

Private Security and Investigators Policy Committee Minutes January 19, 2006

The Private Security Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on January 19, 2006 at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Monmouth, Oregon. Chair Harold Burke-Sivers called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Attendees

Committee Members:

Harold Burke-Sivers, Chair
Eric Meyer, Vice Chair
Derek Bliss, Armed Security
Chris Bloom, Private Investigators – via telephone
William Herrick, Private Investigators
Brandon Mak, Unarmed Security
Jeff Martin, Alarm Industry
David Tucker, Healthcare Industry
Michael Rivard, Hospitality Industry – via telephone

Committee Members Absent:

Lael Cooksley, Public Member
Judy Pongratz, Retail Industry
Randall Woolard, Private Business

DPSST Staff:

Brian Henson, Private Security Supervisor
Karen Evans, Private Security Trainer/Investigator
Eriks Gabliks, Deputy Director
Chris Brodniak, Private Investigators Compliance Specialist
Rose Mann, Executive Secretary to the Board

Guests:

Julie Brandis, Associated Oregon Industries
Bill Perry, Oregon Restaurant Association
Ryan Shake, Loomis Fargo
Greg Parsons
Clint Ezell, Loomis Fargo

Nicole Braman, PSU Executive Leadership Institute
Robert Kauffman, PSU Executive Leadership Institute



Introductions were made and Chris Bloom and William Herrick, who both represent the private investigator sector, introduced and presented background information on themselves.

Bill Perry with the Oregon Restaurant Association expressed concern with the confusion of how SB 61 is being implemented. Specifically, determination if employees are required to be certified or not. There was discussion and clarification of the intent of SB 61.

This topic will be deferred to a future meeting and placed on the agenda.

A representative with Wells Fargo expressed concern regarding employees having trouble getting paperwork processed for armed security – sometimes the waiting period has been several months. They wanted to know if there was anything they could do to expedite the process that they are not doing. Harold Burke-Sivers explained the hold-up could be on the FBI's end in processing fingerprints – they can get backlogged. Harold Burke-Sivers stated Brian Henson, Private Security Supervisor, will look into the problem and get back to Wells Fargo.

1. Minutes (September and December, 2005)

Eric Meyer moved to approve the minutes from the September, 2005 Private Security Policy Committee meetings. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Chris Bloom moved to approve the December 2005 Private Security Policy Committee meeting. Eric Meyer seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

The minutes from the November 8, 2005 meeting will be placed on the next Private Security Policy Committee meeting agenda in March.

2. Strategic Planning

Robert Kauffman and Nicole Braman presented information on Strategic Planning and emphasized the importance of input from the Committee members and their constituents. Harold Burke-Sivers requested members to contact their various constituents and solicit their input.

3. Sub-Committee Reports

- Administrative Rules – Harold Burke-Sivers reported that the process of streamlining the OARs has begun. Changes from SB 61 have been

incorporated and incorporation accreditation rules that apply to private investigators are being added. Once these additions and changes are made the streamlining will begin to happen.

- Accreditation – Harold Burke-Sivers reported the sub-committee is currently developing a process and proposed administrative. The goal is to put a process in place that allows companies to accredit their training as meeting the BPSST training standards. There needs to be a designated person with each company that will be the contact person concerning accreditation for DPSST. There also needs to be a designated trainer that is certified by DPSST. There also be some type of instrument to measure the performance objectives – this is not being mandated but reviewed by DPSST. The sub-committee is considering making accreditation renewed every two years. The Chair requested DPSST staff to research the Public Meetings Law regarding curriculum and public information.
- Curriculum – No report. Harold Burke-Sivers asked for volunteers to chair the Curriculum Sub-committee.
- Armed – Derek Bliss reported the Armed Sub-committee is scheduled for March 13 at 9:00 a.m. at First Response office in Beaverton. Bill Garland is re-writing the curriculum, producing the PowerPoint and generally improving how we instruct our instructors.
- Alarm Monitor – Jeff Martin stated his intention is to introduce a bill that will propose language to require background investigations and certification for alarm monitors who also respond to fire, medical emergencies, and panic calls because they are still acting with emergency services and possibly adding alarm installers, technicians and sales people as they are going into people's homes.
- Investigators – no report as there has not been a subcommittee meeting yet.

Brian Henson asked that everyone please refrain from referring to OBI (Oregon Board of Investigators) as OBI no longer exists. The private investigator program is a program under the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. OBI has officially been abolished as a State agency. DPSST is currently issuing private investigator licenses. The temporary rules are in effect as of January 1, 2006.

On February 1, 2006 the OBI website will disappear from the Internet. DPSST is working to incorporate all private investigator information to the DPSST website. Until a new site is built and the database incorporated people will need to contact DPSST in person and staff will personally look up the information. Jeff Martin volunteered to have someone develop an interim webpage for private investigators to let constituents know what is happening and redirect them to the DPSST web page. Discussion continued without a clear solution.

4. Training and Investigations Update

Karen Evans presented an update on investigations.

5. DPSST Update

Brian Henson introduced Chris Brodniak, the investigator for private investigators; stated that Melissa Schmidt is the new licensing specialist for the private investigator unit of the program, Heather Gaona has been promoted to Office Specialist 2 and Jodie Bartlett will be transferring back to Private Security/Investigations as an Office Specialist 1.

6. Old Business

Eric Meyer presented a proposal to informally change the name of the Private Security Policy Committee to the Private Security and Investigators Policy Committee and revise the operating philosophy, vision statement and goals to include private investigators. The name of the Private Security Policy Committee can only be changed through statute – legislative concept.

A copy of the new philosophy, vision statement and goals was handed out to Committee members.

Derek Bliss moved to adopt the name Private Security and Investigators Policy Committee. Eric Meyer seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

William Herrick moved to adopt the revised philosophy, vision statement and goals as amended by the Committee for the Private Security and Investigators Policy Committee. Derek Bliss seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

7. Term Limits

Brian Henson stated two positions on the Private Security and Investigators Policy Committee are vacant and Committee members should recruit for two people to fill the vacated Hospitality and Manufacturing Industry positions. Derek Bliss will serve a second term. Harold Burke-Sivers and Eric Meyer are serving a second term on the Board and their terms expire on the Board in 2008. They will no longer be able to serve on the Board and therefore not be able to serve on the policy committee as representatives of the Board. It may be possible for them to come back and serve on the Policy Committee representing a segment of the private security industry.

Derek Bliss stated he is willing serve a second term. Michael Rivard has resigned, but will stay on through the end of his term. Randy Woolard has also expressed a desire to serve a second term. Jeff Martin also is willing to serve a second term.

8. Training

Karen Evans handed out a list of possible training topics committee members and constituents have expressed interest in regarding training they would like to have in 2006.

The Private Security Policy Committee meeting in June scheduled to be held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy is changed to be held in Redmond – this will give DPSST staff time to settle in to the new facility. The September meeting will be held at the OPSA.

Following discussion, the Committee determined training in March will address Arson Investigation and Legally Defensible Report Writing; Range 3000 in June in Redmond and the meeting in September will include a tour of the new facility in lieu of training.

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.