

APCO CHAPTER MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2008
OTTAWA COUNTY

Meeting called to order by First Vice-President, Chris Schultz at 10:05 a.m.

Members and guests were welcomed to the Grand Haven Community Center. Mark Jongekrijg, Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority Supervisor, hosted the meeting.

Vice-President Chris Schultz led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE,

The **AGENDA** was introduced for approval. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dee Ann Summersett and seconded by Kelly Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Sgt-At-Arms, Andrea Hine, began the **INTRODUCTION** of those present and then reported that there were no new members this month and the current membership in the Michigan Chapter stands at 378.

Secretary, Kim Ostin, advised that **MINUTES** from the January meeting had been posted on the on the Michigan Chapter website and that there were also hard copies available at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as posted was made by Kim Ostin and seconded by Barry Nelson. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT was submitted by Treasurer, Carrie Perialas and presented by Second Vice-President, Dreama Arnett. The current checking account balance stands at \$53,063.63 and includes the \$10,000 from the CD that was cashed in. This CD money will be re-invested in the near future as we have found a new bank representative to deal with. The balance also includes \$1614.80 sent to the chapter by APCO National from the chapter dues. The Ameriprise account balance currently stands at \$50,242,54. We have also received \$550.00 in donations toward the Belle Isle historical marker. Jeff Troyer made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Barry Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The report was presented in written form with Chris Schultz presenting an overview. There was specific emphasis made to remember to celebrate National Telecommunicator Week this year during the second full week in April. There are various websites to check out if you need ideas on how to celebrate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAINING COMMITTEE

1st Vice President Chris Schultz reminded members to send information on any new trainings to John Bawol to be added to the chapter website. She added that she and John

are getting numerous emails & calls about the trainings listed there. She further added that the "APCO Active Shooter" training that is being offered at Isabella County on four different days is currently full.

Chris also reported that she is still looking for a location to host the July meeting and Training. She asks anyone with a centrally located site suggestion to contact her. The training instructors will include the EOC Director and a police sergeant from Isabella County. The training will look into getting schools involved in a partnership with centers, including involvement in schools programs to educate both dispatch centers and the schools so that we can provide maximum service to our to handle emergencies.

ENGINEERING/TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

No report at this time

FREQUENCY COORDINATION/700 MHz COMMITTEE

No report at this time

MPSFAC/700MHz COMMITTEE

No report at this time

ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

No report

COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE

In the absence of Jeff Vezina the commercial members present were re-introduced. The Members included Pat Anderson, Sherry Kessel and Dawn Nalepa from A T & T and Kelly Rasmussen and Michelle Rasmussen from Success Communications, Inc.

Vice-President Chris Schultz also indicated that Jeff is looking for vendor sponsorship for the Fall Conference and asks that you contact him for further information if interested.

ETSC REPRESENTATIVE

Barry Nelson reported that several directors attended the ETSC meeting to check about the Michigan Public Service Commission and that they had gone into a closed session for about 45 minutes and said nothing about the closed session when they returned. He added that there are 15-20 counties looking into filing an appeal. Barry, Jim Fyvie and Pat Coates are amongst a group that is going to meet with several senators to work on a bill for an extension of the law. He is unable to discuss this any further at this time. The next ETSC meeting will be held on June 24th at 10:00 am at a location to be determined.

Karen Chadwick added that the \$500,000.00 that was previously set aside for statewide 911 over IP feasibility study is beginning to be used for this purpose and we should see some progress in this area in the near future.

NATIONAL REPORT

Secretary, Kim Ostin, advised that the National Representative, Lloyd Fayling regrets that he is unable to attend the meeting but that the current report from the Executive Council Winter meeting can be found on the chapter website. He has provided a brief overview stating that the approved budget included a dues increase based on the U.S. cost of living index of 4.1%. This was requested and approved. .

Washington D.C. was selected as the site for the 2015 National Conference.

Action was taken to authorize the APCO staff to negotiate with NENA on a common site for hosting the two groups' winter meetings beginning as early as 2009.

Current national membership stands at 14,690. There are 8673 active members, 4425 members and 1592 commercial members.

There are two candidates for the APCO National 2nd Vice-President position. One of them is Gregg Riddle from the Illinois Chapter and the second is Barry Woodward from the Georgia Chapter. It is Lloyd's opinion that Greg is, "one of the most dedicated members," he has ever known in APCO. He has been on the Executive Council for several years and is looked to for major committee work. Lloyd is hopeful that our chapter will endorse Greg Riddle at this meeting. Kim added that she had a copy of a brochure that Greg had sent out. Following discussion it was decided to withhold a chapter endorsement until further information can be obtained about Barry Woodward. Additional discussion followed about the job functions of the Second Vice-President. The vote being held at the National Conference with absentee ballots provided to those unable to attend. Dreama added that she knew Gregg Riddle and that she believed that he was very knowledgeable.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Christina Russell was unable to attend the meeting but wanted to remind everyone to send in nominations for Director of the Year, Information Technologist, Line Supervisor, RF Technologist, Telecommunicator and Trainer of the Year. She has submitted the 2007 Michigan chapter winners to National for consideration of this year's awards. National reported that of approximately 15000 members in APCO they receive only 60—75 nominations each year. The forms are currently on the chapter website and are to be forwarded to Christina.

FALL CONFERENCE

Kim Ostin reported that the committee had met last night. The theme, "9-1-1 Takes No Vacation" was confirmed. The keynote speaker, Jack Varnado, from St. Tammany's Parish in Louisiana will speak on the National T.E.R.T. initiative. It will be held in Tustin from September 24-26.

The Call for Papers has been sent out and they are looking for speakers in all areas for the conference. If you are interested in presenting or know of a potential speaker, submit a proposal to either Kim or Carrie. Watch the chapter website and newsletter for updates.

HISTORICAL

Rich Rybicki was unable to make the meeting but provided invitations and information about the dedication ceremony for the historical marker. It is to be held on Belle Isle Police Station Sunday, April 13th, which is the beginning of National Telecommunicator Week.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Karen Chadwick reports that they will begin working a little later in the year. If anyone is interested in serving on the board on a committee, please contact Pete LeFavour or one of the board members.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

There was a question as to whether anyone was experiencing a problem getting retired or terminated employees Removed from the email and or mailing lists after notification to National had been sent. Kim mentioned that she had received a message from APCO National mentioning that they had noticed our information update button on our chapter website and are looking into doing something similar on their website. This may be a solution for them. She added that if you are not receiving email blasts to please let John and/or she know so that you can be included on the list as they work off the list that National supplies and there may be omissions or errors.

Kelly Rasmussen added that the newsletter was awesome, it was job well done.

STATE 911 ADMINISTRATOR

Chris Schultz advised that Harrier Miller-Brown was unable to make the meeting due to her schedule but that she would be at the MCDA meeting next Friday. There was no further report.

NENA

Kelly Rasmussen reported that the NENA Annual State Conference was in its final stages of preparation. There hoping to have a pre-conference session on May 18th and the Keynote speaker will be Tim Skubick, a political icon from the Lansing area. There will be sessions offered on a variety of subjects and will include a casino night on Monday. There will be a drawing held for a trip to the NENA National Conference and she reminded anyone with a HERO award nomination to submit it by April 1, 2008. Karen Chadwick stated that there would be an ENP reception with Jason Barbour, the NENA National President, on Sunday evening.

MCDA

Laurie Smalla reported that they will have a meeting/training next Thursday and Friday in Bay City. The training will be on unemployment trends.

Discussion on the financial strain that MCDA is operating under with supplying a full-time lobbyist in Lansing. This has cost \$40,000.00 so far and the feeling is that they may have to ask agencies to help support the cost of retaining the lobbyist, which is currently \$4000.00/month. Karen Chadwick made a motion to make a \$2000.00 donation to assist in this expense to match the NENA donation. Motion seconded by Dee Ann Summersett and motion carried. Barry Nelson discussed having no problem with asking the dispatch centers for financial support, but that he does feel that the ball was dropped regarding information on an attachment that was not obtained when they were in Lansing for the Public Service Commission meeting for the vote. He was advised that MPSC doesn't release this information as it is done in a small committee. Jeff Troyer added that the MPSC is not subject to the Open Meeting Act. Karen added that there were two issues involved, one being the people who were not approved and the other being the sunset, which needs to be extended. Chris added that this would all be discussed at the MCDA meeting next Friday and recommends everyone attend. On a final note Laurie added that they are very concerned about their finances at this point. but feel they have no choice but to continue. Motion then carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Schultz advised that the next chapter meeting would be held at the Potter Park Zoo in Lansing. It will be held on May 8, 2008 in the Safari Room. You are invited to bring your family and enjoy the zoo following the meeting.

The APCO National Conference will be held in August in Kansas City, Missouri. She added that there would be great speakers and opportunities to attend a variety of sessions and socialize with people from around the country.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chris Schultz and seconded by Dee Ann Summersett. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.