

MI-APCO Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2005
Lansing, MI

First Vice President Karen Chadwick called the meeting to order at 10:10.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence for our troops, per the request of a member

Motion by Rich Rybicki, supported by Jeff Cluny, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Pete LeFavour, as “acting” Sergeant at Arms, presented the new member report. The Chapter has nine new members. The attendees introduced themselves.

Karen Chadwick introduced the guest speaker, Mark Hansen from MSU Extension. Mr. Hansen presented information on potential terrorism and natural disaster threats to agricultural security, the mitigation efforts by MSU Extension and Emergency Management, and the involvement of 9-1-1 Centers.

Motion by Lloyd Fayling, supported by Rich Rybicki, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2005 meeting as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ellen DeView, supported by Karen Chadwick, to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The President’s report was read into the record by Karen Chadwick in President Troshak’s absence, due to a family illness. The report reminded the attendees of the upcoming National Telecommunicators week. The report also stated that there has been a record low response to award nominations this year, and that the deadline for nominations has been extended to June 30, 2005.

Motion by Lloyd Fayling, supported by Kim Ostin, to send flowers to Rich Troshaks’ wife, not to exceed \$75. Motion carried unanimously.

Pete LeFavour provided an update on Tom Altland’s health.

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Committee Reports:

Operations and Procedures – Chris Schultz asked for requests/suggestions from members for policies needed. MCDA policies are available at Traverse City. She reminded the attendees of Telecommunicators week

Engineering – no report

Frequency Coordination – no report

700 MHz and MPSFAC – Pat Coates discussed the 800 MHz rebanding process and reported on a presentation at the APCO Winter Summit by the FCC, Nextel and the Transition Administrator. She advised the membership that 800 MHz licensees should be inventorying their equipment and talking with their vendors for cost estimates. Even though Michigan is a border state and in Wave 4 of the rebanding, licensees should begin to prepare. Licensees are encouraged to negotiate directly with Nextel, although the Transition Administrator can assist with negotiations and resolve issues.

Pat also reminded the attendees of the upcoming MPSFAC and 700 MHz meetings in Ann Arbor on April 14th.

Activity and membership – Karen Chadwick distributed and discussed the LEIN FAQ document. There was also discussion of APCO EMD, and Lloyd Fayling reminded the attendees that in-house trainers are no longer required

Commercial - Jeff Vezina discussed the potential impact of VoIP telephone systems, including a suggestion that municipal government that VoIP/9-1-1 interaction should also be considered when replacing municipal telephone systems. Karen Chadwick presented and discussed the Consumer Alert from the ETSC on this topic. Joe Cousineau commented that Jackson County has implemented VoIP with a 9-1-1 interface, and that he anticipates many governmental units will quickly move in this direction. Pat Coates explained voice quality test available on the APCO and Consultants Registry web sites that demonstrate the different voice quality among land line, wireless and VoIP calls, particularly in regards to background noises and whispers.

ETSC Report - Lloyd Fayling again discussed the ETSC VoIP consumer alert, and described the Legislative Action Subcommittee presentation for legislators on 9-1-1 issues, emphasizing the sunset clause/ Lloyd complimented the State 9-1-1 Administrator, Harriet Miller-Brown on “keeping things moving”. He also explained other occurrences at the recent ETSC meeting: the appeals of training funds, the call management policy defeated, and minimum dispatcher training standards being researched

National – Lloyd Fayling reminded the attendee to read his report in the newsletter concerning issues on the national organizational chart, compensation matrix and salary adjustment (up \$20,000). He described “mixed emotions” about the leadership dinner to be held in Washington, to make APCO better known. Chapters can “buy” a table and entertain their federal representatives at the dinner. MI-APCO should consider this next year. He reminded the attendees that Institute Scholarships are still available. The National Conference was promoted, with super savers until the end of March

Awards – Karen Chadwick reminded the attendees that nominations are still needed

Fall Conference – Kim Ostin stated that the committee is still looking for a key note speaker, and that the web site has been updated with preliminary information. The theme of this year’s conference will be “Surviving in a Changing World”

Historical – Rich Rybicki reported that National APCO endorsed the Heritage Foundation as a funding mechanism and method to promote history. Rich Rybicki will submit his name as a trustee in the foundation

Nominating – Pat Coates again asked for suggestions or volunteers for nominees, and was reminded that the by laws indicate that the five immediate past presidents must be on the committee, per the bylaws. Rich Rybicki will confirm the list of names.

Newsletter – from the group, kudos to Carol Swainston for the excellent work. Lloyd Fayling would like to have discussion to see if anyone is actually using the web version

50/50 Drawing: Ellen DeView \$32

Old Business – Lloyd Fayling indicated that the walkway bricks at National honoring the Folskes are in place, and he is attempting to get photographs.

New business - The membership discussed the proposed next meeting date of May 26, and its proximity to the NENA conference. It was determined by consensus to move the APCO meeting to June 2.

Motion by Ellen DeView, supported by Karen Chadwick, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1255 p.m.