

Meeting Minutes
IDAHO LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND EMS
MEDAL OF HONOR COMMISSION

Thursday, February 16, 2017
10:00 A.M. MST

Office of the Idaho Attorney General
Statehouse, Room 210
700 West Jefferson Street
Boise, Idaho

Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, chairing the meeting, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Item 1a – The Commission Secretary called roll.

The following commissioners were present:

Lawrence Wasden, Attorney General
Wayne Denney, Chief, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness
Dennis Doan, Chief, Boise Fire Department
Bart May, Clark County Sheriff
Victor McCraw, POST Division Administrator
Tim Miller, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office
Bryan Taylor, Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney
Bob Wells, Idaho Office of Emergency Management

The following commissioners were absent:

Jeff Lavey, Chief, Meridian City Police

The Chairman announced a quorum was present.

Others present: Teri Nealis, Commission Secretary (OAG)
Scott Graff, Director of Constituent Affairs (OAG)
Rick Layher, Elmore County Sheriff (Retired)
Samantha Jones, Boise Fire Dept.

Item 1b – The agenda was reviewed; no amendments were made.

Item 2 – Chairman Wasden asked if there were any changes to the proposed September 9, 2016 minutes. Hearing no comments, he called for a motion to approve. Bob Wells moved to approve the September 9, 2016 minutes. Brian Taylor seconded

the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Qualifications

Item 3A – Chairman Wasden reviewed the rules for awarding the Idaho Law Enforcement, Firefighter and EMS Medal of Honor.

Item 3B – Report of sub-committee (appointed at the 2/18/15 MOH Commission meeting) regarding issue with MOH Commission rules not having been promulgated via the Administrative Procedure Act. Chairman Wasden called for a report from Bob Wells who was chair of the committee – Mr. Wells stated he would like to have meeting with Chairman Wasden to go over the process before he issued any report.

Item 4 – Consideration of the Nominees.

Item 4A – Nomination of Greg Moore, Sergeant for Coeur d'Alene Police Department. Chief Lee White of the Coeur d'Alene Police Department was contacted via phone and asked to give a brief summary of the incident. The Chairman then opened up the floor for the Commission members to ask Chief White questions. The Commission members discussed their understanding of the incident and the nominations at length.

Chairman Wasden asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing no comments, he called for a motion. Bob Wells moved to award the Idaho Medal of Honor to Greg Moore. Victor McGraw seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Bob Wells moved to amend the motion to reflect the statement in the statute "killed or injured in line of duty OR...", the Chair called on Victor McGraw as the seconder of the motion who had no objection to the amendment. There being no further discussion, The Chair called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4B – Nomination of Dave Krumenacker, Fire Captain for the Blackfoot Fire Department. Firefighter Arnie Christensen of the Blackfoot Fire Department was contacted via phone and asked to give a brief summary of the incident. Chairman Wasden then opened up the floor for the Commission members to ask Firefighter Christensen questions. The Commission members then discussed their understanding of the incident and the nomination at length.

Chairman Wasden asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing no comments, he called for a motion. Victor McGraw moved to NOT award the Medal of Honor to Dave Krumenacker. Bob Wells seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The vote was 3 aye and 5 nay, the motion was defeated. Brian Taylor moved to award the Idaho Medal of Honor to Dave Krumenacker, Wayne Denny seconded

the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion carried with 5 aye and 3 nay votes.

Item 4C – Nomination of Shane Nelson, Senior Firefighter for the Boise Fire Department. Fire Chief Dennis Doan of the Boise Fire Department was present and asked to give a brief summary of the incident. Chairman Wasden then opened up the floor for the Commission members to ask Chief Doan questions. The Commission members then discussed their understanding of the incident and the nomination at length.

Chairman Wasden asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing no comments, he called for a motion. Tim Miller moved to NOT award the Idaho Medal of Honor to Shane Nelson. Bob Wells seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote (Chief Doan stated he would abstain from voting). The motion passed unanimously. Bob Wells moved that the Commission Secretary draft a letter recognizing Firefighter Nelson's heroic actions, with a space for all commission members to sign. He then amended the motion (for logistical reasons) for the Attorney General to sign the letter on behalf of the commission body. Bryan Taylor seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously, with one abstention (Chief Doan).

Item 4D – Nominations of Kyle Moore (Detective Sergeant) and Michael Barclay (Chief Deputy) of the Elmore County Sheriff's Office. Rick Layher, the former Sheriff of Elmore County was present and was asked to give a brief summary of the incident. The Chairman then opened up the floor for the Commission members to ask Mr. Layher questions. The Commission members discussed their understanding of the incident and the nominations at length.

Chairman Wasden asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing no comments, he called for a motion. Bob Wells moved to award the Idaho Medal of Honor to Kyle Moore and Michael Barclay. Bart May seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4E – Nominations of Kirk Weber (Deputy Sheriff) William Conger (Corporal) Tom Armstrong (Deputy Sheriff) and Charmain Williams (Deputy Sheriff) of the Gem County Sheriff's Office and Ken Sheldon (Deputy Chief of EMS/Paramedic) of the Gem County Fire/EMS District #1. Sheriff Chuck Roland of the Gem County Sheriff's Office was contacted via phone and asked to give a brief summary of the incident. The Chairman then opened up the floor for the Commission members to ask Sheriff Roland questions. The Commission members discussed their understanding of the incident and the nominations at length.

Chairman Wasden asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing no comments, he called for a motion. Bart May moved to NOT award the Idaho Medal of Honor to Kirk Weber, William Conger, Tom Armstrong, Charmain Williams and Ken Sheldon. Bob Wells seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Item 5 – 2017 Ceremony – Chairman Wasden announced that it is the wish of the Idaho Peace Officers Memorial Board that the Medal of Honor no longer be awarded at the peace officers memorial ceremony in the future. Discussion followed as to alternate plans for the ceremony. By statute the Idaho Medal of Honor is awarded to law enforcement recipients during the national law enforcement recognition week and to firefighter recipients during the annual Idaho fallen firefighter memorial ceremony.

The Commissioners all agreed that the statute allows the Commission to hold its own awards ceremony for the law enforcement recipients, as long as it is held during the national law enforcement recognition week (which for 2017 is May 14-20). Bob Wells moved that the Commission hold the Idaho Medal of Honor law enforcement ceremony on May 17, 2017 in the Capitol Building. Bryan Taylor seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Wells moved for the time of the ceremony to be 2:00 p.m. Tim Miller seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Doan reported the Idaho Fallen Firefighter ceremony is scheduled for Friday Sept 8, 2017 most likely at 2:00 p.m. Therefore (as per statute) the firefighter Medal of Honor ceremony will be held at that time.

Item 6 – Chairman Wasden called for a motion to adjourn. Tim Miller moved to adjourn. Bob Wells seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.