

MI-APCO Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2005
Ottawa County

Meeting Called to Order at 10:25 a.m.

President Rich Troshak thanked everyone for attending. Jim Fyvie motioned to approve the agenda and Karen Chadwick provided support. No further discussion occurred. Motion Approved.

Introductions were made. Kevin Walk provided the new members report. Michigan has a total of 462 total members.

Motion by Dave Held and supported by Richard Troshak to approve the March minutes. No discussion occurred and the motion approved. Carol Swainston presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Rebecca Shatney and supported by Harvey Becker to approve the treasurer's report. No discussion occurred. Motion approved.

Rich Troshak provided the President's report, thanking the members for the flowers for his wife. Discussion occurred regarding National Telecommunicator's Week. Rich also advised that the mail-in ballots for National are available, that the forms for signing up for a National Committee are also available on the National's website. Rich informed the members that in a Wall Street Journal report it showed Michigan in first place in the United States for Phase II readiness.

Committee Reports:

1. Telecommunications Operations & Procedures: Karen Chadwick advised the FCC passed an order that VoIP companies must provide 9-1-1 service to it's customers and must comply within 120 days. Karen also advised that if you are having a problem with the 9-1-1 information spill-over into their CAD that they need to make sure that a cellular company has not changed their Phase II information format. Jim Fyvie advised the Legislative sub-committee met, and Senate bill 1063 was introduced and House Bill 2418 was introduced which contains language to allow surcharges against cell phones. Discussion occurred on the Internet over phone lines.
2. Engineering/Technical: Kevin Walk advised there has not been a meeting scheduled.
3. Frequency Coordination/700 MHz: Dave Held advised that Florida is changing to a new computerized system, Spectrum Watch, which should make things much easier. Also, narrow banding has come back into the forefront. January 1, 2013 is the deadline for migration for 25 kHz. Application deadline is 1/21/2011. This does not apply to paging, if you are using high-speed data transmission you can continue to use it.
4. MPSFAC/700 MHz: Dave Held advised that Michigan is in Phase 4 of the 800 MHz change and is scheduled to start April 2006. Southwestern portion of Michigan will have the option of going with Chicago's phase. There will be a freeze on all NON-MPSFAC channels in that there will not be any changes or additions allowed until the changeover has been completed. Once that is done, all MPSFAC channels will be froze until the changeover. Discussion occurred regarding interference problems. Dave advised that if you are experiencing this you should go to the APCO International website and fill out the complaint request form.

5. Activities and Membership: Karen Chadwick advised that the classes at the NENA conference have been approved for MCOLES funding. It looks like it might be possible to get our Fall Conference classes MCOLES approved if we can get them in early enough.
6. Commercial: No report
7. Project 38: Rich Troshak received a plaque from APCO International for being a pilot site for Project 38.
8. ETSC Representative: A handout report was available.
9. National: Rich Troshak advised that APCO TV would be available during the national conference with partnering hotels. Rich encouraged everyone to attend the national conference in Denver.
10. Awards Committee: Rich Troshak provided nomination applications and encouraged everyone to recognize their people.
11. Fall Conference: Kevin Walk advised the call for papers has been sent out. The committee is working on making registration available online. There will be a committee meeting held at the NENA conference. Rich Troshak advised that the call for papers have been extended to the APCO members. June 1st is the deadline. Rich also thanked Christine Russell for her work on the call for papers. Doug Amaro of All Hazard Solutions is the keynote speaker for the Fall Conference and will cover dispatch specific homeland security issues.
12. Historical: No report
13. Nominating Committee: No report
14. Newsletter: Carol Swainston encouraged that anyone with articles of interest or ideas be submitted to her.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chris Fischer and Richard Mirgon were both present and are both running for the 2nd Vice Presidency of National. Both provided their biography and goals to the members.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2006 at Houghton Lake. More information will be posted on the meeting time/location on the website.

Motioned by Rebecca Shatney, support by Karen Chadwick to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 11:25 a.m.