

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS
MINUTES
March 13, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Licensure for Private Investigators was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leewood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky, on March 13, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Tracy J. Watwood
Ray Lang, Jr.
Ronald D. Carroll
John L. Logdon, Jr. Chair
Sheriff Pat Melton, Vice Chair
Nicole H. Pang

OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

Carolyn Benedict, Board Administrator
Gordon Slone, Executive Director

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Angela Evans, Board Counsel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janice Wyatt-Ross

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Watwood, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

O&P Report

Mr. Slone announced that COT will begin charging the boards for laptop and computer rental. The exact amount is not known at this time. The PI board is currently being charged an annual administrative fee in the amount of \$54,700 per year, paid quarterly. No changes are being proposed at this time. The MOA will be available for signing once the budget has been approved by the Governor.

Mr. Slone also reported that the database project was experiencing some difficulties but he hoped to have them resolved in short order. He also reported that O&P was working toward filling two vacancies in the Fiscal Section.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chief Watwood had nothing to report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 13, 2014 board meeting were presented for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Pang. Motion, seconded by Mr. Carroll, carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial statement for the month ending February 28, 2014 was presented to the Board for review. A motion was made by Mr. Logdon to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion, seconded by Mr. Lang, carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Ms. Evans provided additional information to the board with regard to hosting the IASIR conference in mid-November. Following board discussion and a conference call to Ms. Laurel Rudd, with IASIR, Ms. Pang made a motion that the board be the host agency for the 2014 conference. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Rudd stated during the conference call that the board

would only be responsible for obtaining the key note speaker and having a color guard during the opening ceremonies of the conference. The board can choose to have as much, or as little, involvement in the conference and expenses as they wished.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheriff Melton had nothing to report on the effort to have the 240 rule taken out of the law.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Melton asked if the Board might want to explore the possibility of the board leaving the Office of Occupations and Professions and going out on their own, with perhaps another board. Following discussion, Mr. Melton made a motion to form an exploratory committee to look into the process and expenses involved in joining with another board to leave O&P. Ms. Pang seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chief Watwood appointed Mr. Logdon and Mr. Lang to the exploratory committee.

Banta Investigations was brought forth for discussion. It appears to potentially be an unlicensed company with unlicensed investigators. Ms. Pang made a motion that a cease and desist letter be sent. Mr. Logdon seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Evans will draft the letter. For the purposes of discussing Banta Investigations Sheriff Melton, having a direct conflict, recused himself and left the room. He did not participate in the discussion or subsequent vote.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Angela Evans, Board Attorney reported on behalf of the complaint committee the following:

- PI2013-07 – ongoing*
- PI2013-08 – ongoing*
- PI2013-09 – ongoing*

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the Application Committee Chief Watwood made the following recommendations:

The following applications for individual license were approved for testing (8): *Stephanie Alexander, Anthony Felosi, James Lavallo, Tanya Lee, Philip Lnider, Casey Price, Helen Stephens, Raymond Sutherland*

The following Temporary Employee Registrations were approved (2):

- GSI – Robert Egan*
- Veracity Research – Gregg Costas*

The following Company License Applications were approved (1): *Critical Solutions*

A motion was made by Ms. Pang to approve the recommendations of the application committee. Motion, seconded by Mr. Lang, carried.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL

A motion was made by Ms. Pang to approve travel and per diem for all eligible members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Sheriff Melton, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2014, at the Office of Occupations and Professions, at 1:00 p.m. Complaint Committee and Application Committee will meet at 12:00 noon.

ADJOURN

Sheriff Melton made a motion to adjourn at 2:12 p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Ms. Pang, carried.

Prepared by Carolyn Benedict
March 18, 2014