

West Central Wardens and Superintendents Associate
Annual Business Meeting
September 11, 2008

The business meeting of the West Central Wardens and Superintendents Association was held on Thursday, September 12, 2008 at the Adventureland Inn in Altoona, Iowa. Board members present were:

- President – Terry Mapes
- Past President – Jodine Deppisch
- Vice President – Michael Murphy
- Secretary/Treasurer – Jessica Symmes

President Terry Mapes presided over the business meeting which was called to order at approximately 9:45 am.

Treasurer's Report – Jessica Symmes – The books were received from former secretary/treasurer, Terry Carlson in January 2008 with an account balance of \$12,254.36. A 2008 membership of \$25 was received in February 2008 bringing the balance to \$12,279.36. In September 2008, the Association received a check for \$12,000 in sponsor and vendor donations from the Iowa Corrections Association (ICA) bringing the account balance to \$24,279.36. (The Iowa DOC hosted three major conferences in 2008 and combined their fund raising efforts. ICA coordinated fund raising efforts and dispersed funds.) All membership dues were paid and a total of \$400 in dues was collected. There was \$1575 in registration fees paid with two registrations still outstanding. An estimated additional \$2,000 to \$3,000 in sponsorships is still anticipated. Expenses for presenters, additional refreshments, and activities have been paid. Estimated costs from the Adventureland Inn are \$12,500. After all expenses are paid and deposits recorded, the account balance is anticipated to be \$8,999.66 (prior to receipt of any additional funds from ICA).

Old Business

- Review of 2007 annual business meeting minutes.
Motion by Diann Wilder-Tomlinson, s/by Jodine Deppisch to approve minutes.
Carried unanimously.

New Business

- Motion by Don Redmann, s/by Jerry Burt to nominate John Thalacker to continue as the Administrative Assistant. Motion carried unanimously. The Administrative Assistant is appointed to one year terms beginning each year at the Annual Business meeting.
- Administrative Assistant's Report. John Thalacker reported that he will update signature cards for the checking account. A pictorial and captioned summary of last year's conference has been completed. Feedback on the conference should be provided to the president so that it can be applied to next year's conference. Mr. Thalacker indicated he is willing to continue to serve as the Administrative

Assistant. He noted that this is the first WCWSA conference to be held in Iowa in at least three decades.

- Recognitions: Motion made by John Thalacker, s/by Tim Schuetzle to make the following recognitions. Carried unanimously. A letter of congratulations will be sent by the secretary on behalf of the WCWSA.
 - The Association recognized and welcomed new members. John King, Minnesota; John Paquin, Wisconsin; Steven Hargett, Wyoming; John Alt, Iowa, Diann Wilder-Tomlinson, Iowa
 - The Association recognized and expressed gratitude to past presidents present at the conference, Don Redmann from North Dakota and Jodine Deppisch from Wisconsin.
 - The Association recognized and congratulates WCWSA member Lowell Brandt from Iowa on receiving the Best in Business Award published in the June 2008 edition of Corrections Today by the American Corrections Association. WCWSA member Mike Murphy from Wyoming was also recognized on his nomination for this award.
 - The Association also recognizes and congratulates former WCWSA members David Crist from Minnesota who was promoted to Assistant Commissioner and Lynn Dingle from Minnesota who was promoted to Deputy Commissioner.
- Nominating Committee. The nominating committee made the following recommendations for officer positions:
 - President – Michael Murphy
 - Vice President – Jessica Symmes
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Open floor - no nominations

Following the recommendation, there was discussion of rotation of conference responsibilities and the desire to broaden membership and re-engage other states. Jessica Symmes volunteered to retain treasurer duties until the Board members could approach other states to participate. Motion made and seconded to proceed as recommended. Carried unanimously.

- Motion by Jodine Deppisch, s/ Jerry Burt to grant Dan Buchler (retired-Wisconsin) honorary membership in the WCWSA. Motion carried unanimously. Membership fees for retired honorary member are waived.
- A moment of silence was observed in memory of those who perished and in honor of those who responded so bravely during the tragic events of September 11, 2001.
- Preview of 2009 Conference. Incoming President Mike Murphy provided some preliminary information about the conference to be held in Wyoming in 2009. He hopes to provide western Wyoming experience and encouraged all members to work hard at recruiting new members from other agencies. The anticipated dates are September 14-18, 2009. Participants can expect cool weather that time of year.

- Recognition of Board Members. President Mapes presented desktop plaques/clocks to Vice President Murphy and Secretary/Treasurer Symmes. Vice President Murphy presented the clock/plaque to President Mapes. All board members were thanked for their support and contribution to the association.
- Membership. All members were thanked for their participation in the conference and encouraged to send staff to the Women Working in Corrections and Juvenile Justice Conference that will be held in Iowa in October.
- Motion to adjourn by Mike Murphy, s/by Colby Braun. Carried Unanimously. Meeting Adjourned 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jessica Symmes
WCWSA Secretary/Treasurer