

January 10, 2007 General Membership Meeting

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Tommie Haffelder - P
Past President	Robert Wisian - P
Vice President	Norris McCord - P
Secretary	Jim Andrist - P (late)
Treasurer	Randy Malone - P
Sgt. at Arms	Ernie Hinkle - P
Board	Henry Tomlin - P
Board	Bill Whitaker - P
Board	Norman Toungate - P
Board	Ben Vega - P

2. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Brother Whitaker to accept the minutes of the December 2006 meeting as written, Second by Brother Toungate.

Discussion – None

Approved by voice vote.

3. Membership report: (Resignations and new members)

As off 1-09-07 our paid membership is at 123, of the current 384 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership. As of January 1, 2007, 78 members were dropped due to non-payment of dues.

4. Reports of Committees-

Benevolent Committee – Ben Vega –

Al Shaffer & Gene Freudenberg's mother passed away
Bill Ligon's wife is in South Austin Hospital
Ron Sommers' son is in hospital with cancer
Spanky Monaghan is not doing well due to his cancer

Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone – We will have a fishfry gathering on Saturday May 12th, 5pm at the Manchaca Fire Hall. This will be free to all members and one guest of each member. Non members and additional guest will be \$10.50 each. Notices will be sent out and please RSVP by May 5th so we can tell the Firehall how many plates we will need.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee - Ernie Hinkle – Attached you will find the proposed changes to our Constitution which we will be voting on at our March meeting.

Legislative Committee – Sam Jordan was present to inform us that a bill had been filed and a portion of that bill included a boost in our death benefit from \$7,500.00 to \$10,000.00, a request made by the APROA. This bill was given to Rep. Dukes to carry this session. We may need to get involved with this bill to make sure it does get filed in both the House and Senate. There should be no opposition at all but we have to get the process started and after that we may need to make one or two hearing just to show support for the bill

Motion made by Brother Frisinger to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Brother Tomlin.

Discussion – none

Approved by voice vote

5. Treasurer Report - Copies attached to minutes

We estimated our carry over for 2007 would be \$15,000.00, but our actual carry over was \$14,788.64 which should not create any issues for our 2007 budget.

We estimated an income of \$7,000.00 in dues for 2007 and this was based on a membership of 200 members. Currently we are at 123 but like last year renewals will come in slowly.

Due to our dropping out of the Texas Fop we had to adjust our budget. We estimated an income from the FOP of \$1,275.00 with a pay out to the FOP of \$1,054.50. The remaining \$220.50 had to be adjusted and the Board approved adjusting the Unspecified Funds from \$870.50 to \$650.00 to cover the difference. This is reflected in the 2007 Budget copies, which were passed out today.

Motion made by Brother Toungate to accept the Treasurer's report, Second by Brother Andrist.

Discussion - None

Approved by voice vote

6. Communications and Bills – none reported

7. Unfinished Business –

Meeting with Council Member Mike Martinez – Brother Haffelder reported he has again attempted to contact Councilman Martinez but continues to get voice mail.

8. New Business

Changes being made to Web Site

Currently with Startlogic – Renew for 2 years - \$142.80 + \$13.00 for name

GoDaddy – Renew for 3 years, including name \$113.63

(In 2006 we paid out \$119.40 for one year of Web hosting with Startlogic)

The change should not cause any issues for those using the site at all.

Sam Jordan & Michelle Waller (Austin Police Retirement System) brought in forms for the members who wanted to sign up for the Tax Exemptions on health insurance. Sam Jordan reported this tax break was going into effect this month. This new law allows up to \$3,000.00 in tax exemptions for health insurance.

Norris McCord made a motion to make Evelyn Davis an honorary member, second by Kendall Thomas.

Discussion – none

Approved by voice vote

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Brother Raines to adjourn, Second by Brother Whitaker.

No discussion.

Approved by voice vote

Jim Andrist – Secretary
(By Randy Malone)

The following changes to our Constitution should correct all sections which needed to be changed due to our pulling out of the Texas FOP. Other changes being made were changes that were overlooked when we changed our Fiscal Year and minor typos.

Constitution

Article 1

Name and Purpose

1.1. Name. The name of the corporation is AUSTIN POLICE RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (~~FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 91~~) hereinafter referred to as the Association.

*****This change is needed due to our dropping the FOP*****

Article III

Members

3.1 Classes. There shall be (~~four~~) two (2) classes of Membership: Active and Honorary.

*****This is a Typo Correction*****

3.3. Termination of Membership. Any Member may terminate membership in the Association by written resignation tendered to the Board of Directors. A member's membership in the Association shall terminate by lapsing if that member's dues or assessments (~~remain unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after being notified in writing by the Board of Directors or its designee of such unpaid dues or assessments~~). A member's membership in the Association shall terminate upon the member's final conviction of a felony or of a crime involving moral turpitude.

*****This deleted section conflicted with Sec. 17.4 *****

Article 4

Board of Directors

4.1 Number, Tenure, Election and Vacancies. The direction and management of the affairs of the Association and the control and disposition of its properties and funds shall be vested in a Board of Directors (the "Board") which shall consist of (~~nine (9)~~) ten (10) members.

*****This is a Typo Correction*****

4.3 Vacancies and Removal from office.

B. A Board member who misses three consecutive (~~monthly~~) regularly scheduled meetings can be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board.

*****We no longer have monthly meetings, this is a clean up from our previous changes*****

Article 10

Treasurer

9.2. The Treasurer shall formulate an annual line item budget which shall be presented to the membership for approval no later than July of each year. The membership shall act on approval of the budget prior to (~~September~~) December 1st of each year.

*****Our budget changed to start Jan.1 of each year, this is a clean up from our previous changes*****

Article 15

Order of Business

~~F. Annual Meeting of Members: The regular annual meeting of the Members shall be held in September of each year, beginning in 2003, for the election of Board Members and the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting. All Members shall be notified in advance of the date, time and place of such meeting.~~

*****The FOP required a yearly meeting, this change is due to out dropping the FOP*****

(~~M~~) F. Alcoholic Beverages: No member shall consume alcoholic beverages during any meeting.

*****We are voting to drop Section F so Sec M was moved to its place to fill gap *****

ARTICLE 16

Discipline and Hearings

~~16.1. — Rules of Procedure in case of suspension, cancellation, or revocation of Membership to be followed in accordance with the National By Laws.~~

*****The FOP required this section, this change is due to out dropping the FOP*****

Article 1(7) 6
Dues and Assessment

17.1. Dues: Members of the ASSOCIATION shall pay dues in the amount listed below. Membership dues shall be paid in lump sum prior to ~~(November)~~ **December** 1st of each year.

*****Clean up due to drop of Article 16 and previous changes in our Constitution regarding fiscal year***

~~17.3 — Membership in the Fraternal Order of Police shall be voluntary. Membership dues for the Fraternal Order of Police shall be paid in lump sum prior to November 1st of each year.~~

*****Dropped to our dropping the FOP*****

17.(4) **3** A member's membership in the Association shall terminate by lapsing if that member's dues or assessments remain unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after the ~~(November)~~ **December** 1st deadline.

*****Clean up due to changes in our Constitution regarding fiscal year***