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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It is unbelievable how quickly this year has passed. Here we are facing fall and looking toward the holidays. Since our last newsletter we held our Golf Outing on August 7. Thanks to Bob Rosch and Jim Arts and all that helped plan and facilitate the event. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, all that participated had an enjoyable day.

On September 3 we held orientation in Milwaukee for all the candidates selected to attend the National Academy in the near future. The Executive Board also held a meeting that day. At that meeting we accepted a preliminary audit report and anticipate a finished report in December. We also discussed the role of the Past Presidents Committee and newly formed Training Committee in support of the Board. Additionally we endorsed a plan to invest the Conference proceeds with Financial Planning and Investment Services. We will be meeting with them in October to finalize the investment plan.

On September 10 and 11, Dennis Fortunato, Bob Douglas, Jim Arts, and I represented our Chapter at the Section II Meeting held in Michigan. We discussed a myriad of issues including annual conferences, Executive Board and Office updates, insurance issues, academic partnerships, membership renewal and growth, member benefits, training opportunities, Youth Leadership Program, and Section II Chapter issues.

On September 17 we held our Fall Shoot in Waukesha, DEU Supervisory Agent Duncan B. Lingle provided an excellent training session on Controlled Substance Trends. Special thanks go out to him and our Waukesha hosts. At the luncheon it was announced that Armitage and Associates Investigative Services will continue to donate Green Bay Packer tickets to our organization in honor of Bob Langan, memorializing his involvement with our Chapter.

Doug Porrini, our National Association Coordinator for the last 2 plus years, informed us he will be leaving the Milwaukee office. He was provided an opportunity to transfer to the Cleveland office, returning home to his family and friends. I thank Doug for his hard work, commitment and dedication to our Chapter. For many of us he has become more than a coordinator and a professional partner, he has become a friend and brother. On behalf of the Board, we wish Doug and his wife, Anna, the best in their move back home. They will be missed.

The Board will be holding a working session on October 23 in Fond du Lac to finalize our investment plans, develop standard operating procedures for our Chapter events, discuss by-law changes and an incorporation process.

My year as Chapter President will close after our board meeting and holiday luncheon on December 3. I thank you all for your participation in our Chapter this last year. You are the reason we are so successful as a Chapter. I look forward to seeing you all in December.

Sincerely,
Dan

TRAINING COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the newly formed Training Committee of the FBINAA Wisconsin Chapter occurred on August 12, 2009 and was attended by Jeff Frenette, Doug Porrini, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lamb, Joe Collins and Mark Kohl.

The current Committee membership brings a variety of training experience and expertise from both the public and private sector that will provide strategic direction and structure to identifying and delivering current, relevant training themes, curriculum construction and resources (instructor and/or financial) to our various Chapter events including the annual re-trainer, firearms education and other specialized professional development courses.

Engaging with public and private training partnerships and enhancing existing relationships with existing resources such as technical colleges, universities, colleges, LESB and other state and federal entities, will provide additional value to our members. One of the example benefits is the opportunity of offering continuing education units that could apply toward in-service hours.

It is anticipated that the long term vision and actions of this Committee and the Wisconsin Chapter Board will continue to build upon the excellent training this chapter has provided over the years, and to actively promote our image as a leader in law enforcement professional development.

If you have comments, suggestions or would like to become a member of this committee please contact Jeff Frenette at www.jeffrey.frenette@dot.gov

CHAPTER CHAT

I attended the FBI NA as a member of the 232nd Session. My experience was better than one could ever express, and I will have those fond memories forever. I remain in contact with many of my classmates, and have had the opportunity to use my "connections" with fellow classmates to plan trips, obtain policy and procedure, and utilize what I took from the Academy to be a more effective and efficient department leader.

One of the tangibles that I never would have foreseen came following an email from one of our session's overseas attendees. Klaus Tscheres, a member of session 232 from Stuttgart, Germany (Baden-Württemberg), sent the email to all members of the 232nd looking for classmates who may be interested in hosting his 19 yr-old daughter Hanna for six months. I responded, and included a little background of my family, where we live and generally what she could expect if she came to the Eau Claire area. After Hanna and her family reviewed the 40+ responses, Hanna chose to come and stay with us.

Hanna arrived July 2, 2009 and has fit in as another member of our family. She enjoys being with our 4 yr-old Hailey and 5 yr-old Hannah. My wife Michelle introduced Hanna to neighbors that raise and show horses, at which time we learned that Hanna has rode and trained horses since she was 5 yrs-old! Not a day goes by that she doesn't ask when she can ride again!! She also enjoys going for walks and bike rides, putting together impossible puzzles and cooking German style food for us. She is here on a visitor VISA, so she is not able to work a job for pay.

Needless to say, we are very excited to have been given this opportunity, and are learning more than we ever thought we could from this experience. We continue to try to plan for weekly family trips so Hanna can see everything possible. She has been to the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN, Rock fest to see Judas Priest and Journey, camping in Chippewa Falls and most importantly, helped us finish all of our landscaping at our new home. We hope to have the opportunity to bring her to many historic areas in Wisconsin that don't involve cheese.

This opportunity was only made possible because of my attending the FBI NA. I thank everyone that allowed me to be part of such an awesome experience, and all of the things that have come with it!!

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NEW FBINA GRADUATES!

RETIREMENTS

IN MEMORIAM

238th Session

Captain Frank McElderry

Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

Lieutenant Timothy D. Dehring

West Bend Police Department

Sergeant Craig W. Yehlik

New Richmond Police Department

Investigator Chad V. Holum

Chippewa Falls County Sheriff's Office

Douglas Notbohm #162

Wisconsin State Patrol (01/04/2010)

Jeffrey Schmidt #208

Oconomowoc Police Department (01/01/2010)

We are sad to report the death of Robert Langan, 101 Session, Retired Chief of Police, Green Bay Police Department.

Bob died on Thursday, 08/27/2009.

Our sympathy goes out to his family and his department. He will be greatly missed. Bob always had a smile and kind words to say.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Jack Roets, son of Chief Tim Roets, Watertown Police Department - Session 157, represented the Wisconsin Chapter this year at Quantico, VA. There were seven candidates whom applied and Jack was selected by the committee.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Rebecca Carnahan, daughter of Tim Carnahan, Wisconsin State Patrol—Session 235, she plans to attend UW-Madison.

Michael Jacobs, son of Norman Jacobs, Beloit Police Department—Session 199. he plans to attend Valparaiso University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Luncheon
December 3, 2009
Seven Sea's Restaurant
Hartland, Wisconsin

Winter Outing
February 5-7, 2010
Lodge at Geneva Ridge
Lake Geneva, WI

Spring Shoot
May 6, 2010
FBI Range at Caledonia
Racine, Wisconsin

FAREWELL MESSAGES

In case you have not heard through the NA grapevine, I have received orders to report to the Cleveland office, Akron resident agency, to be effective sometime in the next 120 days. This is a voluntary transfer which allows Anna and I to go back home. So save all of your bribes regarding future FBINA slots for my soon to be announced replacement.

Although this transfer is sending me back home, it was a very difficult decision to leave Milwaukee. We did receive several threats from our family members if we turned down the transfer. We have come to love the area and all the friends we have made since we have been here. As some of you know, Milwaukee was not a very high choice for me out of the FBI academy and the only thing I knew about Milwaukee was that Laverne and Shirley were from here. It was a sad day for my wife and I when we found out we were moving away from home going to Milwaukee and strangely enough it is the same way we feel about moving away from Milwaukee.

I have worked a lot of great cases in Milwaukee, but one of the best things I was a part here, was the Wisconsin Chapter of the FBINAA. I have made a lot of good friends in the NA and always had a good time at our events with all of you. I am proud to have been a part of one of the best National Conferences the FBINAA has seen, or will most likely ever see. The members of this chapter have shown me their great dedication to the NA, but more importantly to Law Enforcement as a whole. As most of you know, I was a Police officer for 13 years in Ohio before entering the FBI. The members of this chapter are some the most professional Law Enforcement officers that I have had the pleasure to meet both as a Police Officer and as an FBI Agent.

It is hard going from Packers country to Browns town, have you seen them play lately, but I now have a second favorite team in the Packers. If any of you find yourselves in the Cleveland/Akron area please give me a call, I will get Kim my new number, and I will do the same when I get back in Milwaukee. I am going to try to make the Boston National Conference next year and I will stay involved in the NA when I get to Cleveland. I am leaving the NA in good hands as long as Kim is around, she always made me look good and keeps everything moving forward. It was pleasure being a part of such a great organization and I will miss all of you. Hope to see everyone at the Holiday luncheon.

Take Care,
Doug Porrini

I wanted to let you all know of my plans to complete my term as Executive Director at the end of the year, when my current employment agreement ends. However, I also wanted to follow-up with this short note.

I know that each of you have made these "bittersweet" decisions yourselves. I look forward to some time off, and pursuing some of the other things I do. At the same time I will miss some of the challenges, the learning, and the interaction with each of you, as we have partnered to grab opportunities, looked for better ways to do things and overcome the challenges, all to make the Association stronger and better. I have also considered it a huge blessing that I work for a BD whose every member I like personally and respect professionally.

I also told the EO team yesterday. I stressed that they are an extremely competent team, and that I believe others will judge our collective efforts over the last two and half years as having made the Association a little better. I let them know I will be working right alongside them as normal through the end of the year, and that the BD will undoubtedly find a better ED, to continue advancing the Association...and that I, as a member will be cheering them on.

Thanks to each of you for your leadership, assistance, support and patience during the past years.and
Now back to Work!

Best Regards
Roger L. Trott
Executive Director
FBI NAA, Inc.