

**STATED MEETING OF THE SLED CONSTABLES ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**February 18, 2010**

The regular stated meeting of the SLED Constables Advisory Council was held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, February 18, 2010 in the Palmetto Room at SLED Headquarters, Columbia, South Carolina.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Robert Johnson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00 A.M. and declared a quorum present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Joel Wood. Those in attendance were as follows:

Constable Advisory Council in attendance

Bob Johnson, Chairperson	Midlands Region CAC
Joel Wood	Piedmont Region CAC
Bill Doar	Pee Dee Region CAC

CAC Committee members in attendance:

David Churilla, Training; James Humphries, Policy; David Pfaehler, Policy

SLED Representatives in attendance:

Lt. Ben Moore, Diana White

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the stated meeting for January 21, 2010 were before the Council. Bill Doar made a motion that since copies of the minutes were available that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion received a second from Joel Wood and the motion was approved unanimously. After review, the minutes were approved by common consent.

The docket was presented and approved by common consent.

III. Committee Reports

A. Training Committee:, David Churilla, Chairman

- The Chairman of the Training Committee (Chairman) is now a member of SCLEOA Annual Conference Planning Committee and will coordinate activities for Constables.
- The Chairman presented a report of the planned activities for the August 2010 SCLEOA Annual Convention.
- David Churilla requested that the CAC consider allowing all committee members be allowed to participate in discussions at meetings of the CAC.

B. Policy and Procedures:

- David Pfaehler presented a recommended procedure for receiving proposed changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual from Constables along with a recommended standard form to be used in making suggested changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual.

- David Pfaehler reported that there are six (6) basic topics for changes to the Policy Procedure Manual that continue to surface and these topics will be given consideration by the Committee.
- James Humphries raised questions as to the mission of the Policy and Procedures Committee. After discussion, the “Mission Statement” for the Policy and Procedures Committee from the July 23, 2009 Minutes of the CAC was read and reviewed.

Joel Wood made a motion that the Form presented by David Pfaehler be used by the Committee to receive recommended changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual and the Committee set April 30, 2010 as the cut-off date for receiving initial changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual and that the Committee compiled the requested changes and present the information to the CAC consideration. The motion received a second from Bill Doar and the motion was approved.

#### C. Legislative Committee

- Robert Johnson reported that Bill Hixon had discussed the possibility of passing legislation to give Constables a tax deduction for service. It was a consensus that the passing of such legislation is unlikely during 2010 because of severe short falls in the State Budget.

Joel Wood made a motion that the Committee Reports be received as information. The motion received a second from Bill Doar and the motion carried.

#### IV. New Business

Robert Johnson made a motion that the following items be referred to the Policy and Procedure Committee for consideration:

- That the policy on the use of government owned vehicles and equipment by Constables be clarified in the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- That the proper clothing and protective gear for special duty be clarified in the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- That the use of .380 auto pistols be approved as “Backup Weapons” for Constables.
- That the wording on the Constable Badge be reviewed by the Committee

The motion received a second from Bill Doar and the motion carried.

Bill Doar made a motion that the IT Committee be asked to post the “Federal Beneficiary Form” and the “Emergency Notification Form” with instruction on how to file be posted on the Web site if possible. The motion received a second from Joel Wood and the motion carried.

Diana White reported that some Constables have signed up for work assignments and did not show up or canceled at the last minute. This causes problems for those that are depending on the Constable to fill specific work assignments. It was requested that the CAC look at possible solutions for this problem.

Diana White requested that the CAC prepare a presentation highlighting the accomplishments of the CAC for the April 16, 2010 meeting of the CAC. The April 16, 2010 meeting will be the first general session of the CAC open to all Constables.

Robert Johnson made a motion that Randy Hodge be added to the Policy and Procedure Committee and that the vetting process begin as soon as possible. The motion received a second from Bill Doar and the motion carried.

V. New Business:

Final approval of the By-Laws of the CAC are awaiting approval by SLED and it is hoped that By-Laws will be ready by the April meeting of the CAC.

VI. Next Meeting:

The next regularly stated meeting of the Constables Advisory Council will be held on March 18, 2010 at a location to be determined.

VII. Adjournment:

There being no further business Bill Doar moved that the meeting be adjourned with prayer. The Motion received a second from Robert Johnson and the motion carried.

Joel Wood adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by

Joel E. Wood, CAC Piedmont Region