Meeting Minutes

Date: February 26, 2026

Time: 9:02 a.m. CST

Location: Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. CST.

2. Members present:

- Mark Sakalares
- Eric Moch
- Jesse Ortiz
- Megan Hall
- Brian Bilderback
- Seth Gelander
- Carolyn Berna
- Jaclyn Nathe

3. Officer Vacancy

The Vice President position remains open. Katie Gall has been approached regarding the position but has not yet responded.

4. Seminar Planning

A. Speakers

The following speakers and presentations were discussed:

<u>Opening Presentation:</u>

Cook County State's Attorney Day one / NICB Day Two or NICB Day One and Cook County Judge Deidre Dyer Day Two

<u>General Topic</u>

John Sargent & Frank Sztuk (Delta Group) - SIU: Past, Present and Future --- *This is a program designed to provide the attendees the origins of the profession, the current state and thoughts for the future.* *Confirmed*

<u>Interviews</u>

John Sargent & Frank Sztuk (Delta Group) - The Investigator's Edge: Interviewing for Impact

<u>Cargo</u>

Cargo (NICB – Ian)

Auto

Attorney (Mike Gatling) - Cell Phone Triangulation for Auto Theft Recovery

Towing Panel (ASA / Auto Theft / Megan / Margie)

Medical

Amy Hollis (Coventbridge) – From Claims to Clues: Inside Medical Review Investigations

Property

Eric Moch Helperbroom – Property Fraud

Technology

Dave Davich (Advantage Investigations) – Leveraging Technology in Investigations

B. Location

The seminar will be held at BluSky in Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

C. Budget

The projected seminar budget is approximately $4,000.

D. Sponsorships

GCS has expressed interest in sponsoring lunch both days (taco truck one day and hot dog truck the other).

If a sponsor provides lunch or breakfast, the sponsor fee will be waived.

The board hopes to retain the same sponsors as last year.

E. Materials and Giveaways

Gift Cards: Eight (8) $25 gift cards were discussed, with the possibility of increasing the quantity.

Giveaways: Polo shirts and coffee mugs.

Mark Sakalares will research polos, mugs, binders, pens, hotel room block, and Happy Hour arrangements.

Carolyn Berna will provide table candy.

Brochure: Suzannah will update the brochure as speakers are confirmed.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Suzannah moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Carolyn Berna seconded the motion.

The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. CST.