currently CD's and money markets pay less than 1% interest. Mary suggests we have separate savings account for the scholarship money in order to keep monies clear should there be an audit. We bought 3 CD's each for \$2,000. They are a 6 month, an 18 month and a 24 month CD. \$400 was put in savings for now. As donations come in they will go into the savings account.

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**Merchandise report-** Ruth reports that we have 255 decals and 118 silver challenge coins, plus a few t-shirts.

**Scholarship Report** - I spelled out the timeline for scholarship in 2022 and will have Diane King put it on our website. Timeline is as follows; announce the scholarship in February, application packets due end of April and winners announced in July.

**Membership Report** – Mary says we currently have 263 members. Renewals will start coming in as Kim keeps making the announcements to the membership through weekly emails.

**Regional Rep. Reports** - Lyle says they are not yet meeting in the NE Region. Those in the Green Bay area gathering are not interested in meeting at this time due to Covid. Dave – Mary A. puts out regular report on the green lantern breakfasts. Keith – Mary Sanders brother John Heffernan retired from the Patrol recently. Leaving no Heffernan’s of that line in the WSP anymore. From 1957 until 2021 there was always a Heffernan from this family in the WSP.

**Nominating committee** – Nobody responded to my email showing any interest in running for Vice President or Treasurer. Following the by-laws Phil is appointed as the Vice President and Linda is appointed as the Treasurer by the President. The nominating committee does not have to be board members. Keith was appointed by President Sander to be in charge of the nominating committee.

**Audit committee** – does not have to be made up of board members. Mary prefers that it be at least 2 people from the SW Region. This will be tabled until our next board meeting.

**Round table** – Phil would have no problem asking businesses in the Dells area for donations for our scholarship fund. Linda asked about alumni day for 2022, and asked Mary if she had contacted the Academy yet about it. Mary said she had not, but would before the next board meeting.

Lyle said District 3 is moving due to the highway expanding to 6 lanes. This includes moving the scales. This project will start in 2025.

**Next meeting** – March 22, 2022 10 a.m. at the Wausau Post. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Lyle, second by Phil. Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Kim Hurley.

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## **Greetings from Marian University**

Hello! I can hardly believe that I have already finished my first semester of college here at Marian University in Fond du Lac! Once again I'd like to thank the WSP Alumni Association for its help in making this dream of mine possible. The scholarship has certainly helped to offset the cost of school.

I have really enjoyed living on campus (other than the cafeteria food haha) and have made many new friends who have helped to make the transition to college a smooth one. Not everything was smooth in the beginning with being out on my own, away from home for the first time, however finding a solid friend group and getting involved has really helped to make this a year that I will not soon forget. Everyone here has been incredibly welcoming and helpful. God has certainly blessed me on this journey.

My classes went well. I really enjoyed beginning to learn about what I plan to do for my career in my forensic science and criminal justice classes. Chemistry was certainly a bit of a challenge, however it pushed me to know just how hard I need to work at this college thing to be successful in my future. I was able to survive my first ever college exams by a lot of late night cram sessions, last minute paper writing, and copious amounts of Starbucks coffee!!

Once again, thank you to the Alumni Association and to the families of Bruce Bishop and William Harvey for the scholarship opportunity which helps students like me be able to better afford college. I am looking forward to my next semester here and the challenges that lie ahead. I am praying for health and happiness for all of my extended WSP family in 2022. May God bless and keep all of our Troopers and Inspectors safe!

-Gracie Reese

Gracie is our first Bruce Bishop/Bill Harvey memorial scholarship winner giving us an update.

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## 2021 Deaths

1. Margaret Kmiotek – died on 2-5-21 at the age of 100. She was a secretary at Hill Farms. Survived by her children; Stephanie, Michael, and Linda.
2. Don Bloedow – died on 2-10-21 at the age of 86. Don was a fleet manager for 25 yrs. Survived by his son Steve, Don’s brother – Robert and Don’s sister – Ruby.
3. Jerome Klug, died on 2-11-21. He was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> recruit class, age #96. He is survived by his daughters Kathee & Lynda, and his son-Douglas.
4. Gerald F. Burr, died on 3-11-21 at the age of 96. Gerald was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> recruit class, badge #83. He later moved to weights & measures as an inspector. Gerald is survived by 9 children; Steve, Randy, Rich, Phillip, Cindy, Linda, Debra, Pam and Wendy..
5. Lloyd Vollmar, age 57, died on 3-14-21. He was a member of the 39<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #'s 2158 & 1716. He is survived by his wife Cheryl and daughters-Laura & Shahaley.
6. Erwin Bullette, age 97 died on 4-4-21. He was a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> recruit class, badge #157. He is survived by daughters Nancy, Linda and Lisa, and his son-Tim.
7. Arlene Kirschesh, age 88 died on 4-9-21. Arlene worked 40 yrs. for the State. She is survived by her sons Craig & Brad.
8. James Waydick, age 92, died on 4-9-21. He was a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> recruit class, badge #63. He is survived by his wife-Janice and children-Shari, Sue, Stephanie, Jeff, Stacey, Jim, Tammy, and Teresa.
9. Leon Long age 86, died on 5-7-21. Leon was a member of the 15<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #485. He is survived by his wife-Caroline and his children-Julie, Steven, Larry and 6 grandchildren.
10. Scott A. Erdman, age 51, died on 5-27-21. Scott worked at Hill Farms state office building for the Patrol. He is survived by his wife Beth, and his children-Alyssa, Ben & Jake.
11. Scott Lindemann, age 72, died on 6-14-21. He was a member of the 23<sup>rd</sup> recruit class, badge #748.

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12. Eugene L Johnson, age 66 died on 8-21-21. Gene was a member of the 33<sup>rd</sup> recruit class, badge #'s 1566 & 2016. Gene is survived by his wife Julie, and children Emily and Jacob.
  13. Joel M. Brandau age 76 died on 8-28-21. Joel was a member of the 19<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #625. Joel is survived by his wife Vicki and their children Jackie and Jacob.
  14. Ralph A Moehrke age 92 died on 11-10-21. Ralph was a member of the 6<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #287. Ralph is survived by his children; Robin, Daniel, Marianne, Gail, and John.
  15. Raymond T. Schwochert age 87 died on 11-17-21. Raymond was a member of the 17<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #602. Ray is survived by his wife Dorothy and their children; Sarah and Jennifer.
  16. Paul V. Nyhof age 96 died on 10-31-21. Ray was a driver license examiner and other duties for the State. Paul is survived by daughters Mary & Joan.
  17. Douglas L Meyer age 92 died on 12-10-21. Doug was a member of the 18<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #572. Doug is survived by his wife Ginger and children; Julie, Lori Paul, and Angela.
  18. Russ R Fleming age 95 died on 12-9-21. Russ was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> recruit class, badge #87. Russ is survived by his wife Evelyn, sister Doris and sons; Larry, James and Timothy and daughter Rhonda.
  19. Bryan G Peth age 77 died on 12-11-21. Bryan was a member of the 18<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #587. Bryan is survived by his wife Roseann, son Norman and daughters Kelly and Cheryl.
  20. Maynard G. Stoehr age 91 died on 12-18-21. Maynard was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> recruit class, badge #106. Maynard is survived by children Steve, Tom, Judy, Jean and Bob.