**NACOLE Board Meeting Conference Call**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020**

**Minutes**

At approximately 10:13 p.m. ET, Susan Hutson called the meeting to order.

**Roll call**

Present: Willie Bell (joined call at approximately 10:18 a.m.), Cathleen Beltz, Mickey Bradley, Brian Corr (left the meeting at noon), Florence Finkle, Anthony Finnell, Margo Frasier (joined call at approximately 11:00 a.m., left the call at 11:20 a.m., and rejoined the call at 11:30 a.m.), Susan Hutson, Gia Irlando, Janna Lewis, and Clarence Vaughn (left meeting at noon).

Staff present: Camme McEllhiney and Liana Perez

Absent:

**Approval of minutes**

1. Finkle moved to approved the minutes of the May 27, 2020 board meeting, which Lewis seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Staff Reports**

1. Board reach-out to NACOLE members
   1. McEllhiney reported that she is waiting for all board members to sign-up to reach out to NACOLE members (over 200 people on list)
2. Civilian oversight updates
   1. Individuals reaching out to NACOLE
      1. Perez discussed the characteristics of the inquiries she is receiving from members of the public, government officials, and the media. With respect to the more high-profile media inquiries, Perez is forwarding the requests to Hutson and Frasier, e.g., New Yorker, NYT, and CNN.
      2. Prior to publication of COPs-funded report, *Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement: Report on the State of the Field and Effective Oversight Practices*, McEllhiney is working to create short informational descriptions of 13 principles for effective oversight practices, effective practices, models of oversight, and benefits/limitations of civilian oversight of law enforcement. McEllhiney intends to disseminate to board members and members for media responses.
   2. NACOLE list-serve
      1. Perez discussed the NACOLE list-serve and how it works. Corr, McEllhiney, and Perez serve as moderators. The board discussed various aspects of the list-serve.
   3. Letters of support
      1. The board discussed a draft support letter and letters referencing NACOLE, which staff put in DropBox prior to the meeting.
3. Donor acknowledgement
   1. Perez reported that NACOLE had received approximately $3,100 from approximately 30 individuals (previously unknown to NACOLE). The board discussed emailing, texting, and/or calling donors to offer a personal thank you. Perez and McEllhiney will handle.

**Committee Reports**

1. Annual Conference Committee (Beltz/Irlando/Vaughn)
   1. McEllhiney opened up conference registration earlier this week. Chris Reeder communicated with McEllhiney about encouraging founders to attend the webinars (they can register for free). Past presidents normally get a 50% discount for conference registration, but McEllhiney intends to try to persuade the past presidents, given NACOLE’s fiscal situation, to pay the entire registration fee, if feasible.
   2. Perez reported that boards/commissions sought to pay a single registration for all board/commission members and Perez has relayed that that is not how the annual conference webinars are going to work. McEllhiney is going to make this explicit in marketing materials.
   3. McEllhiney discussed the initiative to try to create virtual social events.
2. Communications Working Group (Corr)
   1. Corr reported that the group is meeting this afternoon.
3. Election and Bylaws Committee (Finnell)
   1. Perez reported that she will pursue by the end of this week acquiring the election software and amend the election procedures, as voted on at the last board meeting. Finnell reported that the committee has not met since the last board meeting.
4. Finance Committee (Frasier)
   1. Frasier reported that the Finance Committee has not met and will probably not meet this month.
   2. Perez indicated that the webinar registrations have been very high, bringing in income that exceeded expectations.
   3. Perez reported that the CD matures on July 1; we have to decide whether to purchase another one.
   4. The board and staff discussed the prospects for future contracted-training and how it would work during the pandemic.
5. Fundraising Working Group (Perez)
   1. Perez reported that she spoke to Avice Reid, who is recovering from surgery, about fundraising leads. Perez is preparing materials to begin to make asks.
6. Member Support and Advocacy Committee (Irlando/Bell)
   1. Perez reported that the committee disseminated the peer-to-peer review to the pilot group and has expanded dissemination to the broader membership, affiliated with civilian oversight agencies.
   2. Irlando reported that Beltz is reviewing the draft protocol for provision of support to members and agencies
7. Strategic Planning Committee (Bradley)
   1. Bradley reported that the committee met last week.
   2. Bradley sent out the draft membership survey and is seeking board comments. The committee hopes to send it out this week to the membership.
   3. Hutson raised the issue of scheduling a virtual board meeting to discuss difficult issues, e.g., expression of viewpoints on social media, which Bradley could facilitate. The board agreed to conduct such a meeting; Bradley said the meeting would consume approximately 90 minutes.
8. Training, Education, and Training Committee (Finkle/Lewis)
   1. Finkle reported that she conducted a webinar last week, on June 3, 2020, for which there were approximately 75 registrants and that the committee has scheduled a webinar for June 23, 2020, on Critical Incident Review, for which there are approximately 100 registrants.
   2. The webinar about handling protests/demonstrations is tentatively scheduled for October 20, 2020. It would have been earlier in the year, but for the annual conference webinars.
   3. The committee will next meet on June 16, 2020.

**Next Board Meeting**

* + - 1. The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 24, at 10 a.m. ET.

**Adjournment**

1. Hutson adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:19 p.m. ET.