**NACOLE Board Meeting Conference Call**

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

**Minutes**

At approximately 10:14 a.m. ET, Susan Hutson called the meeting to order.

**Roll call**

Present: Willie Bell, Cathleen Beltz, Mickey Bradley, Brian Corr, Florence Finkle, Margo Frasier Anthony Finnell, Susan Hutson, Gia Irlando, Janna Lewis (left the meeting at approximately 12:05 p.m.), and Clarence Vaughn

Staff present: Camme McEllhiney and Liana Perez

Absent:

**Approval of Minutes**

Corr moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2020 board meeting, which Finkle seconded. All approved, except for Frasier, who abstained.

**President’s Report**

1. Bylaws Article VI, Section H protocol and conflicts of interest policy
   1. Hutson discussed her proposed edits to NACOLE’s Policies & Procedures, which she circulated yesterday. Other board members discussed some of the specific proposed edits. There was a broader discussion of potential conflicts of interest between NACOLE, board members, and NACOLE members regarding consulting work.
   2. The board decided to finalize changes at the next board meeting.

**Staff Reports**

1. Update on COPS-funded *Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement: Report on the State of the Field and Effective Oversight Practices*
   1. Perez contacted the COPS liaison, who reported that there is no expectation that the administration will publish the report before the election.
   2. The plan is for COPS to complete the layout and NACOLE to publish the report and the interactive toolkit on its own.
   3. The board discussed the overall plan for releasing the report.
2. McEllhiney reported that she and Perez conducted two Civilian Oversight 101 webinar sessions on July 1, 2020, which approximately 150 attended, most of whom Perez and McEllhiney did not know. McEllhiney and Perez received numerous follow-up questions.
   1. McEllhiney said she and Perez are considering conducting another session in August and, subsequently, are on a quarterly basis.
3. Perez indicated that while she is still receiving press inquiries, city managers’ and administrators’ inquiries have increased. According to McEllhiney, approximately 85 new jurisdictions are in contact with NACOLE and are exploring creating civilian oversight.

**Committee Reports**

1. Annual Conference Committee (Beltz/Irlando/Vaughn)
   1. McEllhiney reported that the conference is starting July 20, 2020. She is trying to get all 32 session panelists to test GoToWebinar and is still trying to finalize information for 13 sessions. Karen Williams and Perez will also serve as webinar organizers.
   2. As of today, NACOLE has received approximately $35k in registration, 116 of which are paid, full registration packages.
   3. The subcommittee is finalizing three separate virtual social events.
   4. Irlando reported that Dolores Huertas is scheduled to be the keynote speaker on August 7, 2020.
   5. To date, NACOLE has received four scholarship applications. Frasier moved to approve the applications, which Corr seconded. All approved, except Finkle, who abstained.
2. Communications Working Group (Corr):
   1. Corr had no report; the group has not met since the last board meeting.
3. Election and Bylaws Committee (Finnell)
   1. Finnell had no report; the committee has not met since the last board meeting.
4. Finance Committee (Frasier)
   1. The committee met yesterday and recommends that the board hold-up on renewing the CD because the current interest rates are so low.
   2. The committee also reviewed the financial statements and recommended some adjustments to the conference and overall budgets.
   3. Perez reported that approximately 80% of 2019-2020 members have renewed their memberships for 2020-2021.
   4. Perez and McEllhiney are meeting with the Athens, GA team to re-start the training, virtually.
5. Fundraising Working Group (Perez)
   1. Perez, McEllhiney, Bradley, and Hutson revised the fundraising cover letter and overview of programmatic priorities and obtained input (two hours of work) from a grant writer NACOLE used in 2014.
      1. Perez discussed leveraging board members’ contacts to make corporate and rich individual asks.
   2. Perez reported that she did not yet get a chance to work on the RFP for a professional fundraiser. There was a consensus that the board should proceed in issuing a RFP for a professional fundraiser.
6. Member Support and Advocacy Committee (Irlando/Bell)
   1. Irlando had no report; the committee has not met since the last board meeting. Bell updated the board on events in Detroit, MI.
7. Strategic Planning Committee (Bradley)
   1. Bradley reported that the committee met yesterday. The committee determined that some members did not receive the survey, so NACOLE is re-circulating the survey to these members. Bradley will synthesize the results.
8. Training, Education, and Training Committee (Finkle/Lewis)
   1. Finkle had no report; the committee is scheduled to meet next week.
   2. Hutson suggested that the committee consider collaborating on a webinar about transparency with the National Freedom of Information Coalition.

**Next Board Meeting**

* + - 1. The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. ET.

**Adjournment**

1. Hutson adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:21 p.m. ET.