

MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF APCO
Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2001
Grand Rapids, Michigan

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order 6:17 p.m. by President Harvey Becker

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Due to time constraints, several committee reports were eliminated and the agenda was accepted by consensus

3. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS and NEW MEMBER REPORT

John Bawol welcomed the members. There was no new member report as no information had been received from APCO International. Self-introductions were made, and there were no new members present.

4. MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Becker announced Ms. Terry was unable to attend the meeting, and had submitted the minutes and treasurer's report in writing.

MOTION: By Suzan Hensel, supported by Anne Farquhar, to accept the minutes of October 19, 2000 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

MOTION: By James Fyvie, supported by John Bawol, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented

Motion carried unanimously

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harvey Becker requested that Nate McClure join him at the podium Mr. Becker presented a plaque to Mr. McClure from Michigan APCO, NENA, ETSC and MCDA, acknowledging Mr. McClure's service to public safety communications. W. McClure thanked the membership.

Mr. Becker provided information on the APCO Officers' Training Course, which is a free Web based course designed for current and potential chapter officers. Mr. Becker and other officers invited all members considering future chapter offices to participate, and also recommended the Chapter Officers book. Mr. Fayling advised that APCO Officers' Training would also be a pre-conference course at the National Conference.

Mr. Becker announced that space has been made available for local Chapter meetings during the National Conference. Members planning to attend the

National Conference should advise Mr. Becker is there is interest in holding a Michigan Chapter meeting in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Becker advised that some names had been submitted as potential replacements for the Frequency Coordinator. The Executive Committee is checking with Mr. Folske to determine what time commitment this position actually requires.

Mr. Becker advised that Pete LeFavour had recommended that the Chapter purchase a digital camera to record Chapter events.

MOTION: by Charles Nystrom that the purchase of a digital camera be authorized in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.
Motion failed for lack of support

MOTION: by Lloyd Fayling, supported by James Fyvie, that the purchase of a digital camera be authorized in an amount not to exceed \$400.

Discussion: Vince Foisy offered to donate a digital camera to the Chapter at no cost.

Motion failed unanimously.

Mr. Foisy's offer was accepted, with the Chapter's thanks. He will send the camera to Mr. Bawol.

Mr. Becker advised that Senator Fred Upton, Chair of the Technology and Internet Committee, had requested names of persons interested in working with the committee. Linda Cwiek had asked Mr. Becker for a recommendation and he has identified an attorney at APCO International to work with the Senator.

Information on Project 38 was made available to the membership as both Printed material and a PowerPoint presentation on disk. Michigan's pilot agency is Ottawa County.

Mr. Becker announced that Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Terry has decided that she will not run for re-election for next term. Anyone interested in serving in this office, or other offices, should contact Suzan Hensel.

Mr. Becker requested that Christina Russell join him at the podium. W. Becker reminded the membership that he had been asked at the last meeting to appoint a replacement Second Vice President for the remainder of the term. Ms. Russell was sworn in as Second Vice President.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities and Membership

Mr. Becker read a written report provided by Mr. Crichton, who was unable to attend. Mr. Becker stated that Mr. Bawol had been working on the Chapter's Web site. He further announced that four scholarships had been awarded for the 2001 Spring Conference, enabling three members from Lake County and one from Iosco County to participate.

The new member campaign winner was announced, and Lloyd Fayling was awarded \$2000 towards attending the National Conference. Mr. Fayling stated that the money would be used to send a member of his dispatching staff to the National Conference.

National

Lloyd Fayling provided written copies of the APCO International 2001 Financial Statement and Executive Council Communique'.

Mr. Fayling advised that APCO International expects to realize a \$272,000 loss in frequency coordination fees for this fiscal year, in conjunction with the use of the internet for FCC form 601. A suggestion has been made to increase the coordination fees, but Mr. Fayling stated that the National Committee is not in favor of this solution.

Mr. Fayling also reported that the APCO Institute has been very successful utilizing the internet. It is financially successful for APCO and involves no travel for instructors or students.

Historical

Per Mr. Rybicki, no report

Mini-Conference

Mr. Bawol made brochures and information available He stated that the Kettunen Center has more rooms available for meetings and social hours than the former site, and that the prices would remain the same, even though the conference will be at a newer center.

He advised that the Mini-Conference Committee had met that morning to finalize the courses, which will be listed on the Chapter Web site, MI.APCO.ORG

Mr. Bawol further stated that the newsletter, treasurer's report and officer contact information would also be listed on the Web site. The newsletter will continue to be distributed by mail for those members

without access to email. Mr. Bawol requested photographs of new centers or events for the newsletter.

Mr. Becker announced that Pete LeFavour is looking for additional "reporters" to assist with the newsletter.

ETSC Wireless

Suzan Hensel reported that the ETSC had approved the Training Subcommittee forms for both PSAPs and for vendors requesting approval of their courses. The first payments of the training funds are expected in August.

Ms. Hensel further stated that all 83 counties were re-certified for second year funds. She stated that the next payment would still be based on the 1990 census data, and that the payment would be larger than usual on a one-time basis.

Ms. Hensel reported that Wireless P.01 grade of service had also been approved by the ETSC. Ms. Hensel recognized the members and other volunteers from the MCDA who worked on the Re-certification Subcommittee. All of the 9-1-1 plans were read at least twice, and the Subcommittee put in a lot of effort.

Nominating

Ms. Hensel reported that there will be elections for Sergeant at Arms and Secretary/Treasurer this fall, in addition to Second Vice President and National Committee representative, which are elected each year.

Resolutions and By-Laws

Becky Shatney reported that the committee has four members, who are working on incorporating Changes into a draft Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the Travel Policy. These changes were approved, but never officially incorporated in the language. Ms. Hensel recommended that the drafts be posted on the Web site, then officially posted at the Fall Conference for a vote at the October business meeting.. Mr. Fayling requested that the changes be "highlighted" on the documents. Mr. Becker stated that the Executive Board would welcome feedback on the changes. Ms. Shatney advised that the Conunittee had also made non-substantive changes to form, including grammar, gender specific references, and the title of APCO International, Inc.

Other

The members were reminded that the Telecommunicator of the Year and other ballots were distributed, with a May 31st deadline. The members

were also advised that an outline of "key dates" is complete, so that award deadlines will be met in future years.

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Winners of the drawings were Tom Valdez and Joe Cousineau

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be May 26th in Ottawa County

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn by Ms. Hensel, supported by Ms. Shatney.

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.