

Private Security/Private Investigator Policy Committee Minutes

August 21, 2007

The Private Security/Investigator's Policy Committee (PSIPC) held a regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. on August 21, 2007. The Meeting was held in Bend, OR. Chair Harold Burke-Sivers called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Attendees

Committee Members:

Harold Burke-Sivers, Private Security Industry, Chair
Eric Myer, Private Security Industry, Vice Chair
William Herrick, Private Investigators
Brandon Mak, Unarmed Security
Derek Bliss, Armed Security
Walt Myers, Healthcare
Judy Pongratz, Retail Industry
Chris Bloom, Private Investigators (telephonic)
Eric Morse, Manufacturing Industry (telephonic)

Members Absent:

Jeff Martin, Alarm Industry

Vacant Positions:

Public Member

DPSST Staff

Brian Henson, Private Security/Investigation Licensing Program Supervisor
Chris Brodniak, Private Investigator Compliance Investigator
Heather Gaona, Private Security/Investigator Office Specialist

Guests:

Diane Shawver



Approval of Minutes for May 15, 2007

*Eric Myer made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from May 15, 2007. **Bill Herrick** seconded the motion.*

Introduction of new policy committee members:

Walt Myers
Eric Morse

Guest Comments:

As presented by Harold Burke-Sivers. Complaint by constituent about being underbid by other companies. The individual wanted PSIPC to establish minimum bid levels. Harold explained, it is not the function of DPSST or the policy committee to determine what an agency can/should charge for their services. Advised that it is an educational process to inform clients of what they as a certified agency can provide, and thus linking services to costs.

Diane Shawver– added similar concerns resulting from companies not certified, or who are using questionable business practices, ie paying under the table to avoid paying taxes which enables them to underbid law abiding companies.

-Suggestions made to put contact information for Bureau of Labor and Industries, IRS and other various enforcement agencies on DPSST website, so assist constituents in addressing issues outside the scope or authority of DPSST. The possibility of providing the suggested links will be looked into by DPSST staff.

Sub-Committee Reports:

1. Administrative Rule

Harold announced he will be meeting with Brian to start administrative rule review and clean up. He does not foresee many administrative changes taking place, the effort will be primarily to clean up existing language and rewrite the OAR's for ease of understanding.

2. Accreditation

Judy Pongratz provided background on establishing process. Target Corp is working on piloting the program. She provided names of those who expressed interest in the program. Packets have been mailed to the interested companies. Companies' biggest concern is protection of trade secrets. However, under public record law, company curriculum may not be able to be protected.

3. Curriculum

Eric Myer - the new draft of the Instructor/Officer Refresher Examination has been created. The exam now contains 36 multiple choice questions and a report writing section. Instructors will look at spelling, clarity, and sentence structure to evaluate report.

Conversation ensued on potential of providing more information to instructors on steps, techniques, and what to look for.

Further conversation included the potential of adding continuing education opportunities. No decisions or plans will be made on this until the result of DACUM is completed.

4. Armed

Derek Bliss - no meeting was held since last update. On going Goal is a trial run of the new curriculum. The new curriculum added at least three to five more training modules, with more in depth information to the instructor. As a result, class time frames may be extended. It is projected that a trial run could be feasible toward the end of October.

5. Alarm

No Update.

6. Investigator

a. William Herrick - contacts from various PI's who are also retired law enforcement and who currently hold concealed weapon permits and/or certification from their agency that allows them to carry concealed under federal law. Discussion ensued over jurisdiction of where the person falls at the time a service is provided, County, state, and federal jurisdictions all can affect the level of licensing an individual must hold. The conversation was held over for discussion at a later meeting.

b. Chris Bloom brought forth results of a meeting with a sub-committee on establishing reciprocity for the states of Washington, Arizona, and Florida. The sub-committee voted unanimously to include all three proposed states as candidates for reciprocity with Oregon. The sub committee will next determine the degree of similarity or difference between the licensing standards for each of these states and Oregon. ORS 703.440 requires standards of the other states to be substantially similar to the requirements under Oregon Law, to pursue reciprocity.

Department Updates:

a. Budget- Brian Henson provided a legislative and budget update on the most recent session and close of the 2005-2007 biennium.

b. List Serve-Derek Bliss provided a request that quarterly newsletters from the website be provided via list serve. It was explained that newsletters were updated based on changes and new information to report, and not necessarily on a quarterly basis.

Newsletter information does go to list serve, however the distribution is impeded due to multiple bad e-mail addresses and the notice being marked as Spam.

Policy Committee Meeting Schedule for 2008

The Policy Committee Meeting schedule for 2008 was set. The scheduled locations are:

February 19, 2008 - Hillsboro

May 20, 2008 - Salem

August 19, 2008 - Bend

November, 18, 2008 Medford

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No comments.

William Herrick made motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Eric Myer. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm.