



MACP Board of Directors' Meeting

September 11, 2025

Sylvan Lake Community Center Sylvan Lake, MI

MINUTES

Present:

Chief Corrigan O'Donohue (President); Chief Paul Brentar (2nd Vice President); Chief Todd Woods (3rd Vice President); Chief Tim Jungel (Secretary/Treasurer); Chief Bryan Ergang (Immediate Past President); Director Matt Koehn (District 2); Director Paul Myszenski (District 3); Chief Jay Allen (District 5); Director Matt Messer (District 6); Chief Christopher Simpson (District 8); Chief Georgia Andres (District 9); Chief Amanda Clough (District 11, Alt.); Chief Ryan Grim (District 12); Deputy Chief Mark Bliss (District 13, Alt.); and Col. James Grady II (District 14).

Also Present:

MI HIDTA Deputy Director David Molloy (Past President); Chief Jason Allen (District 3, Alt.); F/Lt Nicole McGhee (District 14, Alt.); Executive Director Ron Wiles (MACP/Past President); and Accreditation Director Matt Silverthorn (MACP).

The meeting was called to order by President Corrigan O'Donohue and attendance was taken.

Approval of the Minutes

Chief Messer offered a motion to *Approve the Minutes of the June 21, 2025 Board & Nominating Committee Meetings*; the motion was supported by Chief Ergang, and the motion carried by unanimous consent. The Minutes of the June 21, 2025 Board & Nominating Committee Meetings were adopted as written.

Report of the President

President O'Donohue welcomed the Board members to the community of Sylvan Lake.

Report of the Secretary/Treasurer: Chief Tim Jungel

Secretary/Treasurer Chief Tim Jungel provided the Board with an update of the current MACP financials. The bank and investment accounts of the Association total \$2,036,146. The 2025 profit loss through September 2, 2025, reflects a net loss of \$12,806.32. The Association remains in good financial standing.

Chief Messer offered a motion to *Approve the MACP Financials as Presented*; the motion was supported by Chief Woods and passed by unanimous consent.

Report of the Executive Director: Ret. Chief Ron Wiles

New Membership Applications for Approval

ACTIVE VOTING

A motion was offered by Chief Ergang and seconded by Chief Jungel to *Approve the Applications for Active Voting Membership*. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- Nelson Cannon, Sr., Chief, Garfield Police Department, Fife Lake, MI

- Adam DeBoer, Interim Chief, South Haven Police Department, South Haven, MI
- Joseph FitzGerald, Chief, Northwest Regional Airport Authority PD, Traverse City, MI
- Marc A. Gaynier, Chief, Erie Township Police Department, Erie, MI
- Robert Shelide, Chief, Shelby Township Police Department, Shelby Township, MI

ACTIVE

A motion was offered by Director Myszenski and seconded by Chief Woods to *Approve the Applications for Active Membership*. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- Mark Benedettini, Lieutenant, Shelby Township Police Department, Shelby Township, MI
- William C. Bowen, Detective, Petoskey Department of Public Safety, Petoskey, MI
- Robert Gaiser, Deputy Chief, Caro Police Department, Caro, MI
- J P Gracey, Sergeant, Essexville Department of Public Safety, Essexville, MI
- Cody Hawkins, Commander, Farmington Department of Public Safety, Farmington, MI
- Scott Lamont, Lieutenant, Petoskey Department of Public Safety, Petoskey, MI
- Daniel J. Loder, Lieutenant, Cheboygan Police Department, Cheboygan, MI
- Scott Matthew, Captain, Fraser Department of Public Safety, Fraser, MI
- Joy Matthews, Sergeant, Kent County Sheriff's Office, Grand Rapids, MI
- Dan Northup, Deputy Director, St. Joseph Department of Public Safety, St. Joseph, MI
- Gregory Pearl, Sergeant, Center Line Department of Public Safety, Center Line, MI
- Mike Simpson, Investigations Captain, Birmingham Police Department, Birmingham, MI
- Michelle Spoelma, Lieutenant, Lansing Police Department, Lansing, MI
- Christopher Takemoto, Captain, Bridgman Police Department, Bridgman, MI
- Paul Tennes, Deputy Chief, University of Michigan DPS – Dearborn, Dearborn, MI
- Mike Verwys, Sergeant, Rockford Department of Public Safety, Rockford, MI

SUPPORTING

A motion was offered by Chief Jungel and seconded by Chief Ergang to *Approve the Application for Supporting Membership*. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- Peak Leadership & Consulting, Mr. Chad Connelly, Ashley, MI

Winter Conference Preview

Executive Director Wiles provided a preview of the upcoming Winter Conference.

Attendee Registration is open for the 2026 Winter Conference and registration for the Exhibitors is expected in a few days. We are expecting around 400 attendees and 165-170 exhibitors at the 2026 event. CPE credits will be offered for this event. The Training & Education Committee will meet on September 24th to select the professional development sessions, and they will be posted shortly after on the website.

The MACP has signed contracts with the Amway Grand to hold our winter conferences through 2030. There were a few additional details that needed to be ironed out and that process has been completed.

Deputy Director Position

Executive Director Wiles requested the Board's authorization to establish a Deputy Director position at the MACP office. He presented the Board with a proposed job description and requested their approval to proceed with posting the position. He noted that the role would be a hybrid position, with some days worked in the office and others remotely from home.

A motion to Authorize the Creation of the Deputy Director Position at the MACP office, and to Proceed with Seeking Applications and Filling the Position, was offered by Director Myszenski; the motion was supported by Chief Simpson and passed by unanimous consent.

Robert Stevenson Winter Conference Scholarship

Executive Director Wiles requested the Board's approval to rename the conference grant scholarships as the Robert Stevenson Winter Professional Development Conference Grant. The grant will be offered to Chiefs/Directors from smaller departments (defined as having fewer than 25 sworn officers) to attend the 2026 Winter Professional Development Conference. It will cover their conference registration fee and two nights of accommodation at the Amway Grand Plaza. A JotForm application will be circulated for interested individuals to apply. A limited number of grants will be available.

MACP Mentoring Program

Executive Director Wiles expressed an interest in resurrecting a small committee to mentor new chiefs. The Board expressed their support for the initiative, and Director Myszenski volunteered to chair the committee. Chief Andres, Chief Ergang, and Chief Simpson volunteered to serve as members of the Chiefs Mentoring Committee.

New Employee Manual

The Board was provided with a copy of the new MACP Employee Manual for review.

A motion to Approve and Adopt the MACP Employee Manual was offered by Chief Simpson; the motion was supported by Director Myszenski, and passed by unanimous consent.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Executive Assistant Janeice Morrow for her work in drafting the manual.

Professional Development Update

Update will be provided by Accreditation Director Silverthorn.

New Chiefs' School Reception – Monday, Sept 22, 2025

Executive Director Wiles noted that the Monday reception at New Chiefs School will be held on Monday, September 22, 2025. As the date falls later in the month, it will not coincide with a regularly scheduled Board meeting. He invited any Board members who are interested to attend the 5:00 p.m. reception to meet and mingle with the attendees.

Board members who would like overnight accommodation, which will be provided by the MACP, should contact Janeice Morrow.

Report of the Accreditation Program Director: Matt Silverthorn

Accreditation Update

The Accreditation Conference was reported to be a great success, with 160 attendees participating in the event held in Mt. Pleasant. This reflects an increase from the 140 attendees at last year's conference.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is preparing to complete their Accreditation by next summer. Upon completion, they will become the largest accredited agency to date.

The MACP will be offering an Advanced Accreditation Manager Training before the end of the year. Details will be provided when we have more information on date and location.

Director Silverthorn reported that the Updated Accreditation Standards will be released October 1st.

MLEAC Request for New Member on Commission

Director Nicholas Arnold will be retiring from Portage DPS and has resigned his position on the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC). His seat represents a law enforcement position on the Commission.

Auburn Hills Police Chief Ryan Gagnon has expressed interest in serving on the Commission. A copy of his Letter of Interest and Biography was included in the Board packet for review.

A motion to approve Chief Ryan Gagnon to serve on the MLEAC was offered by Director Myszenski, supported by Chief Simpson, and passed by unanimous consent.

Reports of the Special Committees

Legislative Committee Report

Chairman Kirk was unable to attend, so Executive Director Wiles provided an update on several bills discussed at Tuesday's Legislative Committee Meeting.

Matt Rybar, Executive Director of the Michigan Drone Association (MDA), provided information to the MACP regarding draft drone legislation expected to be introduced soon. He requested that the Committee consider reviewing the bills and shared a brief update on the MDA's positions. The Committee agreed to review the bills once they are formally introduced.

HB 4586 proposes dropping the age from 21 to 18 to apply for concealed weapons permits. The Committee opposed.

HB 4587 involves the restoration of the ability to get a firearm after legally deemed to be mentally ill. The Committee opposed.

HB 4597 allows local government (including police chiefs) to set speed limits within their jurisdiction. No speed study is required. The Committee opposed.

HB 4690 mandatory penalties for certain crimes including fleeing and alluding the police. Mandatory 2-year penalty. The Committee supports.

HB 4760 removes law enforcement's ability to wear masks. Violation is a misdemeanor. Information on names and addresses would also be released. The Committee opposed.

Executive Director Wiles additionally reported that several previous Police Accountability bills, including Use of Force and No Knock, have resurfaced. However, these bills have been tie-barred to a bill introduced by Senator Irwin concerning law enforcement training, which the MACP views negatively.

While the MACP was able to support the final versions of the Use of Force and No Knock bills last session, the Committee will not approve the current package unless the tie-bar to the training bill is removed.

MCOLES Report – Exec. Director Tim Bourgeois

Executive Director Bourgeois reported that the only item of note was the finalization of the state budget. He explained that the budget includes a proposal to move MCOLES from being housed under the Michigan State Police (MSP) to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). He shared information regarding the potential impact this change would have on MCOLES.

SACOP Report – Chief Matt Bade

No report was provided.

New Business

Michigan HIDTA Deputy Director David Molloy (MACP Past President) reported that \$3 million has been proposed by HIDTA for public safety grants. He noted that they are looking for any law enforcement members to serve on the committee.

Old Business

Chief Woods inquired as to whether there are still funds available through MCOLES to attend the academy. Another member of the Board was told by a representative of the academy that there were not any.

X-Items

Chief Woods inquired whether the MACP is considering putting a mission together. Executive Director Wiles is currently looking into the possibility and will follow up with Chief Woods.

Request for News from Districts

District 5 reported that there are still challenges in hiring people. Additionally, there are a lot of questions about MCOLES issues.

District 8 inquired as to whether District 8 has an alternate representative on the Board. Executive Director Wiles will look into it and report back to Chief Simpson.

District 14 -- Col. Grady (MSP) conveyed that they would like to have a representative from MACP (and MSA) to sit on a Homeland Security Committee that will discuss issue/concerns in Michigan. The goal is to create better communication/collaboration. The date of the first committee meeting should be announced shortly. Director Matt Koehn (Berkley) has volunteered to represent the MACP on the Homeland Security Committee.

A motion to *Adjourn* was offered by Chief Messer; the motion was supported by Chief Woods and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.