

Western States Hostage Negotiators' Association  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2010

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1035 hours

Roll

Present

President	Devon Schrum		
Vice President West	Bill Waltz	District 2	Beth Larson
Vice President Events	Brian Prevett	District 3	Dani Griswold
Secretary/Treasurer	Matt Onderbeke	District 6	Stacy Lucca

Absent

Vice President East	Tim Moses	District 1	Glen R. Roggenbuck
Director of Comm.	Bruce Wind	District 5	Tim Bennett
		District 7/8	Brandy Arnoux
		District 9	Shari Gulliver
		District 4	Robert Bianchi

2010 Conference

This meeting was called for the purpose of receiving a final conference update and making any final plans for the conference.

Attendance

Dani Griswold reports that the conference is fully booked at 300 people, with a long standby list to fill cancellations. At this point there should be few cancellations as no refunds are allowed this close to the conference.

There is still some money trickling in from a few unpaid registrations.

The few cancellations are being filled off the standby list.

Sponsors/Vendors

Brian Prevett reported receiving some vendor fees recently, and will forward those to Dani Griswold.

Griswold said they are still seeking more sponsors, or vendors.

Griswold asked Prevett to send her information on the needs of vendors such as tables.

At this point there is \$4000.00 coming in from sponsors, plus donations of products or labor, such as \$500.00 reduction in the cost of coins from the vendor.

#### Advertising/Public Information

An announcement for the conference has appeared in Police Magazine, and there was an article about the conference and charity associated in the Tacoma News Tribune.

#### Financial Issues

Grants will be covering approximately \$10,000.00 of the venue costs.

Griswold is seeking funding to help cover costs of parking for those not staying at the hotel.

Tacoma is requesting attendee's bring team baskets for the raffle to raise funds for this year's charity, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital "Tree House".

#### Awards

Reid Nakamura, FBI Negotiator was nominated by Dani Griswold for the President's Award. Reid has been very involved in negotiations in the Puget Sound region, including instructing the Basic Hostage Negotiator class, and attending training with other agencies.

Devon Schrum will send out Dani's nomination to Board of Directors with a May 4 deadline for an e-mail vote by board members.

#### Entertainment

Vans will be available for transporting conference attendees to some Tacoma venues after hours. Hospitality rooms will close around 1900 to allow people to visit local sites and establishments that are within walking distance.

#### Meetings

General Membership Meeting will be Monday, May 24, during lunch.

Board of Directors Meeting will be a dinner meeting Tuesday, May 25, after the conference.

#### Elections

There are several positions up for election this year, including Vice President East, Secretary/Treasurer, and Districts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 9 representatives.

Because of it is likely the new by-laws will pass, some type of transition plan needs to be in place for this year's election. President Schrum said she will work on a plan and get it out to the Board of Directors in the next two weeks.

Meeting was adjourned at 1105 hours.