

Board of Private Investigative & Security Services
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
National Life Building, North, Floor 2
Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Meeting of November 20, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M.

Members present: Robert E. Edwards, Chairman; James R. Eckhardt, Vice-Chairman; Michael P. Jennings; and Emma J. Pudvah. Absent: Stacey Nelson.

OPR Personnel: Carla Preston, Unit Administrator.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the October 16th meeting. Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Reports**

Chairman Edwards reported on his attendance at the International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators (ISIAR) which was held in Portland, Oregon, November 10 – 13, 2009. He said partnerships with a purpose was the theme and covered maritime port security, airport security, private security, workplace investigations, etc. He said the aspect of drug recognition experts (DRE) was discussed and how businesses benefit for liability purposes by having drug recognition experts employed. He described Oregon's licensure requirements noting that bouncers have to be licensed as security guards. He said it is a good program to help control the hospitality industry. Oregon has a state operated training academy. He said the ISIAR is meeting with the United Nations to create best practices in private security regulation and training in order to improve standards and secure public confidence internationally. He said the organization receives a great deal of input from Canada since most every province is a member of the organization. He said the conference was attended by various groups which represented alarms, armored car services, investigative, security, etc. He said it was an excellent conference overall. He will submit a written report in the near future.

4. **Hearings/Stipulations/Reports of Concluded Investigations**

5. **Legislation/Rulemaking**

Discussion of proposed changes to the statutes was tabled.

6. **Applications for Licensure**

- a. Todd Perkoski – Unarmed Private Investigator with FYI Investigative Group, LLC. requested a waiver of the 40-hour training requirements. The Board reviewed Mr. Perkoski's Application to Register as a Private Investigator and his October 24, 2009 letter describing his experience and training. Based on the information provided, the Board found insufficient information regarding his training pertaining to Vermont Law (i.e., Ethics and Conduct; Legal Powers and Limitations). Mr. Jennings made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to ask Mr. Perkoski to either attend a meeting to discuss his training with the board or provide additional written information to support his training in those specific areas. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Photofax, Inc. – A Private Investigative Agency with Karen DeBoer as the qualifying agent. The Board noted that these applications were approved at its July 17, 2009 meeting, thus no additional action is required. (Issuance of the licenses remained pending for additional fees.)

6. **Applications for Licensure** - continued

- c. A Tech Investigation Services, Inc. – A Private Investigative Agency with James L. Pero as the qualifying agent. Based on the information presented, Mr. Jennings made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve James Pero for licensure to become the Qualifying Agent and to approve A Tech Investigation Services, Inc. as a private investigative agency. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Training Program Review**

8. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

- a. The Board reviewed the November 11, 2009 letter from Richard M. Tahl with Tahl & Associates LLC, concerning licensure requirements for this claims-consulting firm. Based on the information provided, the Board concluded that licensure is not required as it does not fall under the Board's purview.

10. **Public Comment**

11. **Other Business Introduced**

12. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **December 18, 2009** at 9:00 A.M.

15. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Preston
Unit Administrator
Office of Professional Regulation