Arizona Association for Property & Evidence
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2010

Meeting Location: Tucson Police Department

CALL TO ORDER: 1st Vice President Roy Casto called the meeting to order. President Lane Darling was unable to attend do to a family emergency. Debbie Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

TRAINING: Guest speakers Karen Wilken and Russell Blaylock from the Tucson Police Department Crime Laboratory provided training in the collection and storage of electronic evidence.

MINUTES: Roy Castro read the minutes from the last quarterly meeting for membership approval. Jessie Joy motioned for the acceptance of the minutes, which was seconded by Bill Brantley. The association members unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Power Point Projector: There was no further updates on the purchase of a power point projector. Further discussion would be held between the executive board in order to proceed forward.
Conference Coin: Bob Reddington completed research on the design of the seminar coin and would be presenting the information to the executive board for approval.
Rewrite of State Statutes: Legislative Committee will be presenting the latest version of the re-write to the executive board for approval. If the board approves, re-write will be brought before the association members for a vote at the next quarterly meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Good and Welfare Committee**: Debbie Lopez mentioned Lane's Father-in-law recently passed away and would be sending out a sympathy card from the organization.

- **Training Committee:** Connie Baird from Graham County Sheriff's Office won a free seat to the AAPE seminar in June. Sandy gave an overview of the events scheduled at the seminar in June. In addition, Sandy mentioned if members donated $25 or more in door prizes for the seminar, they would be entered into a drawing for a free seat to the next seminar.

- **Response Team:** No news to report

- **Public Relations Committee:** Bill Brantley asked that association members send him news stories for the next newsletter.

- **Legislative Committee:** Nancy McKay-Hills brought to the attention of the association that the Arizona Justice Project recently put out a report reference a survey on internal evidence policies. She encouraged everyone to read the report, which was recently sent out by email. Those who did not receive a copy of the report may email Nancy directly with their request. The report was obviously slanted towards creating policies for longer retention periods.

  Bob Reddington provided a newspaper article reference the state House passing a bill that would establish a committee to examine more cost-effective ways of posting legal notices (such as unclaimed property). He stated the newspapers are in opposition to this change and it may be beneficial for our legislative committee to join in support of the bill.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on December 09,2009: $12479.05

Expenses: Website $150.00, Seminar Supplies $78.48, Board mileage $51.30
Total Expenses for Quarter: $279.78

Income: 2009 dues $215, 2010 dues $60, Seminar Registration $940, Vender Registration $90, Newsletter Advertising $50
Total Income: $1355.00

Ending Balance on March 10, 2010: $13554.27

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Avondale PD would like information forwarded to Bob Reddington on the cost of building and installing a refrigeration system.

Discussions were held over the recently distributed DPS standards for storing DNA evidence in cold storage. Members of the association would like clarification on the standards, specifically reference if DPS returns an item frozen, can this be housed outside the freezer or is DPS "non verbally" recommending it stay frozen. If DPS is freezing everything, does this cause defrost issues? Nancy McKay-Hills asked members to send her questions they would like clarified, and she would contact DPS on behalf of the association. A 30-day deadline was given for questions. Nancy agreed to bring any responses to the seminar.

Members discussed what was an acceptable "loss rate" and if there were any standards which would apply to evidence. Though our ultimate goal is 100% accuracy, this is not

practical. Members were encouraged to begin researching loss rates in other high security environments and bring this information to the next quarterly meeting.

Gilbert PD asked if anyone knew of agencies renting storage space to other law enforcement agencies that may need space. No one knew of anyone, though Tucson PD recently used an outside vendor to store DNA evidence, while they were constructing their building. Concerns were raised over how chain of custody would be maintained and which agency would be responsible for the tracking of the evidence. It was agreed that this is a new concept or trend that should be looked into further.

Debbie Lopez brought up the suggestion to purchase a new flag stand for the association's patch flag. This discussion was held for discussion amongst the executive board.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION:

The next quarterly meeting will be held in Prescott during the annual seminar on June 10th and 11th.

Motion to Adjourn:

CJ motioned that the meeting be adjourned, followed by Jessie's second. The membership unanimously voted to close the meeting at approximately 12:30 PM. Tours were given of the Tucson Police Department Evidence Facility afterwards.