

## POAM Delegates Meeting Minutes

1. The May 22, 2008, Executive Board meeting was called to order by President James Tignanelli. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual 2008 Convention at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Present: Tignanelli, Kuhn, Birdseye, Funke, Radovic, Spidell, Grabowski, DeVries, Pushee, Beerbower, Valentine, Griffin, Loftis, Scherer, Zacks, Atkinson, Lewis, Allgeier, LaMontaine and Hochstein.

2. President James Tignanelli called the meeting to order.

a) Presentation of Colors by Kent County and Walker PD Honor Guard accompanied by the Metro Detroit Police and Fire Pipes and Drums.

b) National Anthem sung by Laura Ringler.

c) Invocation and Prayers by Rev. Bill Zink.

d) President Tignanelli introduced to the audience and Executive Board the Keynote Speaker, former Governor of Oklahoma Frank Keating.

Legislative Director Kenneth E. Grabowski advised the membership that the POAM Executive Board has announced their support and endorsement of Senator John McCain (R) for Candidate for President.\*\*

3. 2008 Man of the Year award introduced by Kenneth E. Grabowski.

Chief Justice Clifford Taylor (Michigan Supreme Court)

4. President's Report:

2008 Distinguished Service Awards and the 2008 Police Officer of the Year Awards introduced by President James Tignanelli.

**Distinguished Service Awards**

Aaron Brown and Roger Zoppa (Kent County Law Enforcement)  
David Patterson (Isabella County DSA)  
Mark Allen and Tim Stopczynski (East Detroit POA)  
Brian Shock (Roseville POA)

**Police Officer of the Year**

Eugene Chojnowski and Gary McLaughlin (Fraser Public Safety)  
Charles Jetter (Grand Traverse County DSA)  
Blake Matatall (Southfield POA)  
Matthew Edwards (Taylor POA)  
Jason Blanchard, David Hochstein, and Kenneth Percin (Westland POA)  
Jeremy McGraw (Clare POA)

**2008 POAM Loyalty Award**

Dave Boljesic (Canton Twp. POA)

Conference Break...

**2008 Legislator of the Year Award** introduced by Kenneth E. Grabowski.

Mark Jansen (Michigan Senator 28th District (R))  
Mark Meadows (Michigan Representative 69th District (D))

**2008 POAM County Commissioner of the Year**

Henry Lievens (Monroe County)

**2008 POAM Administrator of the Year** introduced by President Jim Tignanelli.

Dwayne Miedzianowski (Chief of Police, City of Clare)

5. New Business:

a) Michigan Lobbyist Charles "Fritz" Benson advises the membership of POAM of what is happening in the State of Michigan and in Lansing.

b) Washington, D.C. Lobbyist Dennis McGrann advises the membership of POAM what is happening in Washington on a national level including the "Law Enforcement Benefit and Safety Act."

6. Treasurers Report:

William Birdseye introduces the POAM Executive Board, Office Staff and Legal Staff to the membership.

7. Conclusion:

President Tignanelli and Vice President Kuhn held the raffle for POAM gifts.

None.

8. Motion to adjourn made by Tim Raap (South Lyon POA), seconded by Mark Lively (Saginaw City POA). The next meeting to be held June 13, 2008 at the POAM office in Redford, MI.

\*\* 2008 POAM Convention Brochure on file

Respectfully Submitted,

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OF MICHIGAN

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President

Thomas Funke  
Secretary