



SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE INVESTIGATORS LODGE 95

BOARD MEETING December 13, 2025

This Board meeting of the SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE INVESTIGATORS LODGE 95 was called to order on December 13, 2025, at 2:05 P.M. C.S.T., by President Terry Trueblood., at the Illinois State Lodge, located in Springfield Illinois. There was a moment of silence for all of our fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll Call of Officers

President – Terry Trueblood
1st Vice President- Kevin Stewart – absent excused
2nd Vice President- Stephen Flowers
Immediate Past President-Ellen Sweeney – absent excused
Secretary-Frank Wallace
Treasurer- Tyler Dumontelle
Sergeant at Arms- Christopher Yingling

District 1 Lodge Trustee – Ebony Curington – absent excused
District 2 Lodge Trustee – Dustin Lawson – delayed weather
District 3 Lodge Trustee – Jimmy Montgomery
District 4 Lodge Trustee – Ryan Meador
District 6 Lodge Trustee – Eric Reif

Others in attendance:

MINUTES:

Lodge 95 Winter Business Meeting Summary

1. Personnel Changes, Promotions, and Transfers

- Several resignations, retirements, and promotions were discussed, including Shepard moving to the Illinois Gaming Commission and Washburn's promotion to captain.
- New investigators were hired and transferred between districts; paperwork and bargaining unit status updates are needed for some transfers, especially from the Capitol.
- Emphasis on ensuring all new members are properly documented for lodge membership, legal defense, and insurance.

- Action Items:
- Ensure all new hires/transfers complete required paperwork, including beneficiary and social security numbers.
- Follow up on missing or incomplete documentation, especially for transfers from outside agencies.

2. State Lodge and Board Updates

- Multiple state-level resignations reported, including the President, Secretary, lobbyists, chaplain, and general counsel.
- Action Items:
- Remain vigilant about state-level developments and potential impacts on local lodge operations.

3. Membership, Dues, and Legal Defense Updates

- Detailed discussion on changes to dues and legal defense plan costs, including increases effective January 1st.
- Legal defense now covers all members under plans A, B, and C as of November 1st.
- Clarification on per capita dues increases (scheduled 2027 and 2030) and the need to communicate these changes to all members.
- Action Items:
- Update members on new dues and legal defense coverage.
- Ensure payroll deductions reflect correct updated amounts.
- Communicate with members about the importance of updating personal info and beneficiaries.

4. Financial and Banking Operations

- Treasurer reported on typical expenditures, with special notes on telemarketing, travel, Safety Programs marketing, and outstanding checks.
- Issues with Fifth Third Bank signature requirements; efforts underway to secure original incorporation documents from archives to enable four officers as signatories.
- Plan B: Consider switching to PNC Bank if documentation issues persist.
- Action Items:
- Obtain necessary incorporation documents from archives.
- Coordinate officers to be present for bank verification.
- Continue exploring alternative banking options if Fifth Third remains uncooperative.

5. Committee Reports & Project Updates

- **Christmas Committee**: All gifts purchased, wrapping scheduled, event set for Dec 20. Donations and logistics discussed, including approval to purchase a \$150 permanent Christmas tree.
- **Merchandise**: 200 coolers ordered; distribution to follow despite weather delays.
- **Election Committee**: Dues increase for added insurance approved by membership vote (30 yes, 14 no out of 44 ballots returned).
- **Scholarship Committee**: No updates until next cycle.

6. Other Notable Discussions & Decisions

- Motion approved to recognize and award Danny Hassinger (retiring general

counsel) for meritorious service; consideration of a get-well card as he begins cancer treatment.

- Office lease paid for the entire year to ensure stability amid state-level changes.
- Discussion on recruitment of new members, especially command staff, and challenges related to upfront costs for legal defense.
- Updates to the website to streamline legal defense sign-up and donation designations for outreach projects.
- Tax guidance provided for members regarding overtime and retirement income.
- Insurance premium for the office to increase by \$50 to \$546; pre-approved.

7. Motions & Approvals

- Motions passed for:
- Approval of secretary and treasurer reports.
- Purchase of a Christmas tree for up to \$150.
- Award for Danny Hassinger.
- Office lease prepayment for a year.

8. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- Next meeting tentatively set for March 7th, 10:00 am.
- Meeting adjourned after scheduling and closing remarks.

This meeting concluded at 3:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Frank Wallace

Frank Wallace, Secretary

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