

**MEETING MINUTES
MONTANA POST COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 18, 2014
POST CONFERENCE ROOM
HELENA, MT**

PRESENT

Kimberly Burdick ~ by phone
Jim Cashell ~ by phone
Gina Dahl ~ by phone
Bill Dial ~ by phone
Tia Robbins ~ by phone
Jesse Slaughter ~ by phone
John Strandell ~ by phone ~ Chairman Stand -In
Jim Smith ~ by phone
Jim Thomas

NOT PRESENT

Mike Batista
Laurel Bulson
Tony Harbaugh - Chairman
Lewis Matthews

STAFF PRESENT

Perry Johnson ~ Executive Director
Katrina Bolger – Paralegal/Investigator
Mary Ann Keune – Administrative Assistant

LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

Sarah Clerget ~ by phone
Chris Tweeten ~ by phone

GUESTS

WELCOME

Meeting called to order by John Strandell, Chairman Stand-In at 10:06.

Roll call was taken by Perry Johnson.

Chris Tweeten explained the process of the meeting. He commented on the documents provided to the Council.

Chris Tweeten reported on the five comments in the memo. He felt that all the comments fall under the Council's authority except comment IV. Comment IV proposes amending ARM 23.13.701 (23.13.102)(918) to add language concerning part-time "Peace Officers". Chris Tweeten reiterated that this change, he believes, is outside the Council's rulemaking authority. John Strandell agreed with Chris Tweeten's opinion on the matter.

Comments I, II and III

Comments I, II and III proposes a change in language for patrol rifle certification from 100 yards to 50 yards. Bill Dial agreed with the shooting range changes and made a motion to accept the comments. Jim Thomas seconded the motion.

Discussion followed with Jim Smith, Bill Dial, Jesse Slaughter, Jim Thomas, John Strandell, Chris Tweeten and Perry Johnson all making comments concerning the subject.

Motions carried, all member voting in favor.

Comment V

Comment V proposes making the review of course curriculum discretionary and deleting the specific requirements for lesson plans found in proposed new subsection (3)(a) of the rule.

Jim Smith asked about the MLEA instructors being POST certified. Chris Tweeten and Perry Johnson explained the proposed language change.

Jim Smith made a further comment to which Chris Tweeten responded.

Jim Thomas made a motion and Bill Dial seconded the motion to accept the changes made by Mr. Olson.

Perry Johnson mentioned that he didn't see the word "syllabus" included in the language. Chris Tweeten explained he will make the change before it is submitted.

Motion carries, all members voting in favor.

Comment IV

Chris Tweeten asked to address the comment for the purpose of his noting what the Council's wishes were.

John Strandell asked if any Council member disagreed with Chris Tweeten's assessment on the comment. No discussion was held. The Council concurs with Chris Tweeten's assessment that the change is outside of the rulemaking authority of the Council and the comment should be disregarded.

John Strandell opened the floor to general comment. Katrina Bolger reminded Chris of a typing error in an amendment transfer. The transfer from 12.13.710 should be to 12.13.716 not 12.13.706.

Jim Thomas made a motion and Jim Cashell seconded the motion to change the typing error. Motion carried, all members voting in favor.

Roll call was taken again by Perry Johnson.

Bill Dial made a motion and Jim Thomas seconded the motion to accept all three changes. Chris Tweeten summed up the action taken by the Council.

Motion carried, all members voting in favor.

Chris Tweeten, John Strandell and Bill Dial complimented the hard work put forth on the ARMs.

Chris Tweeten explained the next Montana Administrative Register will come out December 11. The deadline for submitting to the Secretary of State for that issue is December 1. He stated there should be plenty of time to get the material finalized and submitted. He detailed the process leading up to the submitting of the ARMs.

Perry reminded everyone that the next Council meeting will be held December 3 at 9:00 a.m. It will be a conference call.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59.

Submitted by MAK
11/19/14