

# MINUTES FROM APCO CHAPTER MEETING MAY 3, 2007 - LANSING

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Pete LeFavour

President welcomed those present to the MPSCS/MSP Communications Bldg  
at 4000 Collins Road in Lansing, Michigan.

President LeFavour led Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the **Agenda** was made by Pam Matelski and seconded by Jerri Tapper. *Motion passed.*

**Introductions** were made.

A motion to approve the **Minutes** from the previous meeting as posted in the website was made by Pam Matelski and seconded by Jerri Tapper. *Motion passed.*

**Treasurer's Report** was tabled at this time and will be available at a later date.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Training** There will be a training opportunity during the July chapter meeting in Houghton Lake on July 26-27<sup>th</sup>.

**Engineering/Technical**  
No report at this time

**Frequency Coordination/700 MHz**  
No report available for this meeting

**MPSFAC/700 MHz**  
Pat Coates reports that since the last meeting both MPSFAC and 700MHz have met. MPSFAC's next meeting will be held on May 24, 2007 in Lansing. Anyone with an application to be considered needs to submit it at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

MPSFAC is looking into amending their bylaws. She stated that several listed members have never sent a representative to a meeting so they are looking into expanding the membership to get more attendance and involvement within the group. The website, MPSFAC.org, has the draft of the proposed bylaws posted. It includes APCO membership but also looks into including other groups such as NENA, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan townships and MCDA. They have never had their own membership in MPSFAC. If the bylaws are adopted, there is a new requirement that would ask the chapters to formalize their representation on MPSFAC with a letter stating this appointment to MPSFAC is sanctioned by the group. Contact one of the committee members, Pat Coates, Karen Chadwick, and Jim Fyvie, if you have a suggestion of someone you believe should be a representative on MPSFAC or if you feel one or all of the proposed groups should or should not have representation.

Next 700MHz meeting will be held on June 12, 2007 at the Collins Road facility in Lansing.

The 700 plan has been submitted to the FCC and they sent it back as rejected with changes to be made. There will need to be another public hearing on the proposed changes. The meeting June will be open for all members of the public safety community and communications in general to give them an opportunity to give their input and for the committee to explain the changes. It can then be sent back to the FCC for adoption.

President LeFavour asked how the east side of the state was doing, especially in regards to Canada and the borders. She stated that we are behind on the 800 MHz re-banding. There is some movement on the some of the bordering regions. Those agencies in the 100-120 channels or blended systems need to wait for a treaty with Canada. There may be a way to move forward on the MPSFAC re-banding. Looking to move forward on this. The 700 MHz has not moved very far with Canada. The United States has deadlines for the movement; however stations in Canada stations do not have to adhere to these deadlines and continue to block these channels.

### **Activities/Membership**

Kevin Walk reported that the next activity would be the meeting and training at Houghton Lake in July

Members were also advised to check the website for information regarding the upcoming NENA conference in Lansing and for updates on the annual State conference in Tustin in September.

### **Commercial**

The vendors present introduced themselves. Present were the following:

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| BSI Digital   | Roland Leonard    |
| JEM Comp      |                   |
| TAIT Radio    | Marie Adams       |
| OSSI          | SanDee Dekker     |
| Positron      | Dennis Stillwagon |
| Success Comm. | Kelly Rasmussen   |

### **ETSC Representative**

Report that the hearing was being held today in Lansing.

Request to have an alternate to the ETSC from APCO. Pam Matelski made a motion to name Karen Chadwick as the APCO alternate to the ETSC. This Jerri Tapper seconded motion and the *motion passed*.

### **National**

There was a problem with the vendor getting out the membership cards. If you have not received your card please contact National about this issue.

### **Awards Committee**

Christina Russell reports that the Nomination forms have been posted on the website and they are being accepted for this years Telecommunicator, Line Supervisor, Director, Technician and Information Technologist of the year. Forms should be sent to Christina Russell for consideration. We need to fill out the forms that National puts out so that they may be entered into the national competition also.

## **Fall Conference**

Kim Ostin reports that plans are ongoing for the conference. Session proposals are being sent in; however there are still openings at each area. The submission of papers is being extended to the end of May due to the fact that it was sent out so late. The proposals can be sent to either Carrie or Kim. There will be a short meeting of the committee following the chapter meeting.

## **Historical**

Rich Rybicki reports that the paperwork for the historical marker on Belle Isle has been turned in but has not heard back other than it had been received and was under review.

## **Nominating Committee**

No report at this time from Karen Chadwick.

## **Newsletter & Website**

John Bawol was not present to make a report at this time. Kim Ostin reported that she had just received an updated membership list and work on a newsletter would be ongoing.

## **State 911 Administrator**

Pam Matelski offered Harriet's apologies for not being in attendance at the meeting. She wanted to remind everyone of the committee hearing this afternoon. She feels that everything looks positive at this point. She will provide a lengthier report at a later time.

## **NENA**

Christina Russell stated that she had put out flyers concerning the upcoming NENA conference to be held in Lansing, May 21-23, 2007. They will be offering two pre-conference classes. Kelly Rasmussen spoke about hers on "Customer Service". The second session, "Next Generation 9-1-1" will be hosted by Bob Currier. This one is a NENA class and counts towards points to become an ENP.

## **MCDA**

No report at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Senate Bill 410-411 Update**

Pete LeFavour asked those present if there were any more questions on the bills. Following a question by Pat Anderson regarding the company hired by MCDA, she was advised that Evelyn Zoe was the lobbyist whose job it is to get the bill through and to act as their contact. She is keeping everyone informed on the process. It was also added that various agencies contacting their senators are making a difference in the process and that they are showing their support. Members advised that they had been told that her work has been exceptional. They may take a vote today. Pat Coates and Marsha Gianconi were named as doing a lot of work behind the scenes

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Onstar/Guest Speakers Cathleen McCormick & John Hunt**

Presented a PowerPoint program with information on Onstar having priority access to PSAP's. They are working with TCS and have deployed the program to several sites.

Stage One with provide centers with the Onstar center callback number

Stage Two beginning in 2008 with provide this information and the X,Y coordinates of the caller

Stage Three with consist of a platform for delivery of crash data (TBD)

At this time TTY callers will have Onstar as their interpreter

Onstar is able to sound the horn and flash the lights of a vehicle to make locating easier for the emergency responders.

### **MPSCS**

MSP Sgt. Mike Garland spoke about tactical inoperability and communications planning in the new Emergency Management Plan. TICP is a Department of Homeland Security requirement for the 2006 HSGP

The 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$45.00 was won by Jerri Tapper

***The next meeting will be held in Houghton Lake on July 26, 2007...  
There will be training on Thursday and Friday***

***Meeting adjourned by President, Pete LeFavour***