

CONN PAC MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 16, 2022

Location: UCONN Alumni House Great Hall, Storrs, CT

Attendees: Bethel, Bloomfield, Bridgeport, CCSU, City of Groton, Clinton, Coventry, CSP, Cromwell, Darien, East Hartford, ENCON, Enfield, Farmington, Guilford, Hartford, Manchester, Middletown, Monroe, New Britain, North Haven, Norwalk, Plymouth, POSTC, South Windsor, Torrington, UCONN, Vernon, Wethersfield, Willimantic, and Winsor Locks.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes October 6, 2022 meeting presented for review. Motion made by East Hartford and seconded by Norwalk to accept minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report presented by J. Parker. Balance is \$9,131.30. Motion to accept the report as presented made by Monroe and seconded by North Haven. Vote: Unanimous.

Old Business:

Accreditation Onsite & Mocks:

On-sites: CT: 4-5 agencies in process. There is a lot of work departments need to do and confusion that they need to create an assessment to link policy to CT standard not just provide a policy manual. J. Blank thanked all the volunteer assessors.

CALEA update:

J. Race relayed Paul McMillian is retiring in the Spring. 2023 will be the modified assessment model. One assessor doing on-site, no public hearing or call-in session, but must post link 60 days prior for public comments. CSM will meet with the agency CEO yearly. Next Conference July 2023 in Oklahoma City.

New Business:

Life Members: Motion made by Plymouth and seconded by East Hartford to make Kevin Roberto life member. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion made by UCONN and seconded by City of Groton to make Thomas Kulhawik life member. Vote: Unanimous.

Nominations: Motion made by Monroe and seconded by Norwalk to re-elect current board (President: J. Race, Vice President: M. Silver, Treasurer: J. Parker and Secretary: S. Zecca). Vote: Unanimous.

Training:

J. Race plans a panel discussion for the February meeting. He states that he will be looking to provide more training at meetings.

2022 Thomas J. Pyrcz Spirit of Accreditation Award

Awarded to **Chief Thomas Kulhawik**

Nominated by Mark Palmer as follows:

Thomas Kulhawik has been involved with the accreditation process since 1993. He was part of the Accreditation Team for the Norwalk Police Department's initial CALEA accreditation award in 1995. After that initial award, Tom was appointed as accreditation manager for the Norwalk Police Department and worked toward the Norwalk Police Department's second CALEA accreditation. As an experienced accreditation manager and senior police executive, Tom volunteered as part of the committee that reviewed and updated the POST-C accreditation standards in both 2013 and 2015. He is also a member of the committee that is currently reviewing and updating the POST-C standards. Tom became an active assessor and team leader for both the CALEA and POST accreditation programs.

After being appointed as Chief of the Norwalk Police Department in July 2012, Tom was appointed to the POST Council and chairperson of the POST accreditation committee. In that position, Chief Kulhawik and the committee reviewed agencies who were candidates for POST accreditation and re-accreditation. He also volunteered to the president of the Police Accreditation Coalition, a position he held for approximately six years. Tom was appointed as a CALEA commissioner in 2020 and continues in that role today.

In closing, Chief Kulhawik has been an active participant in both the CALEA and POST accreditation programs for many years. He has assisted many agencies throughout the state with assistance and guidance in both accreditation programs and I believe that his efforts embody the Spirit of Accreditation.

Motion to adjourn made by Norwalk and seconded by Monroe. Vote: Unanimous.

Next Meeting February 2, 2023 at 10am. Southington Police Department