

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND PROTECTIVE AGENT SERVICES BOARD**

**MEETING** – August 29, 2011

**LOCATION** – 1430 Maryland Avenue East, St. Paul, Minnesota.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Dave Bjerga, Jim Hessel, Pat Moen, Steve Wohlman and Tom Spence.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE** – Joan Eichhorst

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – Marie Ohman

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. Minutes from June 27 and July 25, 2011 meetings were presented for approval. Spence motioned to adopt June minutes, second by Moen. The vote was unanimous. Wohlman motioned to adopt July minutes, second by Moen. The vote was unanimous.

**New License**

1. Metro Private Investigations, Inc.  
John Kennedy, QR and MN Manager  
906 North Memorial Parkway  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
LOCAL: TBD  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

Kennedy indicated that if the company is licensed, he will be relocating to Minnesota. His history with the company has been for approximately 20-years. The business plans to expand its services to Minnesota, and will gradually hire employees. Given that Kennedy is the qualified person on many of the company's licenses, he was asked to describe how he would be able to manage and supervise in Minnesota as well. Kennedy explained that a good number of the licenses he holds for the company will experience changes in qualifying personnel, so he will not be on so many different licenses. The business focuses its services in the insurance area for workers' compensation and general liability investigations. Spence motioned to grant the license, second by Wohlman. The vote was unanimous.

2. Diamond Security Services  
John Jordan, Jr. Qualified Representative  
Daniel Miller, Minnesota Manager  
1651 South Halsted Street  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
LOCAL: TBD  
Corporate/LLC Protective Agent

The company plans to provide security to public and commercial properties, they anticipate employees to be involved in carrying out the work. Jordan and Miller understand they cannot provide investigative

work in Minnesota. They may do armed work, and they understand the mandatory training requirements for armed persons, and will likely use an approved provider for other training. Miller indicated that he responded to an advertisement from the company for the Minnesota Manager position. His background is primarily a career with the FBI. Spence motioned to grant the license, second by Hessel. The vote was unanimous.

3. GlobalOptions Services, Inc.  
Frank Pinder, Qualified Representative  
William Ojile, Minnesota Manager  
5950 Hazeltine National Drive #650  
Orlando, FL 32822  
LOCAL: 752 140<sup>th</sup> Lane NW  
Andover, MN 55304  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

This business is the purchased entity of a prior licensed company that both Pinder and Ojile were involved with. The company provides investigation of insurance fraud services and they wish to expand their services to include Minnesota. Ojile has had his own license for many years, and was the previous Minnesota Manager for GlobalOptions, Inc., with a cumulative investigative history for 21-years. Ojile indicated that his work, under his own license, is a completely different service area than what GlobalOptions Services, Inc. will be doing. Spence motioned to grant the license, second by Wohlman. The vote was unanimous.

4. The Insight Group, LLC  
Patrick Andrews, Qualified Representative  
David Glendenning, Minnesota Manager  
1217 Airport Road #417  
Destin, FL 32541  
LOCAL: 3130 Legacy Lane  
Woodbury, MN 55129  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

Andrews explained that the company does investigations of workers' compensation fraud cases. They plan no armed work. He noted that eventually they would like to have approximately five to six employees, including Glendenning as the Minnesota Manager.

Glendenning indicated that his association to Tim Mundy, an individual private detective license holder, was that he was initially an employee, and then began working with him as a business consultant. He indicated he would not rule out working in that consulting capacity with Mundy, but that he had no current projects with Mundy.

Andrews indicated that Glendenning will have access to their case management system. He and Glendenning will be communicating on a weekly basis. The Board emphasized the need for that connection regarding information that Glendenning would need to know regarding any changes that would occur. Wohlman motioned to grant the license, second by Hessel. The vote was unanimous.

Change in Qualified Representative and Minnesota Manager

- 1, Stroz Friedberg, LLC  
dba/Stroz Friedberg Investigations, A Division of Stroz Friedberg, LLC  
\*Michael Younger, Qualified Representative & Minnesota Manager  
32 Avenue of the Americas 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10013  
LOCAL: 720 Northstar Center West  
625 Marquette Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

Younger described that they had a loss in personnel, so he was the promoted candidate for these qualifying positions on the license. He has been with the company since 2003 and is with their local office in Minneapolis. Wohlman motioned to approve these changes, second by Spence. The vote was unanimous.

Change in Minnesota Manager

1. IPC International Corporation  
Donald Lantz, Qualified Representative  
\*James Morowczykcki, Minnesota Manager  
2111 Waukegan Road  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
LOCAL: 10 Rosedale Center  
Roseville, MN 55113  
Corporate/LLC Protective Agent

Morowczykcki indicated that IPC has approximately 40 employees serving three Minnesota shopping centers. He will be a regional manager. He also has his own private detective license, which he does only on a very part-time basis, with no employees. For IPC he will be overseeing daily operations and responsible for hiring and other management functions. Spence motioned to approve the change, Moen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**GUEST**

SecureForce, LLC  
Joseph Szorcisk, Qualified Representative  
Corporate/LLC Protective Agent

This company's license was originally eligible in February, and received contingent license, and successive extensions. Szorcisk was presented, as directed by the Board. Ohman reviewed the various issues related to this reissuance application, noting that the company's last reissue process was also quite lengthy. Szorcisk stated that he didn't have all of his information readily available, but would do so in the future.

Bjerga indicated that he was reviewing the penalty history for the company, with a license that was issued in 2003, it was notable, and he would not be inclined to consider a contingent license in a future

application. Moen emphasized the need for Szorcik to comply with requirements in order to maintain his license. Bjerga urged Szorcik to take these matters seriously. No further action was taken in that the Board had previously issued penalty.

**Contingent License Matter**

February:

Garda CL Great Lakes, Inc.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Qualified Representative  
Robert Miller, Minnesota Manager  
Corporate/LLC Protective Agent

Present were Robert Miller, Bill Damery, Mark Livingston and Rod Bradley from Garda CL Great Lakes, Inc. The Board dialogued with representatives as to waiting until August 15 to provide a response to outstanding items in the reissuance process. Damery stated that it took some time to compile and they had continued to train and conduct criminal history checks. He added that some information had to come from California. Damery added that they had approximately seven employees that needed to have the criminal history record checks, stating as well that those employees had been working. Damery and Miller stated that they had believed that the record checks had been performed but could not find documentation to that effect.

Livingston stated that this has been a complicated situation in that a merger had taken place. Miller acknowledged that things had not been done as required. Damery contributed that he continues to have their affidavit document updated.

Bjerga noted that it is exactly this type of late response that impacts the Board's work to process other reissuance candidates as well as new applicants and other business.

Wohlman indicated his inclination for substantial penalty, Spence did not disagree. The Board directed that the outstanding Garda CL Great Lakes, Inc. materials be received in the Board office no later than September 15, working with Ohman as needed. Moen noted her concern regarding what appears to be a lack of connection between the local office and corporate operations. Livingston stated that it was not a desire on their part to not comply.

Spence motioned that the matter be extended to the September 26 meeting, Ohman will communicate with them to review what is yet needed, that will be required by September 15, second by Moen. The Board will discuss penalty at the September meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Tim Mundy  
dba/Metro Protection & Investigations  
Individual Private Detective

Mundy apologized to Ohman regarding all the issues that have required attention. He noted that he does not have any employees, he had however contemplated a business partnership of sorts with a Dennis Watkins. Ohman noted that she has seen a security vehicle with Mundy's company name on it

several times (Mundy is not driving). Mundy indicated that the car is owned by Watkins and he's been trying to resolve getting the matter with Watkin's employer. The Board is concerned about the liability considerations, as well as possible violation of statute. Mundy also noted that he has changed his address again, the reason he was not getting Board communication.

Ohman noted that there is still a need for Mundy's bonding company to provide a letter indicating coverage status between the date of issue of the bond and the "effective" date on the bond (which are different). She also noted that a cancellation of his insurance coverage had just been received. Mundy would also need to provide a written notice of the change in address, to include the date of change.

Mundy indicated he had no excuse for not accomplishing the required items and steps. The Board noted they will wait to discuss a penalty. Spence motioned to extend the matter to the September 26 meeting, second by Hessel. Mundy stated he could have things to the Board office by the end of the week. The vote was unanimous.

### **Training**

The Board had been discussing, following review by the Training Liaison Group, a 6-hours continuing armed training proposal for electronic control devices by Medical Security Solutions, operated by Mark Koscielski. After lengthy discussions, Koscielski had obtained necessary Taser® Instructor certification, and submitted copies. Having accounted for all necessary elements for course and instructor, Spence motioned that the course be approved, second by Moen. The vote was unanimous.

### **License Reissuance**

Finding the following reissuance candidates materials in order, the licenses were unanimously reissued (motion by Wohlman, second by Spence):

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| 1. Terry Wiggin<br>dba/Investigative Research Group<br>4550 Central Avenue #1628<br>Columbia Heights, MN 55421<br>Individual private Detective | 2. epi Investigations, Inc.<br>Thomas Nelson, Qualified Representative<br>715 Florida Avenue South<br>Golden Valley, MN 55426<br>Corporate/LLC Private Detective |
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The following licenses were contingently reissued, pending the receipt of noted items (motion by Tom, second by Pat, vote was unanimous)

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| 3. Harold B. Halden and Associates, LLC<br>Harold Halden, Qualified Representative<br>7150 Timber Crest Drive South<br>Cottage Grove, MN 55016<br>Corporate/LLC Private Detective | 4. Michael Flanders<br>dba/Flanders Investigations<br>20051 262th Avenue Northeast<br>Paynesville, MN 56362<br>Individual Private Detective |
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\*Criminal history checks.

\*Proof of financial responsibility & armed status.

5. Bruce Sederstrom  
dba/Bruce Sederstrom Investigations  
2527 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northwest  
Andover, MN 55304  
Individual Private Detective

\*Insurance and training documentation.

6. Capital Investigations & Security Services,  
Inc.  
dba/Capital Enforcement  
Sheldon Anderson, Qualified Representative  
161 St. Anthony Avenue #930  
St. Paul, MN 55103  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

\*Criminal history dates.

7. Advance Private Investigations, Inc.  
Paul Shober, Qualified Representative  
2604 East Superior Street  
Duluth, MN 55812  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

\*Number of employees, proof of financial responsibility, training documentation, affidavit review.

8. Northern Integrity Investigations & Consulting  
Group, LLC  
dba/Northern Integrity Investigations  
dba/Northern Integrity Investigations, LLC  
dba/Northern Integrity Investigations & Loss  
Gregory Cook Qualified Representative  
8960 Springbrook Drive #202  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

\*May owe balance on fee, clarify address, criminal history completion dates.

9. Metro Legal Services, Inc.  
Scott Gray, Qualified Representative  
330 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South #150  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

\*Insurance certificate and training documentation.

10. Empire Investigations & Protective Services,  
Inc.  
Paul, Gherardi, Qualified Representative  
410 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Hibbing, MN 55746  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

\*Criminal history dates and armed status.

11. AlliedBarton Security Services, LLC  
Brian O'Connell, Qualified Representative  
\_\_\_\_\_, Minnesota Manager  
8 Tower Bridge, 161 Washington St. #600  
Conshohocken, PA 19428  
LOCAL: 701 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South #1020  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

\*Training affidavit review, training documentation, and change in Minnesota Manager

12. Brink's, Inc.  
David Johnson, Qualified Representative  
\_\_\_\_\_, Minnesota Manager  
555 Dividend Drive #100  
Coppell, TX 75019  
LOCAL: 830 Boone Avenue  
Golden Valley, MN 55427  
Corporate/LLC Protective Agent

\*Training documentation, change in Minnesota Manager

13. Pinkerton Government Services, Inc.  
Nick Re, Qualified Representative  
\_\_\_\_\_, Minnesota Manager  
6850 Versar Center #301  
Springfield, VA 22151  
LOCAL: 1985 Douglas Drive  
Golden Valley, MN 55422  
Corporate/LLC Protective Agent

\*Many issues related to their filing.

### **Contingent Matters**

June:

Walter Barfknect  
dba/Tonna Security Services  
Individual Protective Agent

The candidate did not receive 2010 armed training. Bjerga motioned a letter of education and conciliation regarding training compliance, noting potential for harm and culpability. Motion was seconded by Spence. The vote was unanimous.

O'Brien Services, Inc.  
dba/O'Brien and Associates  
Edward O'Brien, Qualified Representative  
Jack Haldeman, Minnesota Manager  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

O'Brien had not received 2009 or 2010 continuing training, Haldeman had not taken Preassignment Training as required. Wohlman motioned a \$200.00 administrative penalty, citing potential for harm, culpability and repeated non-compliance with training (having been previously penalized for training compliance), Bjerga seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Entertainment Protection Group, LLC  
dba/EPG Security Group  
Donald Moe, Qualified Representative  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

The Board reviewed and accepted an insurance endorsement, which reduced the non-compliance with proof of financial responsibility documentation, however there is additional material requiring their attention. Bjerga moved to extend the contingency to September, noting that all

materials must be in the Board office no later than September 15, if not Moe should plan to attend the September meeting. Motion seconded by Wohlman. The vote was unanimous.

Combined Investigative Services, Inc.  
dba/Combined Services, Inc.  
Gary Wait, Qualified Representative  
Amy Westgaard, Minnesota Manager  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

There remain to be items requiring the license holder's response. Bjerga motioned that the contingency be extended to the September meeting, with all outstanding materials be in the Board office no later than September 15, if not Westgaard should plan to attend the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Wohlman. The vote was unanimous.

DECO, Inc.  
dba/DECO Security Services  
Andrew Pierucki, Qualified Representative  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

Ohman noted that DECO had submitted substantial information that required review before proceeding. Wohlman motioned that the matter be extended to the September meeting, Spence seconded. The vote was unanimous.

May:

Rochester Armored Car Co., Inc.  
Gregory Jerdon, Qualified Representative & Minnesota Manager  
Corporate/LLC Protective Agent

The Board discussed the training compliance issues that arose in the reissuance process, with an employee that did not receive 2009 armed and general continuing training until 2010. Bjerga noted the potential for harm, culpability and a prior penalty history for training compliance, motioning a \$100.00 administrative penalty, second by Spence. The vote was unanimous.

ABM Security Services, Inc.  
David Ketcham, Qualified Representative  
Corporate/LLC Protective Agent

The Board discussed training compliance, Wohlman motioned a Letter of Education and Conciliation, citing culpability and potential for harm, second by Spence. The vote was unanimous.



Whitemore Fire Consultants, Inc.  
Robert Whitemore, Qualified Representative  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

Ohman noted that there are other insurance documents still needed as well as armed status information on the affidavit. Spence motioned to extend the matter to September, Wohlman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

April:

Northland Investigative & Protective Services, Inc.  
Robert Byman, Qualified Representative  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

Ohman described that an insurance issue has been resolved by Byman providing alternative proof of financial responsibility, however, we still need a correct bond rider (in connection with an address change). Counsel recommended that the bond rider be complete. Spence motioned to extend the matter, Moen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Joynes, Shellum and Good, LLC  
Stephany Good, Qualified Representative  
Corporate/LLC Private Detective

There remains to be a training issue for one member of the company. Spence motioned the matter be continued to the September meeting, with evidence of the training, or notification when it will be completed. Wohlman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### Discussion

1. The Board discussed holding a meeting to focus on application processes. The meeting was set for November 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
2. Bjerga acknowledged Ohman's receipt of the NASCO (National Association of Security Companies) Edgar B. Watson Award for her contributions to the private security industry, leadership and commitment to hire standards, advocacy and positive awareness and valor in her duties.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, September 26, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.