**NACOLE Board Meeting Conference Call**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

**Minutes**

At approximately 10:05 a.m. ET, Susan Hutson called the meeting to order.

**Roll call**

Present: Willie Bell (left at 10:34 a.m.), Cathleen Beltz (12:34 p.m.), Florence Finkle, Margo Frasier (10:12 a.m.), Anthony Finnell, Susan Hutson, Gia Irlando, Janna Lewis, and Clarence Vaughn (left at 11:30 a.m.)

Staff present: Camme McEllhiney and Liana Perez

Absent: Mickey Bradley and Brian Corr

**Check-ins**

1. Board members and staff apprised each other of how they are doing.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 board meeting, which Finkle seconded. Approved though Hutson abstained.

**President’s Report**

1. Hutson discussed Deborah Jacobs’ situation at the King County Office of Law Enforcement Oversight agency and the draft letter of NACOLE support.
   1. Lewis left the call during this discussion.
2. The board discussed protocols for support letters.
3. New working groups
   1. The board discussed creating new working groups involving model use of force policies and issues involving jails and prisons.
4. The board discussed whether to issue any kind of statement regarding the president’s discussion of deploying law enforcement at the polls. The board determined to monitor the issue.

**Staff Reports**

1. Update on COPS-funded *Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement: Report on the State of the Field and Effective Oversight Practices*
   1. McEllhiney reported that COPS has now returned all nine of the case studies. The new COPS editor is reviewing COPS’ edits for consistency. Perez and McEllhiney have finalized three of the nine.
2. Perez reported that NACOLE has received numerous requests from different jurisdictions exploring creating civilian oversight agencies, which is consuming staff resources.
   1. McEllhiney and Perez said that they are trying not to give away our training/input for free. It’s a fine line. McEllhiney and Perez are apprising jurisdictions of NACOLE contracted-training.
   2. Perez asked board members to let Perez and McEllhiney know whether board members are providing information to jurisdictions so that there are no board member-staff inconsistencies.
   3. McEllhiney said that the next Civilian Oversight 101 webinar will be September 10, 2020.
   4. Perez discussed a request from Virginia community members about proposed VA state legislation concerning civilian oversight.

**Committee Reports**

1. Annual Conference Committee (Beltz/Irlando/Vaughn)
   1. McEllhiney reported that as of today, 515 individuals have registered for the conference and 326 individuals paid for the full conference package. Other individuals made purchases of 777 individual sessions. NACOLE has netted approximately $97,000 thus far.
   2. The committee has started discussions about what the 2021 and 2022 conferences will look like.
2. Communications Working Group (Corr):
   1. Perez reported that the website designer has made some changes.
3. Election and Bylaws Committee (Finnell)
   1. Finnell discussed the committee’s proposals for the technological platform issues for the membership meeting.
   2. The board decided to notify approximately 175 voting members and the non-voting members that they have to RSVP to the membership meeting invite and if they want to be nominated from the floor (as a voting member), they have to attend. Then NACOLE will send out invites to others. All voting members will have access to election platform regardless of whether they attend the membership meeting.
4. Finance Committee (Frasier)
   1. Frasier had no report.
5. Fundraising Working Group (Perez)
   1. Finkle reported that she and Perez recommend that the board withdraw the RFP and regroup, in order to explore state solicitation requirements and discuss the proposed RFP further with fundraising experts, who have thus far recommended hiring an interim executive director. The board had no issue with withdrawing the RFP.
6. Member Support and Advocacy Committee (Irlando/Bell)
   1. Irlando said that the committee will be meeting later today.
   2. The board and staff had a discussion about committee membership, generally.
7. Strategic Planning Committee (Bradley)
   1. Bradley was not present. McEllhiney had no report..
8. Training, Education, and Training Committee (Finkle/Lewis)
   1. Finkle reported that the committee met on August 18, 2020. Following the annual conference webinars, the TES Committee has plans for two webinars:
      1. Approaches to Handling Protests and Demonstrations (DC OPC and Seattle OPA), October 20, 2020.
      2. Analyzing and Reporting Use of Force Data (DC OPC and NOLA IM), November 5, 2020.

**New Business**

* + - 1. McEllhiney and Perez will send out last year’s membership meeting slides to the board so committee chairs can begin preparing for the membership meeting.
      2. The board and staff discussed awards. The board received only one nomination (for a contribution to oversight award). The board decided not to give out any awards and possibly prepare a presentation highlighting employees and/or agencies, based solely on member input, who have succeeded in confronting challenges this year.

**Next Board Meeting**

* + - 1. The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. ET. The board plans on scaling back its meetings to once a month after the annual membership meeting, on September 23, 2020.

**Adjournment**

1. Hutson adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:38 p.m. ET.