MINUTES OF
THE MEMBERSHIP GROUP
OF
SEARCH, THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM
FOR JUSTICE INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

July 23-25, 2008
Cleveland, Ohio

These are the minutes of the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, which was held at the Crowne Plaza, at City Centre, in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 23-25, 2008.

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Chairman Francis X. Aumand III called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. (EDT).

ROLL CALL

Roll Call of the States (self-introductions by Members present) indicated a quorum:

Francis X. Aumand III  Leigh Middleditch  David G. Sim
Brad Bates  Joseph R. Miech  Kevin Smith
L. Robert Bice  Liane Moriyama  Michael Snyders
Robert E. Bloomberg  Philip K. O’Neill  David Steingraber
Gary K. Cooper  Dawn Peck  Brad Truitt
Paul Heppner  Jerry Ratley  Thomas W. Turner
Jeffrey Kellett  Linda Rosenberg  Donna M. Uzzell
Michael Lesko  Theron A. Schnure  Judith Volk
Roberto Martinez  Douglas Shelton  Robert A. Williams
Deborah McKinney  Diane Sherman  Curtis Wood

The At-Large Members in attendance were:

Alfred Blumstein  Janet Mullings  Robert Wessels
Hugh Collins

Alternates in attendance and voting as Members were:

Brad Cazort – Arkansas  Joseph Means – South Carolina
Michael Corsoro – West Virginia  Mike Mier – New Mexico
Crystal Price – Nebraska  Joseph Morrissey – New York
Mike Jacobson – Montana  Renee Rigby – Delaware
Patty Jensen – Washington  Mike Timmerman – Arizona
Robert Johnson – Minnesota  Luis Torres – Colorado
Guests in attendance were:

David M. Allburn, Safe Harbor Resources
Edward J. Aylward, Missouri State Highway Patrol
Wendy Brinkley, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation
Thomas E. Bush, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Frank A. Campbell, U.S. Department of Justice
Debra Cohen, U. S. Department of Justice
Phil Collins, Wisconsin Department of Justice
Gary R. Cooper, CJIS GROUP, Inc.
Patrick J. Doyle, CJIS Group, Inc.
Terry Gibbons, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Harry Halden, Sagem Morpho, Inc.
Jeffrey D. Harmon, MAXIMUS
Shannon Heath, Unisys Corporation
Domingo Herraiz, U.S. Department of Justice
Valerie Isbell, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Felicia Jackson, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
David P. Lewis, U.S. Department of Justice
Brad Long, Datamaxx Group, Inc.
Ruben Marté, Indiana State Police
Jeanne Miller, U.S. Department of Justice
Jack Neal, Fahlgreen Biometric Solutions
Thomas Preshong, Advanced Technology Systems
Keith Raderschadt, Identix
Gerard F. Ramker, U.S. Department of Justice
Laura L. Rogers, U.S. Department of Justice
Isam Saleh, Cogent Systems, Inc.
Belenda Sandy, FBI
David A. Shaw, Mississippi Bureau of Investigation
Louis T. Smith, Appriss, Inc.
Robin A. Stark, FBI
Barry Van Sant, Unisys Corporation
Lisa A. Vincent, FBI
Larry Waggoner, Mississippi Department of Public Safety

Staff in attendance were:

Scott Came
Laura DeOrío
Rose Marie Florita
Owen Greenspan

Kelly J. Harris
Dan M. Hawkins
Ronald P. Hawley
Cheryl Z. Moore

Also present at the meeting was Mr. Robert R. Belair, SEARCH General Counsel, Oldaker, Biden & Belair.
Chairman Aumand recognized new and reappointed SEARCH Members since the previous Membership meeting:


- **Mr. Gary K. Cooper**, Director, California Justice Information Services Division, California Department of Justice – Appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on March 5, 2008.

- **Mr. David Schade**, Director, Statewide Services, Department of Public Safety, State of Alaska – Reappointed by Governor Sarah Palin May 23, 2008.

- **Mr. James Saunders**, Assistant Director, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Iowa Department of Public Safety – Appointed by Governor Chester J. Culver on June 9, 2008

- **Lt. William Eller**, Fusion Center Commander, Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Investigation, Alabama Department of Public Safety – Appointed by Governor Bob Riley on June 25, 2008.

- **Mr. Curtis Wood**, Executive Director, Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board – Appointed by Governor Deval L. Patrick on July 22, 2008.

Chairman Aumand welcomed guests and thanked the vendors/sponsors for their contributions to the morning continental breakfasts and break refreshments, as well as the Annual Networking Reception, planned for later that evening, just prior to the Awards Dinner.

**Federal Partners**

- Mr. Thomas E. Bush III  
  Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, FBI

- Mr. Domingo Herraiz  
  Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance  
  U.S. Department of Justice

- Dr. Gerard Ramker  
  Chief, Criminal Justice Data Improvement Program  
  Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

Mr. Bush and Mr. Herraiz provided information, trends and updates on their relative subjects of interest to the Membership Group. Dr. Ramker spoke for Dr. Jeffrey
Sedgwick who was scheduled to attend the meeting but could not because of his Assistant Attorney General Confirmation Hearing appointment before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

WASHINGTON SCENE

Mr. Bob Belair presented Congressional updates, status on appropriations, the National Child Protection Act (NCPA), criminal justice bills introduced during this 110th Congress, the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and federal funding for SEARCH in general.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Update**
  
  - Ms. Laura L. Rogers  
  Director of the Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Office  
  Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

- **Senate Bill 2756 – Child Protection Improvements Act of 2008**
  
  - Mr. Nelson Peacock  
  Counsel, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, Committee on the Judiciary  
  U.S. Senate

- **Briefing on Herring v. United States**
  
  - Mr. Owen Greenspan  
  Director, Law & Policy Program, SEARCH

Thursday, July 24, 2008

PLENARY SESSION

- **SEARCH Programs Division Highlights of Accomplishments**
  
  - Ms. Kelly J. Harris, Deputy Executive Director  
  SEARCH

  - Mr. Scott Came, Director  
  Systems & Technology Division, SEARCH
- Mr. Owen Greenspan, Director  
  Law & Policy Division, SEARCH

- Mr. Dan Hawkins, Director  
  Public Safety Programs Division, SEARCH

SEARCH’s Program Division Directors highlighted accomplishments since the last Membership Group Meeting in their work to facilitate information sharing and interoperability; analyze and address legal, policy and privacy issues; and support law enforcement in their high tech crime investigations.

**PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

- *National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Briefing*
  - Mr. Owen Greenspan  
    Director, Law & Policy Program, SEARCH
  - Dr. Gerard Ramker  
    Chief, Criminal Justice Data Improvement Program  
    Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice
  - Ms. Lisa Vincent  
    Chief, Appeal and Liaison Services Unit  
    Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division  
    Federal Bureau of Investigation
  - Ms. Jeanne Miller  
    Attorney, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

This panel provided the full Membership with updated status information as a follow-up to the NICS Improvement Amendments Act Overview that was presented at the 2008 Winter Meeting in San Francisco. The NICS Act survey methodology and relief from disabilities provisions were discussed and served as a prelude for the more detailed discussions to come during two consecutive one-hour breakout sessions that followed after the break.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

- *Session 1: Service-Oriented Architecture – Opportunities for SEARCH Members*
  - Mr. Scott Came, Facilitator
Session 2: NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007
- Mr. Owen Greenspan, Facilitator

Session 3: Information Sharing, SEARCH and DHS
- Mr. Dan Hawkins, Facilitator

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Chair and Vice Chair

Executive Director Ron Hawley opened the floor for nominations for the Chair position. Mr. Paul Heppner nominated Chair Francis Aumand.

Motion: (Mr. David Steingraber), “To close nominations for the Chair, with the acceptance of the nomination for Mr. Francis Aumand.”
Second: Mr. Kevin Smith
Result: Unanimously carried

Chair Aumand opened nominations for the Vice Chair position.

Motion: (Mr. David Steingraber), “To cast a unanimous ballot for Captain Thomas Turner to remain in the position of Vice Chair.”
Second: Mr. Kevin Smith
Result: Unanimously carried

Directors (At-Large Appointees)

With the reminder to the Membership Group that Dr. Alfred Blumstein, Professor Kent Markus and Dr. Janet Mullings were the only At-Large Board Members eligible for nomination, the Membership Group Members were asked to cast their vote for two of these three At-Large Members.

Dr. Alfred Blumstein and Dr. Janet Mullings were elected to the SEARCH Board of Directors.

Directors (State-Appointed Members)

Chair Aumand opened the nominations for the five Board of Directors positions to be chosen from state-appointed Members. The Membership was informed Ms. Liane Moriyama’s term was expiring and that she would not be eligible for re-election. Explanations were given for term limitations as well as the processes of nomination and election.
It was noted that the five individuals receiving the highest number of votes would become Board members and that the remaining candidates would become alternates in the order of votes received.

Nominated for the Board election were: Ms. Diane Sherman, Mr. Karl Wilmes, Mr. Mike Lesko, Mr. Brad Truitt, Mr. Dan Foro, Mr. Brad Bates, Mr. Michael Snyders, Mr. Gary K. Cooper and Mr. Douglas Shelton.

Motion: (Mr. Theron Schnure) “To close nominations for the 2008 election of State-Appointed Board Members.”

Second: Mr. David Steingraber

Result: Unanimously carried

The following nominees (listed alphabetically) were elected to the SEARCH Board of Directors:

1. Mr. Brad Bates
2. Mr. Dan Foro
3. Mr. Mike Lesko
4. Ms. Diane Sherman
5. Mr. Brad Truitt

As circumstances dictate, the remaining four nominees will ascend to the Board by virtue of the number of votes they received. Listed alphabetically, the following Members will serve as Alternate Board Members until the next election: Mr. Gary K. Cooper, Mr. Douglas Shelton, Mr. Michael Snyders, and Mr. Karl Wilmes.

**Membership Roundtable**

- *Executive Director Ron Hawley*

The following topics were presented to the Membership Group for possible discussion:

1. NCPA Resolution
2. Justice Assistance Act Funding Resolution
3. Initiatives of Integration (2008 Strategic Plan: Hawaii Integrated Justice Information Sharing Program), offered by Ms. Liane Moriyama, Hawaii Member
4. “Putting Crime on the Map” (Baltimore Sun Article on Web sites helping to meet the public’s growing demand for crime data), offered by Mr. Leigh Middleditch, Maryland Member
5. “Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS),” offered by Chair Francis Aumand, Vermont Member

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6. Applicant Fingerprint Processing
7. AFIS
8. Exploration of Palm Print Implementation for Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act (SORNA)
9. Adam Walsh Act
10. Next Generation IAFIS (NGI), including scars, marks and tattoos
11. Moving toward National Fingerprint File (NFF)
12. NICS
13. Real ID
15. IJIS Institute Proposal (National Standard for Sharing Incident and Arrest Data)
16. Warrants (Senate Bills 3136 and 3143)

Items discussed at length were the NCPA and Justice Assistance Funding Resolutions, while the Hawaii Strategic Plan, Maryland’s crime mapping article, DDACTS and fingerprints were briefly discussed.

Friday, January 25, 2008

PRESENTATIONS (CONCLUDED)

- **Next Generation IAFIS (NGI) – FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Update & Disposition Reporting Improvements Program**
  - Ms. Rachel Tucker
    Director, NGI Project Office
    CJIS Division
    Federal Bureau of Investigation

- Ms. Belenda Sandy
  Liaison Specialist, Biometric Services Section
  CJIS, FBI

- **DHS Passenger Systems Programs Briefing**
  - Ms. Valerie S. Isbell
    Director, Passenger Systems Program Office
    U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), DHS
**Board Report to the Membership**

- *Service Recognition Award Presentations for Staff and Members:*
  - Five-year awards were presented to Staff in attendance: Ms. Rose Marie Florita and Mr. Dan Hawkins
  - These awards were mentioned for absent Staff: A five-year award for Ms. Christine Lee and a fifteen-year award for Ms. Diane Chin
  - An award was presented to the one 5-year Member attendance: Mr. Michael Lesko (TX)
  - These awards were mentioned for absent Members: Five-year awards for Ms. Linda Rosenberg (PA), Lt. John Shelton (NE), Ms. Diane Sherman (MI) and Mr. David Steingraber (WI); a ten-year award for Ms. Georgene Ramming (AZ)
  - A 15-year award was presented to Mr. Paul Heppner (GA).
  - In his absence, special recognition was given to Lt. Frank Higginbotham who retired from the Alabama Department of Public Safety, in May 2008, after serving as a Member for three years. Lt. Higginbotham served as Chair of the National Focus Group on Emergency Housing and Criminal Record Checks: The Hurricane Katrina Experience.

- *At-Large Members*

  The Members unanimously agreed that there will continue to be eight (8) At-Large Members included in the makeup of the Membership Group. Chair Aumand will work to develop procedures on At-Large Member appointment. These procedures will be renewable every two years. The Board of Directors will take action to ensure that At-Large Members continue to be a valued part of the SEARCH organization.

- *2009 Meetings*

  Due to the celebration that is being planned for the 40th Anniversary of SEARCH in 2009, the schedule of meetings is being adjusted. The Winter Meeting, usually held in January, will be postponed until a date is chosen in April, May or June. The Annual Meeting will be postponed until November 16-18, 2009 at which time there will be Membership Group and Board meetings held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, as well as a celebration reception and dinner that will include guests, including legislators and staffers. Beginning with these 2009 meetings, the Board of Directors will meet on the afternoon of the third and final meeting day.
ADJOURNMENT

The general session of the SEARCH Membership adjourned at 10:35 a.m. EDT.

Motion:    (Capt. Thomas Turner), “To adjourn the 2008 Annual Session of the SEARCH Membership Group.”
Second:    Mr. Kevin Smith
Result:    Unanimously carried.

FRANCIS X. AUMAND III
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS W. TURNER
BOARD SECRETARY