

APCO Minutes
January 22, 2004
Farmington Hills

Meeting Called to Order at 10:20 AM.

President Pat Coates thanked everyone for attending. Harvey Becker motioned to approve the agenda with support provided by Mary Lou Alex. Motion approved.

General Introductions were made. Karen Chadwick gave the new membership report and introduced new members.

Motion by Jim Fyvie, Support by Ellen Devieu to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved. Pat Coates reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Ellen Devieu and support by Harvey Becker to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion approved.

President's Report: Pat Coates discussed APCO issues for the upcoming year and the value of APCO membership. The 2004 meeting schedule, locations and topics were also discussed.

Telecommunications Operation Report: No report was given. Past Chair John Bawol discussed the need for a committee chair.

Engineering Report: No report was given.

Frequency Coordination/700 MHz Report: Keith Bradshaw reviewed issues pending before the FCC. After 1/14/04, the FCC will no longer accept applications for frequencies below 500 MHz. FCC is reallocating bands between 2150 –2180 to wireless services. Keith also discussed the broadband/powerline testing in Austria that was cancelled due to interference.

Pat Coates stated that the 700 MHz committee is meeting monthly and needs more participation statewide. The FCC wants meeting notices posted 6 weeks in advance, currently meetings are tied to APCO meetings.

MPSFAC: Pat Coates provided an update on MPSFAC, they are meeting monthly to discuss new applications for 821. They are reviewing the regional 800 MHz plan to ensure consistency with 700 MHz procedures.

Activities Committee: John Bawol welcomed new members. National active membership is down due to an increase in dues. Many members moved to the non-voting status.

No Reports were given for Commercial, and Project 38 Committee(s).

ETSC Committee: Pat Coates discussed new APCO representation on the ETSC. Suzan Hensel, past APCO representative is now the NENA representative. Pat Coates will take over as the APCO representative with Marsha Bianconi as the alternate to the ETSC. ETSC representatives need input from membership on priority issues. The state legislation passed and has mandated new deadlines for Phase 1 and Phase 2 implementation.

John Bawol shared his concerns regarding the wireless training funds report. Applications for 2003 wireless training funds are due to the ETSC on 2/15/04. The ETSC approved course list was last updated on 10/03. Many new courses that have been approved are not shown on the ETSC listing. John has proposed to Charlie Nystrom that APCO maintain the records via the APCO website. Pat Coates reminded the membership that counties must send requests for next years wireless funding to the ETSC by January 31, 2004.

National Committee: John Bawol forwards all national emails received from Lloyd Fayling (National delegate) to APCO members.

Awards Committee: John Bawol reminded members that nominations for the telecommunications and technician awards are due in March 2004.

Fall Conference: Kim Ostin reported that the theme for the Fall conference (last 2 days of September) is "Dispatching from Yesterday to Today" which ties in with the 60th anniversary of APCO. The committee has begun work but is looking for assistance.

Nominating Committee: John Bawol is looking for people to serve on the APCO board, nominations are will take place in the fall.

Historical Committee: Rich Rybicki reported on the 60th anniversary of APCO and the list he is compiling of all award winners since 1988.

Newsletter Committee: John Bawol is looking for articles, job postings and equipment for sale listing for the APCO newsletter that is published 6 times a year. He also indicated that changes in email addresses be forwarded to him.

Old Business: Harvey Becker requested an update on the SBC lawsuit under Old Business. Jim Fyvie and John Bawol provided information on actions taken by Doug Van Essen, MCDA attorney, and an overview of new legislation including sunset dates and Phase 1 and Phase 2 deadlines.

New Business: The proposed 2004 budget was discussed and reviewed. Motion by Jim Fyvie, Second by Keith Bradshaw to approve the 2004 Budget. Motion carried.

John Bawol thanked MACON for co sponsoring the APCO luncheon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

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