

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS



Will someone please tell Mother Nature it is Spring and soon to be Summer? Mother Nature may be taking a nap, but your Board has been busy preparing for Retiree/Alumni day and other projects.

Retiree/Alumni Day: It has been two years since we have been able to hold the annual Retiree/Alumni day at the Academy, but on September 9, 2022 we will be back. We plan to pay for our member's lunch as we have in the past. You can certainly bring a plus one, if you wish, but you will be responsible for paying for them. The format will include socialization time, the annual meeting, and a Division update. We also plan on giving out some door prizes and have our merchandise available for purchasing. I'm hoping we will have a huge turnout.

Scholarship: This is the second year that we will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships. We have set up a separate account for the donations we receive. Our goal is to continue the program for many years, so please consider making a donation and here is a big THANK YOU for members that have already donated. The scholarships are to aide those pursuing a career in law enforcement or in criminal justice. The applicant must have a parent or grandparent currently serving or had served as a Wisconsin State Patrol employee. They must have a 2.5 grade point average or better and go to an accredited college, university, or technical school full time. Please spread the word because application packets must be in by the end of April. For more information go to our website www.wspalumni.org.

Memorial wreaths: National Police week in Washington D.C. is May 11 – 17. Sadly, we have Trooper Daniel A. Stainbrook's name being added to the wall this year. Trooper Stainbrook succumbed to Covid in November 2021. We are purchasing memorial wreaths for our eight fallen officers and they will be placed near their names on the wall during police week. Let's remember Troopers Donald Pederson, Gary Powless, Deborah McMenamin, William Schoenberger, Jorge Dimas, Trevor Casper, Anthony Borostowski, and Daniel Stainbrook for their service and sacrifice.

Mark your calendars for September 9, 2022 and I hope I see you at the Academy,

Mary

Scholarship Update

Donors for the Scholarship Program are as follows:

Donna & James Jasicki
Cheryl & Robert Follis
James & Janice Parker
Kim Hurley
Melvern Bankes
David & Cheryll Collins
Randy & Diane King
John & Judy Mundy
William & Patricia Nash
Ron & Elaine Niemann
Thomas & Ruth Wrysinski
Mary Albedyll
Lucille Harvey
Janet Sabatke
Robert Stoehr in Memory of Maynard
Elroy Stroming
Ron & Erika Hybben
Joseph & Carolyn Jakubicz

The deadline for submitting application packets for the Bruce Bishop-William Harvey memorial scholarships is April 30, 2022. Then judges will evaluate the packets and notify the scholarship committee of their findings. Winners of the scholarships will receive a WSPAA t-shirt and be invited to alumni day at the academy.

New NE Region Rep



Joseph Jakubicz is our new region rep. joining Lyle Sconcert in the NE Region

Memorial Update

The memorial at the academy is getting closer to completion. Below is a look at how it is currently looking.

For those of you coming to the academy in September for alumni day you will get to see it up close and personal.



Merchandise Report

We currently have 48 mugs, 40 travel mugs and 108 silver challenge coins. We recently received 100 gold challenge coins. Ruth will be ordering more of the blue WSPAA t-shirts. All of these items will be available at alumni day at the academy.

Honor Guard Donation



The WSPAA board did not have an opportunity in 2021 to make a check presentation to the WSP Honor Guard. So at the first board meeting in 2022 President Mary Sander and Vice President Phil Wenzel presented a \$500.00 check to Lt. Rob Hartson of the Honor Guard.

Again if you know of someone that wishes to request the Honor Guard they must use the following link to do so.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HNHi9OT6O0W2wC1kZjd5qgbYeSrJVltLoSGieFMmjIBUOU0xVEQwTzI1MzIPR01UWVNQM09aWEQzSCQIQCN0PWcu>

WSP is looking for help from alumni. Lt. Nate Henrickson says, "The WSP Recruitment Committee is looking into the possibility of polling the alumni association with some questions about stories/experiences during their time at WSP that would be helpful for current recruitment." Your WSPAA board discussed this and decided we would send the link to you. If you would like to participate feel free to do so. **WSP Recruitment Survey link:**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HNHi9OT6O0W2wC1kZjd5qhbAigWM2DN9MmVR5gLg1vBNUMIJNUEVYOUdGVDQ2VTE3MEJNMjIISlhFTi4u>

3-22-22 Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting was held at Wausau Post

Attendees; Mary Sander, Linda Woldt, Keith Young, Ray Sondelski, Dave Collins, Phil Wenzel, Joseph Jakubicz. Absent; Ruth Tirry, Lyle Sconcert

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

A presentation of a check to the honor guard, to Lt. Rob Hartson was made by President Sander and V.P. Wenzel.

Lt Hartson provided the board with a report from the honor guard. The honor guard reports it is the 5th anniversary of the shooting in 2017 of when Jason Weiland was killed. And Trevor's death anniversary is on Thursday. The Casper funeral really changed things for the honor guard. The State's secretary's office eyes were opened and the guard received more support. The honor guard had their own challenge coin made. The design was done by Gary Koski prior to his retirement.

If the honor guard is desired at a funeral or memorial the family has to contact the honor guard to set it up.

I will send out the link again to our membership to request the honor guard.

The State Law Enforcement Memorial is May 20th. *Potentially* the WSP wreath laying will be week of May 24th.

The State Patrol memorial at the academy is almost done.

Pledge of allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Motion to accept agenda by Kim and 2nd by Keith, motion passed.

Financial report – WSPA checking account balance is \$11,865.19 The scholarship savings account is at \$3,7000 and the scholarship Cd's have \$6,000.

Discussion on letter from Elroy Stromming and Mary's response to that letter. The WSPA wants the scholarship funds to be self sustaining. There is a risk if we were to go with an investment firm. And besides that the firms take a cut of our money. Table this discussion until next meeting made by Ray and seconded by Keith. Motion passed.

Linda has a WSPA computer that is having problems. Motion by Dave and second by Ray for Linda to get a new computer. The motion passed.

Linda sends thank you note with the pen. I passed around my thank you note from the association.

Secretary report – Snail mail numbers are dwindling. I try to send them a few weekly reviews & memos from time to time in addition to the quarterly newsletters.

Scholarship Committee Report -instead of one scholarship saying Bruce Bishop and the other saying William Harvey we have combined the names. Now we have the Bruce Bishop-William Harvey Memorial scholarships. Ray makes motion to accept the scholarship name change and 2nd was by Phil. Motion passed.

We will invite the winners to alumni day to speak to the membership.

Scholarship winner gets a WSPAA t-shirt. We have to remember to ask their shirt size.

Linda will create a quarterly list for the newsletter on only donors names no amounts. Linda will send this list to Kim to be included in the newsletters.

Alumni Day – Will be Sept. 9th at the WSPA. Sgt Alan Platt is our contact person at the academy. WSPAA will pay for the members meals, pay for coffee and cookies if that's what academy wants.

Elections will be done at alumni day. President, secretary, southwest region & northwest region reps are up for election this year.

ARTICLE 8: ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1 – Officers to be elected –

- (a) The President, Secretary, and regional Representatives from the Northwest and Southwest Regions shall be elected during the even numbered calendar years for two (2) years by ballot.

Miscellaneous - Brandon Howell sent in information on his insurance brokerage, do we want to share this with the membership? Discussion and general consensus was no. Ray made a motion that we not share this insurance brokerage with the membership and Linda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The WSP recruitment committee reached out to Kim about having the WSPAA membership participate in a survey. Kim forwarded the request to Mary. Discussion occurred about sharing the survey link with the membership. Motion by Dave to share it with the membership and 2nd was by Ray, motion passed.

Our by-laws state that our financial records be audited. So our audit committee is Janet Sabatke and Gwen Schneider who volunteered to assist Linda with this. Mary delegates Linda to set up a meeting with Janet & Gwen. Dave made motion we accept this and Joseph seconded it. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 12: COMMITTEES –

Section 1 – Audit Committee –

The President shall appoint three (3) members to conduct a fiscal and procedural review of the Treasurers records on a yearly basis at the first quarterly meeting with the results.

Lt. Hartson came back in to tell us about the State Patrol's Peer Support program. He gave us an older brochure about it. Kim has asked Lt. Hartson for further information that she could share with the WSPAA membership.

Patrol memorabilia from Patricia Miller was brought to the meeting by Dave.. She turned over some stuff from her dad-Bud Miller. Dave showed old uniform, badges, 3rd recruit class book and a 1957 popular mechanics that had an article on the 3rd recruit class. We will keep these items until it is decided in the future on what to do with them.

Mary is talking about us doing a display at the academy of old uniforms, class books, equipment, etc. and making it a rolling display. Joseph says he knows someone that makes cabinets and we could get our own that the academy can move around the building as it would have wheels.

Membership – Mary did a new membership list last night before Linda sent some renewals. We still have 14 non-renewals at this point.

Round table - SWR – Brian Rahn back in Madison.

NCR – Merrill PD had a 24 year old officer pass away. 40 car pile-up recently.

NER – Joe met w/ Lyle recently. They will recreate an email tree for their area.

Joe has access to a military war museum in Oshkosh and suggested it as a future activity. They will try to set up a monthly lunch. Joseph had lots of ideas for get togethers.

NWR – next week retiree breakfasts are starting again.

Merchandise – cold coins coming in early April.

Discussion on ordering shirts for alumni day. Now ordering 5 small 15 medium 10 large 10 x large.. we want 15 large and XL on hand, so order what we need to get to that number Mary said.

Joseph – explained about license plate replicas he has had done. He showed the board ones he bought. Artwork is done for free, people can pick their own design, plates cost \$15.00 each. Leather key chains would be \$5. Discussion by board on who liked what and what they thought the interest level from the membership would be.

Mary said lets order 10 gold and 10 silver key chains. Some board members want to buy them already and the rest will be sold at alumni day. Motion made by Joe to buy the key chains, 2nd by Phil. Motion passed.

I shared a book on the history of patches for all State Patrol/Police. Discussion on should we take pre-orders, what do you think the interest level will be, etc.
Dave makes motion we buy 10 books and 2nd by Ray. Motion passed. Books will be available at alumni day.

Keith brought up postage rates as he said we have to start re-coup mailing costs and stop losing money.

Joseph brought up flat rate boxes that are available through the Post Office.

Next meeting will be June 7th at 10 AM at the Wausau post.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Keith 2nd by Joseph at 2:56 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kim Hurley.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

New Member **Membership Renewal**

**Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31
(the deadline for renewal of your membership is March 1)**

Please provide all information requested on this form. Thanks.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

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

Highest Rank/Position: _____ Recruit Class #: _____ Badge #: _____

Full Member: \$15.00/year or

Associate Member: \$15.00/year

If you wish to pay multiple years, you may do so by multiplying the number of years by \$15.00.

Amount Paid: _____

Make your check payable to: **WSPAA, Inc.**

Return this form along with your check to:

Linda Woldt
3120 Breeze Drive
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

For inquiries on your membership, please contact:

Membership Coordinator: Mary Sander (mamabear6615@gmail.com)

WSPAA Treasurer: Linda Woldt (wspaa2011@gmail.com) 608-279-0661



WSPAA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Submitted by _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

Description	Size		Color	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
	ADULT	M/L/XL/XXL				
EMBROIDERED T-SHIRT	ADULT SIZES		HEATHER SPORT ROYAL		\$15.00	
11 OZ. CERAMIC COFFEE CUP					\$10.00	
20 OZ. TRAVEL MUG (Tumbler)					\$15.00	
CHALLENGE COIN - GOLD					\$12.00	
CHALLENGE COIN - SILVER					\$12.00	
WINDOW DECAL					\$5.00	

Total _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WSP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SEND ORDER FORM TO: Linda Woldt

3120 Breeze Dr

PLEASE ALLOW 4 – 6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

Sun Prairie, WI 53590