

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Saturday, October 19th at the Fairfield Inn, BWI Airport at 11:00 am. The main discussion will center on a proposed plan to develop an executive presentation to be given nationwide to assemblies of police officials. The goal is to provide greater visibility for PACE with these objectives;

1. Increase awareness of the importance of college degrees for police
2. Provide motivation for police officials to require degrees
3. Provide technical assistance for recruiting and other issues
4. Increase PACE membership.
(See attachment #1)

There will be further discussion of a possible national conference. Any suggestions for the Board will be welcomed.

Dr. William Tafoya, founder of Police Futures International, has been approved to become a member of the PACE Executive Board by e-mail. He has appointed the PACE executive director to the PFI Board. (See Organizational Liaison).

The Board also approved "institutional membership" for \$100.00 per year. PFI has such and PFI has offered to be the first institutional member of PACE.

ORGANIZATIONAL LIAISON

- Police Futures International (PFI)

PFI has formed a joint task force with the FBI to work on improving policing.

The PACE Director met with Dr. Tafoya (See Board above) to explore areas of mutual interest for cooperation. He will confer with his FBI counterparts to inquire if FBI support for PACE can be achieved. He has connections with editorial staff of some major newspapers and will attempt to get some editorial comment on PACE. With the two directors serving on each other's Boards, there will be continual exploration for activities of mutual interest.

PFI holds an annual conference in conjunction with the World Futures Society. Dr. Tafoya asked the PACE director to speak at the next conference of the World Futures Society in San Francisco next April. This may be coupled with a panel of chiefs who require college degrees for officers.

The PACE director has been appointed to the PFI advisory board. It is believed that this will present a variety of opportunities to advance the interests of PACE.

- Police Foundation

A meeting has been scheduled with Mr. Hubert Williams, President of the Police Foundation, to explore areas of cooperation between the two organizations. The results will be reported in the next Newsletter.

- National Police Training Assessment Project

A project has been funded by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to Excelsior College to review police academy training nationwide to determine what subjects meet appropriate standards for the students to receive college credit. The project will first develop the criteria for granting college credit and then assessment teams will visit academies to determine what courses meet the standards. It is hoped

that the granting of college credits will stimulate the student officers to continue their college education. Of course this will take several years.

- IACP Conference

Plans are still being developed to maximize PACE exposure at the IACP Conference in Minneapolis in October. This includes an exhibit booth and potential meetings with Major City Chiefs, and a brief meeting with IADLEST, as well as a private meeting with the Minnesota POST Director concerning possible degree standards for Minnesota officers.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Pittsburgh and Rhode Island Commissions

Decisions still have not been received from the Pittsburgh and Rhode Island Commissions concerning college degree standards for police. The long delay on the decisions indicates substantial controversy. Monitoring will continue until decisions are announced and then technical assistance will be provided as appropriate.

- Jackson Mississippi

Press inquiry was received from Jackson, Mississippi concerning the new Police Chief's desire to implement college degree standards. Information was provided to the reporter with the offer of pro-bono technical assistance to the Chief. Follow-up will be made.

- Recruiting Publication

All chiefs who require college degrees for officers have been asked to submit papers describing their successful recruiting efforts for applicants with college degrees. Some responses have already been received. It is anticipated

that the resulting publication will be finished by the end of this year. It is hoped that this can be a focal point in the proposed executive training pro-grams, which may include an overview, discussion of specific issues and a panel with area chiefs who require college degrees.

WEB USAGE

The PACE web site continues to have high inquiry activity, based on the statistics for the last quarter (June, July, August). There was an increase of 27% over the past quarter with requests going from 12,542 prior quarter to 15,991 this quarter. There is also a strong trend of new persons using the web; there were 116 new users of the PACE web site during just the last seven days.

DUES

Many current PACE members have not paid their \$25.00 dues for 2002. It is requested that this be given prompt attention.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PACE EXECUTIVE BOARD

I have given a lot of thought to methods of getting PACE more active and growing. I went to NYC and talked to an old friend who is founder of the very successful non-profit Tannenbaum Center. I met her when she was a professor and on the advisory board for Pat Murphy as NYC Police Commissioner. She suggested that the quick way to “get some meat on the PACE skeleton” is to hitch up/link to larger organizations. In her early organization days she co-sponsored a workshop at Princeton University and developed an on-going series with Columbia University. The small non-profit is then identified when the larger organizations. She also stated that there are foundations which fund start-up non-profits - I will follow up on this.

Concerning “Meat on the skeleton”, I have the following for your consideration – any other thoughts would be welcome.

1. Complete the publication “Successful Strategies for Recruiting College Degreed Officers”. As you know I have asked each chief who requires BA for entrance to submit a paper on successful recruiting strategies – many have already agreed.
2. Develop a careful curricula/workshop based on the above book as the core for presentation wherever we can get an appropriate audience; e.g., command colleges existing in several states, training sessions sponsored by the State POST Commissions and State Associations of Chiefs of Police, Southern Police Institute, Southwestern Institute, FBI Police Executive Institute, maybe get on the IACP Conference program for 2003, PERF annual conference, various universities with police executive seminars series. In addition, I want to try again to develop an on-going relationship – with participating in conferences – for the International City Management Association where I have a good contact. These workshops would not only involve a presentation by me, but also a member of the sponsoring organization staff and one or two police chiefs from the area who require BA degrees – both as presenters and a members of a panel for Q and A at the end.

Hopefully, this would achieve several goals –

1. Increase prestige of PACE through affiliation with larger organizations.
2. Increase activities in police departments to require BA degrees.
3. Increase interest and membership in PACE.

Please be prepared to discuss these issues at the next Board meeting which I propose for Saturday, October 19, IACP conference is October 5-9 and Monday, October 14 is a holiday - so the following Saturday, October 19 is suggested. **LET ME KNOW IF THIS DATE IS GOOD.**

You may know I am trying to get on the agenda for the Major Cities’ Chiefs meeting at IACP Conference, where I will staff an exhibit booth.

I have been contacted by the Jackson Mississippi newspaper re the new chief is very interested in college standards. I gave the reporter a telephone interview and sent word to the Chief that PACE will assist.

Thanks for all your efforts,

Lou Mayo