

January 23, 2003 Minutes
Midland, MI

Meeting Called to Order at 10:14 a.m.

President John Bawol thanked everyone for attending and Suzan Hensel for hosting the meeting. Harvey Becker motioned to approve the agenda. Support offered by Suzan Hensel. Agenda approved.

Greg Main gave the membership report. New members are from Motorola, Ottawa County and Farmington Hills. Introductions were made.

Carol Swainston presented the October 2002 minutes. Motioned by Suzan Hensel to approve the minutes as presented. Support offered by Carrie Perrials. Motion approved. Carol presented the Treasurers report. Motioned by Suzan Hensel to approve the treasurer's report with support provided by Greg Main. Motion approved.

President Bawol presented the 2003 budget. He advised that changes to the budget would be the scheduling of \$3000.00 for Training and \$200 scheduled for Meeting expenses. Motioned by Greg Main to approve the budget as amended with support offered by Keith Bradshaw. Motion approved.

President Bawol gave the president's report. Discussed were grants available and budgetary concerns for the PSAP's. John expressed the need for information sharing between the agencies in savings possibilities. Also, that new information will be on the website to encourage support our vendors for the annual meeting and fall conference. John discussed the newsletter and web/mail, the changes and the deadline for the next newsletter is February 10, 2003.

Pat Coates introduced the committee persons. Rich Troshak gave the report for Telecommunications Operations & Procedures. Rich welcomed any volunteers to work on this committee. He also gave a report on his comparisons on 911 Simulators and gave a demonstration of the Professional Pride 911 Simulator.

Keith Bradshaw gave the Engineering/Technical and Frequency Coordination reports. Keith provided information on the Frequency Advisor and it's definition and would like to see it incorporated into our by-laws. We have received inquiries from 4 people in serving as the Alternate Advisor. The Alternate Advisor has to go to Florida for 4 days of training. APCO National will make the ultimate decision but will more than likely follow our recommendation. Keith indicated that he would continue putting technical reports in the newsletter as well as non-technical information. Bill Folske, who was our previous Frequency Advisor, has retired. He did an outstanding job and will be greatly missed. There are several applications that have dropped off of Keith's system. Keith has the ID numbers for them, feel free to contact him to inquire if it is your application. There are

several additional applications that are in the process of being moved through the system. It is going to be up to the chapter to reconstitute the Frequency Coordination committee. Pat Coates gave information regarding the meetings and the empty positions now on the Frequency Coordination committee. Keith advised that he went to Denver, Colorado for 700 MHz training. The premise was that once the FCC approved the regional plans we would be able to begin using the frequency. It doesn't appear that this will be done anytime soon. It appears that 80 percent of the people must have digital t.v. before the FCC orders the broadcasters to leave the 700 frequency. Steve Todd advised he attended a meeting addressing Homeland Security. Senator Stabenow issued a letter regarding the interest in becoming involved in this issue and he will forward that to President Bawol. Pat Coates advised she had created some white paper at the National President's request and will forward that to John as well.

Pat Coates gave the MPSFAC report. She advised that there are 4 APCO appointees on the committee. We have pending applications and we need to have a committee meeting. Pat will make the arrangements for that. President Bawol advised that he will put information on the vacancies on the committee on the website and will put a link to Keith for feedback.

Pat Coates gave a report on the Activities and Membership committee. She asked that any volunteers to serve on the committee to contact her. We are now changing our meetings to include training. Discussion occurred regarding the incorporation of training into our meetings. It was mutually agreed that this was a good thing.

Jeff Vezina gave the Commercial committee report. He advised Joe Cousineau would be joining the committee. A full report will be given at the next meeting.

Rich Troshak gave the Project 38 report. There is a problem with a vendor that is being investigated at this time. Rich asked for volunteers to serve on the committee to contact him.

Suzan Hensel introduced Jim Fyvie who was reporting on the ETSC committee. The main issue was dealing with the MCDA lawsuit. The resolution was discussed and in essence, that the vendors that were denied funds that money would be set aside in escrow and depending on the outcome would be paid from those funds. Members of the ETSC committee have donated money to the legal defense, the motion did not pass and the motion was tabled. We are now waiting for the Judges decision which should be rendered later this month. Christina Russell advised that the forms went out for the dispatcher training funds and those forms must be received by February 28th, the audit form is available on the website, and the deadline for the full-time employee count is due February 14th. The statewide 911-coordinator position is still being reviewed. The legislation action committee has broken into several sub-committees. Jim Fyvie advised that Captain Miller would continue to head the sub-committee. It is hoped that

proposed legislation will be finished by March for presentation. A list of the members is on the ETSC website. Suzan Hensel advised that the retirement event for Col. Madden is being held on January 31, 2003 in Lansing. Motioned by Suzan Hensel to purchase a plaque from MI-APCO thanking him for his service on the ETSC Committee and for his participation with MI-APCO, with Suzan presenting this to him at his retirement event. Support offered by Jim Fyvie. Discussion occurred. Motion approved.

Lloyd Fayling presented the National report. He advised that the last Executive Meeting was rather vocal as we felt that we were not being communicated with. From what he has heard it appears that they have taken this to heart. They are still in need of a computer there, but is an expensive need. The Executive Board has moved forward with a complete overhaul of the national budget. The legal fees that we are presently paying and regulatory and legal spending is being reduced to almost nothing. They will be working on the National Institute, as it is a moneymaker. One issue that will be coming up is the dues increase proposal, nation wide, to be effective 2004. The other issue that will be decided is a re-alignment of the regions. For sometime the regional conferences have gone downhill in attendance. A handout was provided to the members. Further Discussion occurred regarding the proposed realignments. It was mutually agreed that Lloyd would inquire what purpose the regional serves, to express our interest to leave the regions alone, or to go with proposed division 3 but including Michigan in the East Coast region.

Rich Troshak gave the Awards committee report. Solicitations for Telecommunicator, Director, Technician and Supervisor of the Year. Deadlines are March 1st. Anyone interested in serving on the committee needs to contact Rich.

Carrie Perrials gave the Fall Conference report. A meeting is scheduled following today's meeting. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Carrie.

President Bawol provided the Historical report for Rich Rybicki. Last Saturday, January 18th was the 100th Anniversary of the first radio transmission from Marconi. It was a Morse code message from President Roosevelt to the King of Sweden.

Christina Russell gave the Nominating committee report. We will be looking for nominations for Sgt.-at-arms and 2nd Vice President.

Carol Swainston gave the Newsletter committee report listing the recommendations of the committee. It is the recommendations to increase the cost of advertising \$10.00 across the board effective 2004, to continue five publications per year, to produce the newsletter ourselves. Further discussion occurred. Most vendors expressed that the increase would not be a problem.

Discussion occurred about printing in PDF format and putting a link on our website to download Adobe for free. The cost for Adobe Creator is \$279.00. Motioned by Harvey Becker for the chapter to purchase Adobe Creator with support provided by Keith Bradshaw. Further discussion occurred. Motion approved. Motioned by Keith Bradshaw to increase advertising \$10.00 effective 2004, to produce the newsletter ourselves and to produce five newsletters per year. Support offered by Suzan Hensel. Motion approved.

Frank Grant was the 20/20 winner of \$65.00. AGAIN. Rich Troshak was the winner of a Blue/Maze shirt and a Green/White shirt was won by Joe Mosend.

New Business: Allowing the secretary to make office purchases as necessary not to exceed the budgeted amount. Harvey advised Meceola was in need of an Orbacom console. Equipment link will be put on the website. Also, we will be adding any training that is APCO sponsored. Provide any information on these topics to John Bawol.

An AMUG meeting is scheduled after the training session today. Jim Fyvie advised that he is only interested in training that is MCOLE approved. Contact MCOLE to apply for training approval. Lloyd Fayling advised Troy is having a \$109 basic training calls. Further, Lloyd thanked the new participants at the meetings.

Next meeting is at the Jade Garden in Clinton County at 10:00 a.m. in St. Johns, right off Interstate 27.

Jeff Vezina from DSS will provide a training session following the lunch.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m. by unanimous consent.