

MICHIGAN CHAPTER APCO
MEETING OF MAY 8, 2008
POTTER PARK ZOO, LANSING

Meeting was **called to order** by President, Kevin Walk at 10:10 a.m. Attendees were welcomed to the chapter meeting. The meeting was hosted by Karen Chadwick, Director of Lansing/Ingham Central Dispatch.

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

Agenda was presented by the President, Kevin Walk. Motion to approve the agenda made by Barry Nelson and seconded by Chris Schultz. Motion carried.

Introductions were begun by Sgt-At-Arms, Andrea Hine, who then continued with the New Member Report. There were four new members last month and the current number of Michigan members stands at 449.

Secretary, Kim Ostin reported that the **Minutes** from the March meeting were posted on the website and there were hard copies provided at the meeting. Kevin Walk requested a correction to change Mark Jongekrijg's title to Deputy Director. Motion was made to approve the amended minutes by Carrie Perialas and seconded by Pete LeFavour. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Carrie Perialas presented the **Treasurer's Report**. The total balance for the chapter stands at \$107,797.46. The current checking account balance stands at \$53,570.57. The Ameriprise balance stands at \$48,388.94. We have one CD that matures this month in the amount of \$5,837.95. Discussion on what should be done with this one and the one for \$10,000.00 that matured previously. It was recommended that we do not invest in another CD at this time by the Chase bank personnel, but rather invest in a high yield savings account at 2 1/4%. She asked for discussion on how to best proceed with investing the money. Lloyd stated he has spoken to personnel from several banks and found that short term CD's are better able to take advantage of rate increases, but would definitely not recommend re-investing with Ameriprise at this time. Karen Chadwick asked how much money was needed for the Fall Conference and Carrie stated \$34,000.00 covered the expenditures and that taking the \$10,000.00 that is currently in the checking account would not cause a problem. With consideration given to ease of maintenance for Carrie, she is not certain that Chase is what would be best for our needs. Kim Ostin asked if it would be possible to maintain the account online once it had been established since travel to a branch is a concern. Carrie stated she had been unable to do this with the previous account but that it may be feasible with another bank. Lloyd added that any CD that we purchase does not have to be with the same bank that the accounts are kept with. Kevin Walk stressed that he would like the banking to be convenient for Carrie and also offer online options. We will purchase a CD in the amount of \$10,000.00 at the best rate that she can locate for a 90-day time period.

Karen Chadwick asked if there was any interest being made on the checking account and was advised that there was not. Carrie will look into getting this type of account set up.

Pete LeFavour made a motion to move an additional \$10,000.00 from the checking account into some type of interest bearing CD or savings account. Chris Schultz asked how much would remain in the account for expenditures and Carrie stated that she believes the remaining \$33,570.57 will be enough for chapter business. Sgt-At-Arms, Andrea Hine, will be added to the account as previously discussed. Lloyd suggested looking into a sweep account as another option. Motion to move the additional \$10,000.00 was seconded by Kim Ostin, and the motion carried.

President's Report

Kevin thanked Karen Chadwick for the suggestion and initial set up of the meeting.

Kevin attended the historical marker dedication, which was held on Belle Isle at the beginning of National Telecommunicator Week. He also added that we would like to hear how agencies around the state celebrated the week.

He encouraged submissions for the chapter newsletter.

NENA Conference, "Tools of the Trade" will be held in Lansing in about a week and a half.

Chesterfield Twp has experienced the loss of one of their dispatchers. Kevin recommends sending a floral arrangement to the center.

Lunch will be provided for \$10.00 after the meeting and he invites you to enjoy the zoo afterward.

Committee Reports

Training Committee

Chris Schultz reported that new training opportunities are still being added to the chapter website as they are received. She added that the course ETSC approval process has changed but appears to be easier to do.

July training following the Chapter Meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn in Grayling and will deal with disaster planning for the center including working with the schools. It will be held July 24-25. A block of rooms is being held at a special rate at the hotel. Carrie asked if this training would be beneficial for school personnel and Chris stated that she wasn't sure but would look into this. This training has received ETSC approval.

Engineering/Technical

Jeff Kludy stated that there was no report at this time and added that he is available for questions and technical expertise so do not hesitate to call him.

Frequency Coordination/700 MHz

No report from the chair at this time, however Dave Held reported that there have been no new applications in the last 3 months probably due to financial concerns of agencies. During this time the bylaws revision has been done. The next meeting will be held at the Collins Road facility on May 9, 2008.

MPSFAC/700 MHz

Dave Held reported that the 700 MHz plan was filed with the FCC and is now posted for notice and comments. They are hoping for approval of the plan.

The 800 MHz plan is in the process of being reviewed. He suggests having a meeting with this group as part of the APCO Chapter meeting instead of separate meetings since major statewide decisions are being made by just a few attendees. Once a recommendation draft has been put together it will be brought to the meeting. Lloyd asked what was happening with the 800 MHz and Dave explained that the re-banding addresses the issue of cellular bleeding into the public safety sites. Lloyd then asked if 800 MHz will open up new available bands after the this has been done, and Dave stated that he did not believe that this would happen since there are the same amounts of frequencies still available as previously. He added that by 2009 everyone must narrow down and that the license requirements must change.

Dave stated that we are in wave 4 of the process and it appears that a solution may be in the works in reference to our agreement with Canada. Lloyd then asked how far from approval we are on the east side of the state with Canada. Dave stated that the situation is progressing at this time and looks good.

At the August National Conference meeting they will be looking to change the way frequencies are separated by using a new engineering method.

Karen Chadwick recommended Brent Williams represent MPSFAC for the chapter and she would remain as an alternate. Dave suggested tabling discussion on this until after the next meeting, where Brent may asked to represent another group.

Jim Fyvie commended Dave for all his work on the bylaws revision and he didn't feel that membership changes should affect APCO's four members. He added that changes in adjacent counties could affect your agency in mutual aid areas and that you should be mindful of this fact.

Dave advised that the FCC and the Homeland Security people want each state to have a state interoperability committee. Currently Michigan does not have one so this task falls to the 700 MHz committee. He suggests adding members to MPSFAC to form this board.

Activities and Memberships

Pete LeFavour had no report.

Commercial

No report at this time as Jeff Vezina was not present, but Chris Schultz advised that he is looking for vendors for the fall conference.

Joe Cousineau stated that Plant CML was recently purchased by EACS and plans to be at fall conference. Dennis Stillwagon from Positron added that he also plans to attend the Fall Conference. Dawn Nalepa and Pat Anderson from AT & T hope to be at the Fall Conference.

Chris Schultz asked Pat if there were line counts available, and she stated that there was no relation between billable lines and records in database. There is no new billing system being put into place and no reliable way to predict expected income to centers. Money divided by rate becomes the line count that is used but in actuality this is not an accurate way to obtain a count.

ETSC Representative

No report at this time

National

Lloyd reports that he will be submitting a bill for his past year's expenses.

Electronic balloting is expected to be approved beginning this year to encourage voting for the candidates at the national level. He encourages members to check the website for candidate information.

Eleven life memberships applications were presented and it was felt that several of the nominations were not qualified for this honor per the bylaws. This issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

National has doubled the number of live co-hosted trainings across the country. It was felt that the 'Active Shooter' training was a bit too basic and needs to be improved.

Michigan, New Jersey, Texas and Missouri chapters brought in the most new members in March.

For the National Conference 730 booths and 296 exhibitors have registered so far. They are recruiting talent for APCO Idol to be held during the Blue & White Dinner. Videos must be submitted and three finalists will perform that evening.

Dave Held asked about the move to completely revamp the APCO bylaws and constitution at the national level. The feeling is that they are too deep and cumbersome and thus create a liability for APCO. National put together a government committee taskforce to look into this and there is currently a rough draft of the proposed changes. Lloyd stated he had heard that the changes were quite radical, including changes of the Executive Council and that they were hoping to push the changes thru in August at the National Conference. He plans

to put an article together about this for the newsletter and/or website and he will fight for continued nationwide representation.

Awards Committee

Christina Russell was unavailable to make a report but the current forms to submit candidates are on the chapter website and last years winners were submitted to National for their consideration prior to the deadline of April 1.

Fall Conference

Kim reported that they had received a few submissions for proposed sessions at the conference and they are looking for more, especially of a technical nature. She has been in contact with the presenter we had two years ago from the FBI and it now appears that we will be offering a pre-conference session on NCIC on Wednesday afternoon, which will be included in the registration pricing. This will be held on the 24th of September.

She has notified National of the conference dates and requested advertisements of the conference in the magazine and through email blasts that they offer.

Historical

Rich Rybicki provided a written report and pictures of the dedication of the historical marker honoring Detroit Communications on Belle Isle, although he was unable to attend the meeting.

Nominating Committee

Pete LeFavour had nothing to report at this time, but the committee will begin their work in the near future. Chris added that anyone interested in serving on the Executive Board contact Pete about this.

Newsletter & Website

Sandy Nielson hopes to get another issue out by the end of the month and then another one is planned for July. She is requesting submissions for the newsletter. Chris suggested that we mail a hardcopy to all the centers in the state. Chris requested a motion to provide monies for the mailing to over 200 PSAPS in the state. Jim Fyvie moved to provide money for all costs incurred and seconded by Barry Nelson. Pete suggested saving costs by sending it on emails, but it was felt that this would seem to hinder reaching all state telecommunicators and centers. Jim suggested sending the newsletter to the PSAP managers, not the centers. He added that the listing can be obtained from the ETSC website. Secretary, Kim Ostin will handle doing this. Motion carried.

State 911 Administrator

Harriet was unable to attend, however she provided a hard copy report that included information that the FCC has opened an inquiry into non-initialized phones and the call forwarding rule which had been requested by several states including Michigan. Comments and evidence regarding this problem can be filed at the FCC website: <http://www.fcc.gov/>. The link can be found on the left under "Filing Public Comments", which will take you to a docket listing. Click on

"E-911 Service – Docket 94-102 – Should rules regarding access to emergency services be revised".

NENA

Karen Chadwick advised that the pre-conference session, "Leadership in the 9-1-1 Center" has received ETSC approval and that the final preparations are being made for the state conference in Lansing.

MCDA

Jim Fyvie stated that he believed that Pat Anderson's stable funding workgroup had been blind-sided with the result that AT & T and Verizon had taken positions opposing APCO.

They will also be introducing a bill to remedy the sunset that was indefinitely removed and put a budget in front of the public for scrutiny.

The next meetings will be held on 6/6/08 in Grand Haven and 7/31/08 in Marquette.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Pete LeFavour is retiring as of June 30, 2008 and looks forward to working with APCO and at the conference from a "civilian" perspective. Suzan Hensel-Clark is also retiring this year from Midland County after many years of dedicated service.

Dave Hayhurst reported that a Kent County dispatcher was acknowledged for assisting the police in an incident while off duty that resulted in an apprehension.

President Walk reported that the next chapter meeting will be held on **July 24, 2008 in Grayling at 10:00 a.m.**

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Zenon Cardenas and seconded by Barry Nelson. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.