



MACP Board of Directors' Meeting
September 14, 2026
MACP Office
Okemos, MI

MINUTES

Present:

Chief Brian Lipe (President); Chief Paul Brentar (1st Vice President); Chief Todd Woods (2nd Vice President); Chief Marc VanderStelt (3rd Vice President); Chief Corrigan O'Donohue (Immediate Past President); Chief Al Maciag (District 1); Director Matt Koehn (District 2); Director Paul Myszenski (District 3); Chief William Renye (District 4); Director Matt Messer (District 6); Chief Kyle Bawks (District 7); Chief Chris Simpson (District 8); Chief Eric Muszynski (District 9, Alt.); Chief Ryan Grim (District 12); Assistant Chief Mark Bliss (District 13, Alt.); Lt. Colonel David Sosinski and Captain Matt Williams (District 14, Alt.).

Also Present:

Chief Kellie Bauss (District 2, Alt.); Chief Jason Allen (District 3, Alt.); Director Kevin Callahan (District 6, Alt.); Chief David Kirk (District 7, Alt./Legislative Committee Chair); Director Darin McIntosh (District 8, Alt.); Executive Director Ron Wiles (MACP/Past President); Deputy Director Bryan Ergang (MACP/Past President); and Accreditation Director Matt Silverthorn (MACP).

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Lipe and attendance was taken.

Approval of the Minutes

Chief Brentar offered a motion to *Approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2026 Board and Nominating Committee Meetings*; the motion was supported by Director Myszenski, and the motion carried by unanimous consent. The Minutes of the June 20, 2026 Board and Nominating Committee Meetings were adopted as written.

Report of the President

President Lipe introduced Rev. Markel Hutchins and invited him to address the Board.

Rev. Markel Hutchins joined the meeting remotely to discuss the upcoming National Faith and Blue Weekend, scheduled for October 9-12, 2026. The initiative was started in 2020 to counteract division between law enforcement and communities following tragedies, which leads to officers leaving the profession and a rise in officer suicides.

Rev. Hutchins expressed his gratitude for Michigan's continued collaboration and strong performance since the initiative began. In order to increase participation, agencies are encouraged to send officers or command staff to visit local faith-based organizations during their regularly scheduled services.

The Board agreed to have Executive Director Wiles send information about the upcoming National Faith and Blue Weekend to police agencies in the organization to encourage participation.

Report of the Secretary/Treasurer: Chief Tim Jungel

In Chief Jungel's absence, Executive Director Wiles provided the Board with the financial report.

The current 2026 net income, as reflected in the profit-loss statement, is \$78,000. The total net worth of all accounts of the Association is approximately \$2.2 million.

A motion to *Accept the Financials as Presented* was offered by Chief Bawks; the motion was supported by Director Koehn and passed by unanimous consent.

Executive Director Wiles additionally reported that the balance in the MACP checking account at MSU Federal Credit Union has grown beyond the Association's operational needs. To obtain a better rate of return, Wiles consulted with Matt Teetor of Sequoia, who recommended transferring \$200,000 of the excess funds into a low-risk bond investment with an anticipated yield of 4% to 6%. The funds would remain accessible and could be withdrawn if needed.

A motion to *Move \$200,000 from the MACP Checking Account to a Schwab Bond Investment* was offered by Chief Messer; the motion was supported by Director Myszenski and passed by unanimous consent.

Report of the Executive Director: Ronald Wiles (Ret. Chief)
New Membership Applications for Approval**ACTIVE VOTING**

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

- Tony Modica, Chief, Carleton Police Department, Carleton, MI
- Joel Warren, Chief, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Detroit, MI

ACTIVE

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

- Joshua Bowers, Lieutenant, Troy Police Department, Troy, MI
- Dave Capron, Sergeant, New Buffalo Police Department, New Buffalo, MI
- Kyle Doster, Lieutenant, Portage Department of Public Safety, Portage, MI
- Rob Nagle, Captain, Fraser Department of Public Safety, Fraser, MI
- Joseph Punt, Detective, Gun Lake Tribe DPS, Shelbyville, MI
- Kevin Putnam, Detective Sergeant, Adrian Police Department, Adrian, MI

SUPPORTING

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

- Cardiac Solutions, Mr. Ben Yother, Birmingham, AL
- T-Mobile, Mr. William Reichling, Livonia, MI

2026 Summer Conference Review

Executive Director Wiles reported that 191 attendees and 69 exhibitors attended the Summer Conference. Regarding the audio issues experienced during the conference, Shanty Creek has hired a new contractor, which is expected to resolve the problem.

Concerns regarding the banquet meal service were also discussed with Shanty Creek, and the venue has been made aware of the issues.

SACOP Representative

The MACP is still seeking a representative from Michigan to serve on the IACP State Associations of Chiefs of Police (SACOP). The representative attends the IACP Midyear and Annual Conferences, with expenses covered by the MACP. Additional SACOP meetings are held virtually each month.

If you are interested in serving, please email Executive Director Wiles. If no one expresses interest, the opportunity will be posted on the MACP Community Forums.

New Premier Partner Sponsorship

The MACP has restructured its conference sponsorship opportunities, including the introduction of the new Premier Partner. This year-long partnership provides numerous benefits, including ongoing engagement and promotional opportunities throughout the year. The annual investment is \$25,000. The new program was launched a week ago, and the MACP has already secured two Premier Partners. All new sponsorship opportunities are listed on the website.

Executive Director Wiles also reported that much of the summer was devoted to upgrading the MACP website to provide a more modern, user-friendly experience and improved access for members, exhibitors, and partners. Additionally, a welcome packet has been developed for new chiefs and will be distributed when they become MACP members, along with contact information for the MACP District Representatives.

Profit Share Agreement Review

A list of the MACP's current profit-sharing agreements is included in the Board packet. The seven partnerships are structured to first benefit the membership and then the association. This information is being provided to familiarize the Board with the agreements currently in place and the revenue they generate for the association.

Report of the Deputy Director: Bryan Ergang (Ret. Chief) Professional Development Update

The Police Executives' and New Chiefs' School class is underway with 36 attendees. The reception will be held right after this meeting, and all Board members are invited to stop in.

The Training and Education Committee will meet on September 23rd to review the speaking proposals received and select the speakers and agenda for the 2027 Winter Conference.

Report of the Accreditation Program Director: Matt Silverthorn
Accreditation Update

The Fall Accreditation Conference was held September 2–3, 2026, in Mt. Pleasant, with 140 attendees—an increase from the previous year. The MLEAC met during the conference on September 3, awarding reaccreditation to seven agencies and initial accreditation to three agencies. These awards bring the total number of accredited agencies to 106.

The next Advanced Accreditation Manager Training is scheduled for October 6, 2026, in Northville Township. There are currently 9 attendees registered.

Director Silverthorn also reported that JillAnne Bauer is retiring and will no longer serve on the MLEAC. Dan Keller, retired Chief of the White Lake Township Police Department, has returned to serve as a civilian member of the MLEAC.

Reports of the Special Committees

Legislative Committee Report – Chief David Kirk (Chairman)

Chief Kirk provided an update on the bills reviewed at this morning’s Legislative Committee Meeting.

Monitoring:

- HB 6028 (Veterans’ Court): Bipartisan support but prosecutor concerns; committee will monitor.

Opposing:

- HB 6022 (Mental Health Privatization): Opposed due to procedural burdens for law enforcement and loss of income for community mental health services.
- HB 6092 (DNA Testing Expansion): Opposed because it would require law enforcement to retain evidence longer, shifting focus to civil remedies.
- HB 6128 (Open Field Doctrine): Opposed as it undermines established case law used as a law enforcement tool.
- HB 6237 & SB 1136 (Disability Benefits): Opposed as written due to reduced local control over funding, potentially leading to staffing losses.
- HB 6272 & HB 6273 (Speed Restrictions): Opposed due to concerns about narrowly focused legislation and potential for frequent, problematic localized requests for speed changes.
- HB 6297 (Child Abuse & Neglect): Opposed as written due to vague language, overlapping processes, and increased workloads without addressing staffing or funding.
- SB 1131 (License Plate Readers): Opposed due to reducing data retention to 14 days and adding a search warrant requirement; standard retention is 30 days per state law (Schedule 11), and reducing it could expose agencies to legal risks for premature destruction of public records.

Supporting:

- HB 6166 (E-Bike Regulation): Supported as a first step to regulate e-bikes for operators under 17.
- HB 6222 & HB 6223 (Cryptocurrency): Supported for establishing controls and addressing deceptive trade practices.
- HB 6276 (Parole Increases): Supported for increasing minimum parole terms for serious offenses (murder, rape, armed robbery).

No Position/Tabled:

- HB 6284 & HB 6285 (Firearm Accessories): No position pending state-level action following a federal court ruling against tax stamps for silencers.
- HB 6301 (Court Records): Tabled for further review due to concerns about sponsor's potential conflict of interest (owns a bond company).

Executive Director Wiles noted that the ALPR position letter, opposing the bills, was sent out to congressional leaders on behalf of the MACP. He noted that the new recommendation (by Flock) is 7 days. In Michigan, regulations are 30 days. He recommended speaking with your agency's attorney.

MCOLLES Report – Exec. Director Tim Bourgeois

The new MCOLLES website launched on September 14, 2026, to improve user experience.

Agencies are reminded to have all CPE from the last 2.5 years (60 hours total) updated by December 31, 2026.

The commission will set the 2027 CPE funding amount soon. Director Bourgeois noted a significant legislative cut to the CPE budget.

Efforts are underway to ensure that all officers complete and properly record their mandated training by December 31, 2026. While most officers are currently in compliance, some agencies still have officers with outstanding training records.

SACOP Report

There was no report provided.

New Business

There was no new business report.

Old Business

There was no old business report.

X-Items

District 2 shared that the National Assailant's Conference will be the second week of June in 2027. Director Koehn also noted that MSP has placed a couple of people on the Oakland County Task Force.

Captain Williams reported that the Toxmaster breathalyzer system requires operators to renew certification online every two years. The system currently allows expired users to complete the renewal course, which does not validate certification, creating a physical block when lapsed users attempt to use the machine. He noted that once on the new system, it is linked to the MiTrain account.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.