



Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council

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**Quarterly Meeting Wednesday, 4/20/17
Capital Newspapers Auditorium, 2 PM**

1. Call to order and introductions
2. Approval of minutes from 1/19/17 meeting
3. Treasurer's report – Drechsel
4. President's report
 - a) Watchdog Awards Dinner on March 30 a big success. See it on Wis. Eye: <http://www.wiseye.org/Video-Archive/Event-Detail/evhdid/11422>; publicity for Opees nominal.
 - b) Christa and John Foust give city of Milton training session on Feb. 23. See it on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/-zdUr-uHaRk>><https://youtu.be/-zdUr-uHaRk>
 - c) Traveling Road Show [reunites](#) for Sunshine Week gig in Milwaukee.
5. Legislative news: New bill, [AB 93](#) and [SB 53](#), will expand expungement to those who fail to ask for it at sentencing, a fairer process that will mean more records are shielded. Proposed state constitutional amendment would let crime victims “have information or records protected that could be used to locate or harass the victim or that could disclose confidential or privileged information of the victim.” Leg holds hearings on bills, [AB70](#) and [SB42](#), to let government agencies stop running public notices in newspapers and put them instead on government websites. WNA pushes legislative fix for ongoing DPPA woes. Beware the sign of the Devil: 999, the omnibus budget bill, where bad ideas go to become law: Should we seek preemptive strike?
6. Legal update: [State Supreme Court rules](#) in *Voces de la Frontera v. David Clarke* that Milwaukee sheriff does not have to release immigration records; Justice Ann Walsh Bradley issues scolding dissent. Court hears oral arguments in WILL's appeal of [Krueger v. Appleton School District](#) case. Center for Media & Democracy [pries loose](#) records from EPA pick Scott Pruitt.
7. Issue for discussion: Records v. Mercy? WCCA Oversight Committee agrees at Feb. 14 and March 21 meetings to seek lower retention periods for online records of cases that are dismissed or end in acquittal. (Next: May 2.) [Bill](#) would let people ask for expungement later in the process. Possibly waiting in the wings: a bill to eliminate the requirement that a person seeking expungement be age 25 or younger. Must records be suppressed for people to have a second chance?
8. Issue for discussion: City of Milton attorney claims DOJ opinion means members of committees cannot attend meetings of other committees on which they are not members. What the Fiddlesticks?
9. Issue for discussion: How can the Council expand its reach?
10. Other issues: Ashland County DA gets city of Appleton to agree to a deferred prosecution agreement regarding an alleged open meetings violation that the DA felt had merit. Good Janesville Gazette [editorial](#) on police videos. Justice Abrahamson [questions](#) DOJ conduct in John Doe leak probe. Gov. Walker issues [Executive Order](#) to improve state agency records compliance. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel [sheds light](#) on secretive software used by state agencies. [Wisconsin State Journal](#) and [USA Today Network](#) track state agency response times. MJS: Legislative Republicans [hold](#) secret briefings. Supremes issue decisions without saying how they voted. Legislature opts for secret briefings.
10. Web site – Foust
11. Council membership; Ivan Moreno for Doug Glass' public member spot. Rusty Cunningham to represent WNA
- 12: Your Right to Know: Need offerings for May, June, and July.
13. Other business including next meeting date: July 13, 20, 27.
14. Adjourn.