

**MINUTES APCO MEETING**  
**OAKLAND COUNTY - JANUARY 24, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 10:16 a.m. by President, Kevin Walk

Members and guests were welcomed to the Polish Cultural Center in Troy. The meeting was hosted by Pat Coates and Plant/CML, who will be making a presentation following lunch. There was a special welcome to the non-members who were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Kevin Walk.

Introductions were begun by Second Vice-President, Dreama Arnett.

Dreama Arnett, acting for Sgt-At-Arms Andrea Hine, reported there have been three new members since the last meeting. The Michigan total membership is 356

Minutes from the October meeting in Frankenmuth were posted on the website and hard copies made available to those in attendance at the meeting. Motion made to approve the minutes by Kim Ostin. Seconded by Dreama Arnett. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report will be posted on the website.

John Bawol made a motion to purchase a gift for Treasurer, Carrie Perialas following her surgery. Motion seconded by Pat Coates and motion carried.

President, Kevin Walk reported that Senate bills 410 & 411 did pass. He stressed the importance of looking into what impact this will have on individual agencies.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Training Committee**

Dreama Arnett, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, advised to check the chapter website for training opportunities. The July 24th meeting will tentatively be held at the Double J Ranch in Rothbury.

Instructions on how to access the training information was explained by Kevin Walk. He also mentioned the need for a host site for the March chapter meeting and added that if there is no one to host the meeting, it will be held in Ottawa County.

**Engineering Committee**

No report

**Frequency Coordination/700 MHz**

**MPSFAC/700MHZ**

Pat Coates reported for both committees stating that they had not met since December. There was one application for channels in Oakland County that had been approved.

MPSFAC is in the midst of revising the bylaws, which will be posted on the website when completed. Representatives from MDOT and the Michigan Association of Counties have been added to the group. The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

The Region 21 plan was resent to the FCC on 01/23/08 for their evaluation. There is concurrence from all the adjacent regions. Pat also reported that 700 MHz band is the wave of the future and there is a plan to number them nationwide to assist responding agencies when major events occur.

There are no future 700 MHz meetings posted as of this time and they will wait to hear back from the FCC on the plan that was re-submitted before scheduling one.

### **Activities & Membership**

Kevin Walk reported that 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chris Schultz was working on the specifics for the July meeting/training at the Double J Ranch and which include an overnight stay. Updates will be posted on the chapter website as they are received.

### **Commercial Committee**

Jeff Vezina advised there is no report at this time.

### **ETSC Report**

John Bawol reported that the last meeting was held on 12/11/07, with legislation discussed.

All state agencies should have received their certification packets by now for Training Fund monies. It includes a reminder to turn them in by February 1, 2008. Each agency should have received a CD containing the training information that was turned in last year. Contact him if you're having problems filling out the forms.

Jim Fyvie was elected as Vice-Chair of the ETSC, and Dale Gribler was re-elected as Chair.

Next meeting will be held on March 18, 2008 in Lansing, the exact site to be announced.

### **National Report**

Lloyd Fayling is at the APCO Winter Summit, there is no national report at this time.

### **Awards Committee**

Christina Russell was pleased with the number of nominations made last year. New updated email forms will be sent to John Bawol to be included on the website for use this year.

A new award of "Trainer of the Year" has been added to the National Awards. After reading the criteria for the award, Christina requested inclusion of this award in the Michigan Chapter. Kevin Walk stated that the board had decided to go along with the national recommendations last year and he would support continuing this in regards to the new award category. Motion made by John Bawol to include the new award and seconded by Kevin Walk. Motion carried.

The award winners will receive a \$100 gift certificate and plaque. The deadline is September 1, 2008 for nominations.

### **Fall Conference**

Kim Ostin reported that the theme for the conference this year is "9-1-1 Takes No Vacation". There will be a strong emphasis on the TERT program including how it will work in our state. The committee is looking into a couple of possibilities for a keynote speaker. The "Call for Papers" will go out at the beginning of March. If you have a suggestion for a session, please contact one of the committee members. In addition, if you would like to help out with the conference, the committee welcomes you to join them. The committee will meet at some time before the next chapter meeting to discuss their progress.

President, Kevin Walk reminded the members that the National Conference registration information is up on the website. You can reserve accommodations for the conference in Kansas City, Missouri this August. He also added that the national presentations from the last two years conferences have been purchased for use by individual agencies as a training or information tool. Contact any board member to obtain the user name and password. Request was made to have contents of the sessions posted on website so that members know what is available. John Bawol advised that this would be possible and would be done.

### **Historical**

Rich Rybicki reports that the historical marker has been delivered and is awaiting installation, the project is on track. Donations will be solicited from state organizations, local vendors and the private sector to help defray the cost of the marker. He will also be sending letters out to the other state chapters on behalf of the National Historical Committee requesting donations.

The Friends of Belle Isle will be hosting "Shiver on the River", a family fun day, on February 2, 2008. Rich will have APCO Historical Archives set up there and invites members to attend.

Rich is also working with the Michigan Historical Commission and Friends of Belle Isle on the dedication ceremony for the marker on Sunday, April 13, 2008, which is National Telecommunicators Week. The APCO Bulletin confirms that they will include an article on this event and Rich will follow the article up with pictures of the dedication ceremony. Invitations will go out to remind members of the event.

### **Nominating Committee**

Pete LeFavour advises there is no report at this time.

### **Newsletter/Website**

John Bawol is requesting contact changes be sent to the webmaster or a board member. Some may be experiencing a problem with sites being blocked. There is a new form on the chapter website for email updates and changes. Kevin reports that we are looking into updating the website and asks for anyone interested in doing this to please contact him.

Kevin Walk and Sandy Nielson state the newsletter will begin again with a projected March release. Articles are being requested for submission. Sandy advised that there is a link to her email on the website under the newsletter tab. She added that if you would like to see a specific type of article be included in the newsletter to submit your request to her. We would like to email out as many of the newsletters as possible to save on postage.

### **State 911 Administrator**

Harriett was unable to attend the meeting but Pete LeFavour gave a brief overview of recent events. He advised that PSAPs asking for more than 2.7% additional money must submit a written request to the ETSC. These will be looked into at the February meeting. You must give specific reasons to substantiate your need for more money. He added that 45 of 83 PSAPs are asking for additional money. John Bawol advised that the Michigan Public Safety Commission is looking closely into agencies attempting to gouge the public.

The APCO Board would like to thank Harriett, Jim Fyvie and Zoe for all the time and effort they put into getting Bills 410 & 411 passed.

## **NENA**

NENA President, Christina Russell reports the next meeting will be held on February 15th in St Clair County. She has brought some fliers with details about the meeting. There will be a presentation by Bob Currier following the meeting and lunch.

The NENA Spring Conference will be held May 19-21 in Lansing at the Sheraton Hotel. The theme this year is "9-1-1 - Tools of the Trade" The Call for Papers has been sent out with an amended submission deadline of 2-19-08. Additional information and registration forms may be obtained on the NENA website.

## **TERT**

The Steering Committee met with MSP Emergency Mgmt, Tony Katarsky, and last Friday and gave a presentation. Their concern was that the program was a scam, however once the presentation was made; they agreed was that this was a worthwhile and needed organization and had their backing.

Lisa Hall will be presenting at the NENA and APCO conferences this year.

The final TERT document is being worked on by the committee and will include what centers need in order to give or receive assistance..

Christina reports that there will is a TERT link on the NENA website

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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Kevin Walk stated that an opportunity for a NENA representative to speak will be added to future agendas under committee reports. John Bawol asked that MCDA be added also.

Kevin Walk reported additional new business to be discussed at 1125 hrs. Pete LeFavour made a motion for the chapter to cover the registration fees to the APCO National Conference for the board members not specifically covered under the chapter bylaws. Dave Hayhurst seconded the motion, which passed following discussion and clarification.

Meeting site request for the March chapter meeting brought up again by Pete LeFavour. As there was no volunteer host, it was decided that the meeting will be held in Ottawa County at a location to be determined.

Pat Coates reminded those in attendance to remain following the luncheon for the Plant/CML presentation on "9-11 Security for PSAPS".

John Bawol sold raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing with the winning amount being \$64.00. The winning ticket was purchased by President, Kevin Walk

Motion to adjourn made by Rick Rybicki, seconded by Sandy Nielson. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.