

**Alberta Association of Police Governance
Minutes**

7th Annual General Meeting
2009 April 4
Edmonton, Alberta

Members Represented:

Airdrie Policing Committee	Fort Saskatchewan Policing Cmte
Blood Tribe Police Commission	High River Policing Committee
Brooks Policing Committee	Lacombe Police Commission
Calgary Police Commission	Lethbridge Reg'l Police Commission
Camrose Police Commission	Medicine Hat Police Commission
Chestermere Policing Cmte	Taber Police Commission
Drumheller Policing Committee	Tsuu T'ina Police Commission
Edmonton Police Commission	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. and quorum confirmed. Voting cards were distributed to the members.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes of AGM April 19, 2008

MOVED and SECONDED that the AGM minutes of April 19, 2008 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

4. Chair's Report

Chair Dennis Anderson (Edmonton Police Commission) gave a verbal report addressing the four main goals established by Board for the past year:

- i. Obtaining funds for the establishment of an office and an executive director - Thanks to the Solicitor General's department and the support of the Edmonton Police Commission and the Calgary Police Commission, this funding was secured for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

- ii. Improve communication with the members – thanks to Josie Krokis (Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee) for preparing and distributing the newsletter, thanks to Curtis Paradee (Taber Police Commission) for developing the AAPG website, and thanks to AAPG Executive Director Patricia Tolppanen for developing a member survey that was distributed at this conference and the results of which will be acted upon in 2009/2010
- iii. Improve communication with the government – the Chair reported that, over the course of the past year, he met with the Solicitor General, the Attorney General, and the Premier to discuss police governance priorities and to impress upon them the value of the AAPG
- iv. Present an Impressive Conference – this 2009 Spring Conference has enjoyed the highest attendance of any AAPG conference to date and the feedback as to the quality of the conference will be taken into consideration in the design of future conferences.

Chair Anderson also listed the priorities proposed for AAPG for 2009/2010:

- Increase influence with governments
 - Meetings with ministers and MLAs
 - Communications with AUMA and AAMDC
- Establish policies to advocate for on behalf of membership.
 - Policies may include those regarding provincial legislation regarding commissions and committees, Safe Communities Secretariat activities including funding and others. Current issues on gang and drug issues, conductive energy devices should be considered. Policies on governance generally may be evolved.
 - Develop a policy approval mechanism with the membership
 - Develop an advocacy process
- Recruit members from unrepresented areas
 - Northern and First Nations communities should be a priority
 - Develop a plan for recruitment, possibly with the Solicitor General's Department.
- Consider return to a mid-year conference or seminar on policy related, or information issues
 - consider gangs and drugs, mental health and policing, or First Nations policing commissions as topic areas.
- Fund raising activities
 - review membership fees – can AAPG do more with more?
 - pursue alternative funding sources

- Review bylaws and consider governing structure of AAPG
 - consider operating structure
 - consider if existing bylaws are meeting current AAPG needs

MOVED and SECONDED that the Chair's Report be received.
CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Josie Krokis (Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee) gave a verbal report and each member representative received a copy of the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2008 and the Statement of Earnings as at December 31, 2008 in their delegate packages. She also reported that the financial statements had been reviewed by the Audit Committee, comprised of Don Roberts (Chestermere Policing Committee) and Warren Stark (former AAPG director and former member of the Medicine Hat Police Commission).

MOVED and SECONDED that the Treasurer's Report and the AAPG financial statements for 2008 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

6. Resolutions

Vice Chair David Younggren noted that as the three resolutions provided in the delegate packages were received by the AAPG less than 30 days ahead of the AGM, they would deal with as resolutions from the floor.

The Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee brought forward a resolution entitled Crime Reduction Strategy – Small Municipalities and Rural Areas.

MOVED and SECONDED that the resolution brought forward by the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee entitled Crime Reduction Strategy – Small Municipalities and Rural Areas be accepted from the floor.
CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED the approval of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that members of the Alberta Association of Police Governance call upon the Government of Alberta

and the Government of Canada to continue to support local enforcement agencies, inclusive of smaller municipalities and rural areas. Ongoing increased support in the form of resources and funding will enable local police forces to address and reduce the impact of organized crime activities on our communities. A sustainable crime reduction plan will provide all municipalities, towns, counties and villages with an effective means to protect the quality of life we enjoy in this country. **CARRIED**

The Edmonton Police Commission brought forward a resolution entitled Strengthening Seatbelt Legislation.

MOVED and SECONDED that the resolution brought forward by the Edmonton Police Commission entitled Strengthening Seatbelt Legislation be accepted from the floor. **CARRIED**

MOVED and SECONDED the approval of the following amended resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the province assign demerits to drivers in those instances where the driver would receive a fine under current regulation for all occupants of the vehicle not properly wearing a restraint device/seatbelt, and be it further resolved that the province make provisions for suspension of the graduated driver's license (GDL) of any new driver found in violation of the restraint device/seatbelt legislation.

CARRIED

The Edmonton Police Commission brought forward a resolution entitled Reducing Gang and Drug Related Violence.

MOVED and SECONDED that the resolution brought forward by the Edmonton Police Commission entitled Reducing Gang and Drug Related Violence be accepted from the floor. **CARRIED**

MOVED and SECONDED the approval of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Association of Police Governance co-sponsor a conference on the topic of "Reducing Drug Use and Gang-related Violence." This conference would involve all dimensions of policing and all helping agencies related to this issue.

CARRIED

7. Election

Nomination Committee Chair Warren Stark (formerly of the Medicine Hat Police Commission) gave a verbal nominating Committee Chair's report and called for nominations from the floor for the 2009/2010 AAPG Board of Directors. The following member representatives were nominated:

- i. David Younggren (Calgary Police Commission) for Chair
- ii. Don Roberts (Chestermere Policing Committee) for Vice-Chair
- iii. Josie Krokis (Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee) for Secretary/Treasurer
- iv. Arlene Yakeley (Edmonton Police Commission) for Director
- v. Alvaro Zanolli (Taber Police Commission) for Director
- vi. Doug McLaughlin (Lethbridge Regional Police Commission) for Director
- vii. Caroline Sawatzky (Lacombe Police Commission) for Director

MOVED and SECONDED that the call for nominations be closed. **CARRIED**

MOVED and SECONDED that those nominated be appointed as the AAPG Board of Directors for 2009/2010. **CARRIED**

MOVED and SECONDED that the election be adjourned. **CARRIED**

8. Other Business

Chair David Younggren thanked the outgoing Board of Directors for their outstanding contributions this past year, and also acknowledged the work of Executive Director Patricia Tolppanen and the support of Kristine Wolski, Manager of Civilian Oversight of Policing for the Solicitor General and Public Security.

Chair Younggren noted that the new Board will be working together to set its priorities for the coming years which may include the provision of more training and education for member organizations as well as a permanent office.

Chair Younggren noted that the Board had previously decided at its meeting of February 7, 2009 to recommend for approval at the AGM, pursuant to art. 7.2 of the bylaws, that the annual membership fee for associate membership be set at \$100.

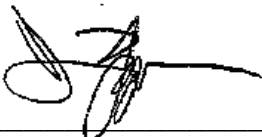
MOVED and **SECONDED** that the annual membership fee for associate membership be set at \$100. **CARRIED**

Discussion took place regarding the need for resolutions for the upcoming CAPB Conference, and regarding the Law Enforcement Framework Roundtable in Red Deer on April 6 and 7, 2009.

9. Date and Location of the Next AAPG Conference

Discussion took place as to the best time and location for the next AAPG Conference and it was generally **AGREED** that the next AAPG Conference will be held in Calgary in the latter part of April 2010. It was also generally **AGREED** that cities and towns other than Calgary and/or Edmonton should be considered for future conference venues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ACCEPTED:  (Chair)