



May Membership Meeting

Officers

Chairman: Joan Ward
Vice-Chair.: Stuart Bayne
Secretary/Treasurer: Adonia Phillips

Board Members

Wayne Baker
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Jeff Lane

Board Meeting Dates

Next Meeting: July 14, 2015 - 6:00 PM

September 8, 2015
November 10, 2015

Location to be Announced

Tennessee Private Investigation & Polygraph Commission Meeting

August 21, 2015
November 6, 2015

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Welcome New Members

Steven White
Donna Dresser

The Board met at Crowne Plaza Hotel Tuesday, May 12. The private dining room is larger than Calhoun's and very quiet. Parking was provided free in the hotel garage. A discussion after the meeting among the Board and attendees mostly centered around education and member benefits. It was a very informative discussion. Below are items on the Agenda for discussion.

Changes adopted at the May Board Meeting: For Members Only

- A forum for discussions and communication with other members has been added to the web site.
- TPIA will be setting up the web site for online payments for membership renewal and events and adding a page with sample forms for business, submitted by members.
- In keeping with the By-laws, fees for membership are due January 31 each year.

Future Changes:

- Networking opportunities.
- Advanced training opportunities.
- Members only rates for events and seminars.

Board Planning Sessions

The Board of Directors has met for three planning sessions to establish goals and priorities for the year. The Board unanimously agreed that adhering to the By-laws and recruiting new members were number one priorities. Along with that improving and adding services for the Members of TPIA.

TPIA is registered and in good standing with the State of Tennessee as a non-profit, exempt status with the IRS is in the process of being reinstated.

TPIA will also be exploring ways other state Associations provide training and member services.

The Board is also reviewing the By-laws to see if updates should be made. If the Board believes changes are necessary, those updates will be presented to the membership for a vote as required in the By-laws. Some possible changes may be to add categories of memberships. It appears that any reduced fees could conflict with IRS rules on exempt status and should be studied prior to making changes.

Standing Rules Adopted by the Board

- No more than one person may be appointed to serve on the Board per company.
- Inquiries for services generated from the web site will be broadcast to Members.
- Board Member's company information shall not be displayed on web site or in printed material in spaces not available for Member listings.

TPIA Member Forum

The Forum on the Members Only page is up and running. Sign in and subscribe and you will be notified when someone posts or creates a topic. Members can create a topic about anything related to investigations. Currently it is not moderated, but will be monitored. The forum is a good place for members to network, seek advice or post questions or points of interest to other members.

Your participation in discussions concerning continuing education will help the Board to plan speakers for meetings and improvements to the CPE.

Remember to keep your posts positive and keep the topics and posts relative to investigations.

Update Your Information Online

Information in the online directory can now be updated online on the *Join Us* page. Please check the directory to make sure your information is accurate. Contact TPIA for a password if you don't have one.

Be sure to notify the State Commission of any changes.

Drones

The recreational use of drones is the operation of an unmanned aircraft for personal interests and enjoyment. For example, using a drone to take photographs for your own personal use would be considered recreational; using the same device to take photographs or videos for compensation or sale to another individual would be considered a commercial operation. You should check with the

FAA for further determination as to what constitutes commercial or other non-hobby, non-recreational UAS operations. A slew of new drone-related legislation is expected in the 114th Congress, so watch for further legislative and regulatory alerts on the use of drone technology.

Picture Mate

Picture Mate is a browser extension (Firefox and Google+, and maybe others) that allows you to view hidden photos that a person has been tagged on Facebook.

Tennessee House Bill 315 allowing agencies to charge hourly for public records requests was pulled from consideration in March

You can read an article at tennesseeanyttime.org about the bill.

Be an Expert

It's important for an investigator, to be a jack-of-all-trades, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't master certain topics. Whatever that is, interviewing, surveillance, background investigations, or murder investigations — know everything about it.

Being an expert of a specific topic is about knowing when you are not a master. Own what you know, but never fake what you don't.

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