

MI-APCO Meeting Minutes  
March 23, 2006  
Ionia, MI

Meeting Called to Order at 10:08 a.m.

President Chadwick welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Motioned by Harvey Becker and supported by Bill Charon to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved.**

Introductions were made. Chris Schultz reported that there are eight new members.

Carol Swainston advised the minutes January meeting have been posted on the website and in the newsletter.

**Motioned by Lloyd Fayling and supported by Kevin Walk to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved.**

Carol Swainston provided the treasurer's report. **Motioned by Lloyd Fayling with support by Harvey Becker to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion approved.**

Karen Chadwick provided the President's Report. Discussion occurred regarding mutual aide pact for all fire departments across the state. Karen is on the committee to discuss this and will bring back further information to the chapter.

Pete LeFavour introduced the committee reports.

1. Training: Chris Schultz advised an icon on our website is now there to provide training information across the state. Looking to developing evaluation forms for the dispatchers when they attend the classes which can be turned over to the training committee. Christina Russell advised the work on the state certification committee is moving very slow. Another meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday. Further discussion occurred.
2. Engineering/Technical: Article was provided for the members.

3. Frequency Coordination/700 MHz: Pat Coates advised re 700 MHz we are still waiting on the regional and neighboring states before decisions are reached. We have no control if neighboring regions deviate from others, so that is something they are looking at. The next meeting is May 11, 2006 before the APCO meeting. Our two frequency coordinators are trying to refresh themselves on the CAPRAD software. This hasn't been deployed at this time, but it is coming.
4. MPSFAC: Pat Coates advised they have been meeting on a very regular basis because there are so many applications coming in. One of the most important things for those on the 800 MHz, Michigan is on Wave 4 of this rebanding. The date for Phase I has been moved to July 3, 2006. More discussion occurred. Pat attended the APCO Winter Summit and one of the classes was with Nextel and several attendees were from places that went through Wave 1 and those people were not happy at all. If your equipment is too old to be updated with the update, Nextel is not required to give you new equipment to accommodate the rebanding. You will get old, refurbished equipment. The definition that "meets your needs" is up to their interpretation unless pre-negotiation takes place with Nextel and that these negotiations are in writing. Pat also advised that the next MPSFAC meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. on Collins Road. Karen Chadwick reminded everyone to make sure that their contact information is up-to-date on your licenses. Do not rely on your vendors because it is your responsibility.
5. Activities and Membership: Pete LeFavour inquired from the members in attendance that would be staying for lunch. Kevin Walk

reminded the members that we have sellable items. Discussion occurred regarding the increase in our membership.

6. Commercial: No Report.
7. ETSC Representative: Written report provided by Harriet Miller-Brown. A letter will be sent to each PSAP suitable for framing for National Telecommunicator's Week. Discussion occurred regarding the dispatcher training fund. 44 applications were rejected for lack of spend down. Christina Russell advised that we need to work on a solution to help the dispatch centers utilize their training funds in order to possibly lose our training funds in the future. Further discussion occurred.
8. National: Lloyd Fayling advised there were some handouts available. A report from the Executive Council meeting will be posted on the website and in the next newsletter. George Rice was selected as Executive Director. National determined that a dues cost increase does not require vote but a cost of living amount can be done without vote. They cannot do an accumulation however. Dues will go up \$3.00. The Folske bricks are finally completed. Pictures of them will be in the next newsletter. Discussion occurred on National's website that it is very cumbersome to navigate in. Discussion occurred regarding credit card and other offerings coming from APCO.
9. Awards: Christina Russell advised that at our last meeting we voted to extend our deadline to September 1<sup>st</sup>. National's deadline date is April 1<sup>st</sup>. National requires we fill out their form, and a handout was provided. These forms have been placed on the web.
10. Fall Conference: Kim Ostin advised that the theme and the keynote speaker are established. The call for

papers has been put out and we need to work on the activities. National has been provided with our dates. We are working on a grant for the fall conference. A meeting will take place after this meeting. The price of the conference will increase \$10.00. The theme for this year's conference is "Mysteries of 9-1-1".

11. Historical: No Report.
12. Nominating Committee: Pat Coates reminded the attendees to let her know if they are interested in serving on the board.
13. Newsletter & Website: Carol Swainston advised she is working on the next newsletter. Further discussion occurred.
14. State 911 Administrator: Written report provided

Old Business:

1. TERT Appointment: Karen Chadwick advised that NENA is spearheading this and asked for a representative for APCO. John Bawol volunteered to be the APCO TERT representative. Further discussion occurred.
2. MPSFAC Appointment: Karen Chadwick advised Marc Jongekriejg from Ottawa volunteered and his first task is the Interoperability Group. Further discussion occurred. He would like volunteers to assist in this task.

New Business:

1. Other: Bob Currier provided information regarding NENA's Spring Conference. All the information can be obtained from the NENA website. Bob provided more information about the Spring Conference.
2. The new director in Ottawa County is Tim Smith. There will be a new director soon in St. Clair County, Cheryl Bertrom.

Drawings were held. Frank Grant won an MP3 player. MUCH DISCUSSION

OCCURRED. Joe Cousineau won a CD/Clock with nature sounds. Frank Grant won an APCO mug. MUCH DISCUSSION OCCURRED AGAIN. Joe Cousineau won an APCO sweatshirt. Robert Jerman won the 50/50 drawing worth \$74.00.

Meeting recessed at 11:21 a.m.

Bob Carrier provided a presentation on the variety of 911 networks consisting of landline, wireless, IP and next generation.

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2006 at the Clinton County Central at 10:00 a.m.

Motioned to adjourn by Carol Swainston, support by Kim Ostin. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.