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**BOARD MEETING**

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on March 20. Any suggestions for consideration of the Board are welcome.

**FINANCES**

PACE is grateful to Chief Reuben Greenberg of Charleston, SC, who has again enrolled all of his eligible officers (almost all of the Department) for 2004 as PACE members with dues paid by City funds. Without this support PACE could not function.

A private fund-raising company, Rising Sun Capital Finance LLC, has been authorized to seek funds for PACE from private foundations. They have located interested sources and should be submitting applications for funds shortly.

The executive director has been approached by a representative of the GEICO Insurance Foundation for possible support. One luncheon meeting has been held resulting in plans for a future presentation to the Foundation staff.

With adequate funds, all of the tasks in the PACE business plan can be accomplished.

**WEB**

The new Portal Web is receiving over 3,000 "hits" per month. Efforts are being made for expanding the "key word" index lists to

increase search engine "hit" on the PACE Web.

**LEGISLATION**

Jeff Coons has again arranged for introduction of legislation mandating two years of college for all Rhode Island Police. This failed in the legislature last year because of negative minority impact. This year arrangements are being made to address particular legislators and the chiefs they represent to be contacted by Chief Greenberg of Charleston SC. Peggy Triplett is arranging for a letter of support from NOBLE. We may solicit support from other minority chiefs. PACE Executive Director will testify before the legislative committee.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Lt. Kummeline of the West Palm Beach Police Department is doing a M.A. Thesis on college education and police discipline. He requested and was furnished a bibliography.

## **CRUISE**

The December cruise meeting was not successful – only four attended. There is a survey on the web for reasons of non-participation and other options. Members are requested to answer the web survey so we can plan a more successful meeting.

## **PUBLICATION**

The invited article for the Police Chief magazine is nearing completion. It will be a summary of the discussions at the IACP Conference panel on college degrees for police officers. The full text, including questions/answers will be put on the PACE web.

## **LIAISON**

Arrangements are being developed for a presentation by PACE to the next meeting of the Major City Chiefs Association.

Arrangements have been finalized for the Executive Director to participate in the Police Section activities of the ACHJS Conference in Las Vegas, March 9-13.

## **PRESS**

Resulting from a contact at the IACP Conference, PACE information has been sent to reporter Richard Esposito of ABC TV Nightline. Reply has not been received; follow-up will be made soon.

Plans are being made for press conferences at all departments requiring BA degrees which have not yet been covered.

## **INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

The Board will consider creating an “Institutional Membership” for nominal annual dues. There will be a listing on the PACE web and a linkage to their web. Display advertising could be available for an additional fee. College which award BA degrees for police majors as well as departments which require BA degrees will be eligible for such membership.

## **DUES**

2004 dues are now payable. Please include this coupon when submitting.