**NACOLE Board Meeting Conference Call**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

**Minutes**

At approximately 1:00 p.m. ET, Susan Hutson called the meeting to order.

**Roll call**

Present: Willie Bell, Cathleen Beltz (left the meeting at/prior to 3 p.m.), Brian Corr (left the meeting at 3 p.m.), Florence Finkle, Anthony Finnell, Margo Frasier, Susan Hutson, Gia Irlando (left the meeting at 3 p.m.), Janna Lewis,

Staff present: Camme McEllhiney and Liana Perez

Absent: Mickey Bradley and Clarence Vaughn

**Check-ins**

1. Board members updated each other on their well-being and discussed the Minneapolis Police Department incident that resulted in the death of George Floyd

**Approval of minutes**

1. Finkle moved to approved the minutes of the May 13, 2020 board meeting, which Finnell seconded. Unanimously approved.

**President’s report**

1. Peer review update: Hutson reported that the Ethics Review Board approved the MOU to which the New Orleans Independent Police Monitor, NACOLE, and the peer reviewers are parties.
2. Hutson reported that tomorrow she will testify before the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, regarding community engagement. Hutson used information from the COPS-grant funded report, Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement: Report on the State of the Field and Effective Oversight Practices, to prepare. Hutson will disseminate to board members the statement she submitted to the commission.

**Staff Reports**

1. NACOLE tax return
   1. Perez described the board’s role in reviewing/approving the return. The return is due in August.
   2. Corr moved to approve the return, which Bell seconded. Unanimously approved.
2. Cvent renegotiated contract
   1. Perez summarized provisions of the new contract, which the board discussed. CVent refused to add any specific *force majeure* language.
   2. Corr moved to approve the new contract, which Frasier seconded. All voted to approve except Lewis.
3. McEllhiney reported that she and Perez spoke with Mildred Duprey de Robles, of the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service, about NACOLE’s work. McEllhiney and Perez will participate in one of the CRS staff’s monthly calls to discuss NACOLE’s work, including our contracted training. The hope is that there might be grants available to fund NACOLE-provided training to jurisdictions. At a minimum, it will help NACOLE re-establish a relationship with this DOJ division.

**Committee Reports**

1. Annual Conference Committee (Beltz/Irlando/Vaughn)
   1. McEllhiney reported that she is working hard to obtain all the information for each panel, e.g., confirmed speakers, bios, panel description, and resources, needed for registration and CLE certification.
2. Communications Working Group (Corr):
   1. Corr reported that the group met on May 21, 2020, via Zoom. The group focused on developing strategies for releasing the COPS-grant funded report.
   2. The group also discussed NACOLE becoming a repository, via its website, for oversight agency reports, by topic.
3. Election and Bylaws Committee (Finnell):
   1. Finnell summarized the Election and Bylaws Committee proposed 2020 elections procedures, which staff provided to the board prior to today’s meeting. The board discussed the committee’s proposal.
   2. At approximately 3:05 p.m., Frasier moved to approve the staff purchasing the selected election software, which Lewis seconded. Unanimously approved.
   3. At approximately 3:10 p.m., Frasier moved to approve the committee’s elections procedures, while amending them to include nominations from the floor, making the presentations three minutes instead of two, requiring requests for proxies to certify that the requestor cannot vote on September 23, 2020 at the specified time, and specifying that voting can take place between 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m., which Bell seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Next board meeting**

* + - 1. The next board meeting will take place on June 10, 2020, at 10:00 ET.

**Adjournment**

1. Hutson adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:12 p.m. ET.