

The International Association of Chiefs of Police  
University and College Police Section  
Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2008  
IACP Annual Conference  
San Diego, California

The meeting was called to order at 11:10am by General Chair John Pickens, Chief of Police at Arizona State University.

General Chair Pickens called for any corrections to the minutes from the 2008 Mid-Year meeting. Being none, Chief Pickens called for a motion to approve. The motion was made by Chief Ray Thrower, Director of Safety and Security, Gustavus and Adolphus College, Minn. The motion was seconded by Michael Marzion, Captain, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Nancy Turner presented the budget report; Chief Bill Taylor, Rice University motioned approval, seconded by Chief Anne Glavin, California State University-Northridge. The report was approved by a voice vote.

General Chair Pickens initiated discussion regarding the proposed change in by laws. The change would allow life members of IACP to stay members of the College/University Police Section without paying dues if they were a member of the section for the previous 5 years. Chief Robert Bratten from the University of Texas Health Science Center motioned acceptance and was seconded by Chief Bill Taylor. The change was approved by a voice vote.

General Chair Pickens initiated a discussion regarding the section scholarships. There were no nominations during this year and the scholarship was not awarded. Director Rich Pomager from the University of Scranton, Department of Public Safety discussed the process for seeking qualified candidates and describing how the educational pursuit will help the Police Dept. sponsoring the applicant will increase the likelihood of a successful application. The section sold 19 coffee mugs at the meeting, with the proceeds going into the scholarship fund.

Captain Marzion and Chief Noel March conducted a membership drive by identifying the IACP members with “.edu” email addresses and sending letters encouraging membership in the section. Each new member would receive a section coffee mug. Over 325 letters were sent, and applications are starting to come in.

General Chair Pickens introduced the Regional Vice chairs in attendance.

IACP 4<sup>th</sup> VP candidate Scott Knight spoke about his candidacy.

Mr. John Shanks from the Law Enforcement Memorial Fund discussed the need to use reports of Officer’s deaths to improve training and use the information to reduce line of duty deaths. The leading cause of line of duty deaths is motor vehicle accidents.

General Chair Pickens recognized the outstanding job Chief Sue Riseling (University of Wisconsin-Madison) has done as the VP at large for the IACP. Chief Riseling encouraged attendees to vote in the election for VP and she encouraged the section to begin identifying strong candidates from within the section for service at the highest levels of the IACP. Her term ends in 2009. She asked the membership to consider becoming more involved in the organization. Chief Riseling discussed the

effect that on-campus tragedies have on our profession, and stated “tragedy pushes change within our profession. She expressed concern on proposed legislation that would require Universities/Colleges to meet notification timelines, and suggested the University/College Police Section consider a “white paper” regarding our position on these notification requirements.

General Chair Pickens introduced Louis Quijas, retired Assistant Director of the FBI, Office of Law Enforcement Coordination. Assistant Director Quijas stated the University MUST continue to demand a seat at the table when speaking of anti terrorism efforts.

General Chair Pickens introduced Tracy Phillips, a Senior Project Specialist from IACP. She discussed the “DiscoverPolicing.org” website. The website is a tool for inspiring and recruiting qualified candidates into the profession of policing. As a nationwide online recruiting tool, it will target people searching for a new career, a change in career or people recently separating from the military. Ms. Phillips shows selected screen shots of the website and discussed the future goals of improvement within the site.

General Chair Pickens introduced Jeff Allison DHS Special Advisor to the FBI and Calvin Hodnett-Management analyst for USDOJ/COPS Office. Jeff Allison discussed the LE Coordination Center and provided an update on trends in crime, including the fact that 11% of all hate crimes occur on college campuses. Since the election in November 2008, there has been a spike in race based threats on minority students. If the FBI becomes involved in an incident on your campus, you can expect the case agent and other agents/liaisons to be involved in the investigation. Jeff Allison also shared a statistic that 80% of all violent crime against students occurs off-campus.

Calvin Hodnett spoke about the COPS office priorities including the National Center for Campus Public Safety. The Center is progressing, but is held up by Congress, and if it is not passed by January 2009, it would have to start over. The Federal Campus Coordination group is going well, and resulting in campus crime data points being directed to a central place. The United Negro College Fund is studying crime off campus in various locations in the southern part of the United States. Community Engagement is the buzzword where the COPS office is headed.

Jeff Allison spoke about the Police Executive Fellowship Program. The push is to place campus Police Officers on JTTFs across the country. The NJTTF campus Liaison agent will be involved in the counter terrorism component of JTTF, representing campus involvement. There is a push to increase LEO online subscribers. Jeff Allison spoke about recently discovered Al-Qaeda training materials (written in 2003) targeting public buildings. The Secret Service is repeating the 2002 study on campus shootings. The 2002 report studied K-12 shootings and this one will focus on University and College campus shootings. They are working to determine the difference between k-12 shooters and University and College campus s shooters. He also stated that some University/College campuses are seeing a spike in student suicides and we should all be aware of this trend.

General Chair Pickens recognized the IACLEA executive Board Members in attendance at this meeting. Ray Thrower discussed the 360 degree Stay Safe Videos program.

General Chair Pickens suggested a complete round introducing all in attendance. All attendees introduced themselves.

General Chair Pickens introduced Carl McDonald from MADD. Mr. McDonald discussed MADD's plans to counter the proposals to lower the drinking age below 21.

General Chair Pickens introduced IACP 4<sup>th</sup> VP candidate Craig Steckler who spoke about his candidacy.

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General Chair Pickens opened the discussion about section business. The Section's goals are to improve communication, develop interactive resources for campus/university policing professionals, redefine the regional representative areas, recruit new members, and develop more leadership within the section.

There was an open discussion about the goals/objectives of the section. The leading topics were communication, relevance, recruitment and the development of leadership. The section must continue to do more with less, and remain very responsive to its members.

Chief Richard Deter from the University of North Texas spoke about an audit of his CLERY report, his report was challenged for over-reporting public property burglaries. He felt he accurately provided the data needed to meet the purpose of the report, and his report was changed without his consent. Bill Taylor explained the crime and location are separated in reporting, and it is not possible to have a public property burglary. The audits are attempts to achieve higher levels of consistency in reporting.

General Chair Pickens will work with section leadership to set the objectives for the section.

General Chair Pickens spoke about section receptions at previous IACP conferences. He would like to keep them going, if possible. He will work on identifying volunteers for planning a section reception at the IACP conference 2009 in Denver Co.

General Chair Pickens introduced Capt. Steve Brochu and Administrator Scott Kovach.. they discussed "Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims-A 21<sup>st</sup> Century approach" It is a IACP and OVC (Office for Victims of Crime) joint initiative. They studied the approach to the treatment of victims, and were looking for better ways to treat, inform and meet the needs of victims. They distributed and explained material regarding this effort.

General Chair Pickens introduced Robert Tessaro, Director for law enforcement relations for the *Brady* Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. He discussed closing the gun show loophole in firearms sales regulations. He also discussed the efforts to allow guns on campus issue.

General Chair Pickens introduced Nancy Turner. She spoke about the National Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Violence against Women. They are seeking qualified applicants. It is very useful and valuable training, 100% grant funded. Nancy distributed pamphlets for the institute, and distributed a set of guidelines for the investigation of sexual assault crimes. These materials are free of charge and available in bulk form.

General Chair Pickens recognized the incredibly hard work accomplished by Nancy Turner on behalf of the section. She is a true asset to the organization.

General Chair Pickens introduced Chuck Early, Director of MADD, who spoke about the need to remain partners in the prevention of Drunk Driving.

General Chair Pickens discussed the election of Regional Chairs at the conference in Colorado.

William Taylor motioned to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Robbie Robinson.  
Meeting ended.