

July 25, 2002 Approved Minutes
Ottawa County Central Dispatch

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 a.m.

President Russell thanked the Ottawa County Central Dispatch for hosting the meeting.

A moment of silence was held to remember Dick DeMello's passing.

Kurt Blower read the new members of Michigan APCO. Kevin Walk from Life Ambulance out of Grand Rapids was the new member in attendance. Introductions were made.

By unanimous consent the agenda was approved. Motioned by Tom Altland and support provided by John Bawol to approve the May minutes. Motion approved.

Carol Swainston gave the treasurers report, which was unanimously approved.

President Russell gave an update on the Tariff Task Force. Discussion occurred regarding NENA's actions and the support from agencies around the state against the tariff.

Patricia Coates advised that the lifetime membership of Dick DeMello was approved. It was decided that Bill Folske would receive the award at the national conference for Dick DeMello. President Russell further advised that we donated \$100 to the Renee Johnson Scholarship Fund as per the family's request. Motioned by Becky Shatney to authorize funds not to exceed \$5000.00 to name the APCO Executive Director Conference Room in National in honor of Dick DeMello. Support by John Bawol. Motion approved.

President Russell advised that in order to get the MI-APCO meeting dates on the National calendar, the dates need to be submitted to National by sometime in August. Further that it is the intention to hold these meetings at restaurants in order to increase the attendance. The dates for the 2003 meetings will be January 23, 2003 in the Midland area, March 27 in the St. Johns area, May meeting will be held at the NENA spring conference, July 24 in the Genessee County area, the Fall Conference will be September 24-26, and the annual meeting will be October 23rd in Frankenmuth.

President Russell stated the deadline for the next newsletter is September 10th.

John Bawol advised that the National Representative Report would be in the next newsletter, and in addition has already been posted to the website.

President Russell the National Conference will be held next month in Nashville, TN.

Tom Altland was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Pete LeFavour was the door prize winner.

Pat Coates advised that for the Activities & Membership reports, there are 471 members in the Michigan Chapter. Bill Folske is unable to attend the meeting today. Pat gave the Frequency Advisors Report. The alternate's PC has been moved to Keith Bradshaw.

Pat Coates advised there was a meeting held on 7/1/02 via conference call. The officer changes are Joe Turner has been elevated to Vice-Chairman and Bill Folske has been selected as Chairman. A meeting is scheduled for 8/1/02 at Huron County Ambulance, which is an open meeting. If everything goes as scheduled, we should be the second plan submitted. N.C.C. is requiring that the Frequency Advisor and the Alternate attend a two-day training in Denver. Motioned by Pete LeFavour to not exceed \$1500.00 to send the Frequency Advisor and the Alternate to the training. Support provided by Kirk Blower. Further discussion occurred. Motion amended to funding not to exceed \$2000.00 to send the Frequency Advisor, his spouse, and the Alternate to the two-day training in Denver provided this does not set precedence. Support to the amended motion by Kirk Blower. Amended motion approved.

Pat Coates advised there was nothing to report for MPSFAC. There were no reports for the Engineering/Technical Committee or the Telecommunications Operations & Procedures.

Pat Anderson advised there was nothing to report on corporate.

There were no reports for ETSC and Historical.

Pat Coates advised she was working on the awards for the annual meeting.

Kirk Blower gave an update on the fall conference. Discussion occurred regarding classes. President Russell advised the members of the fall conference registration and the scholarship information.

Becky Shatney gave the Project 38 report, advising the members that there is nothing new to report. Becky further advised that for the Resolution and Bylaws that the only thing outstanding is the language indicating where Michigan chapter will charge \$5.00 over and above the membership dues. We have never done this and do not plan on doing so.

Pat Coates advised that Harvey Becker is not present to provide the Nominating Committee; however, Pat put out to the members the invitation to run for office. Becky Shatney inquired about previous officers running for office again. It was

the general consensus that there is nothing that would preclude their running for office again; however, it was agreed that Becky Shatney should research the Bylaws & Constitution to determine if this is so.

Under Old Business, Pete LeFavour provided a report to the members about his trip to Washington D.C. to attend the Homeland Security Conference. Pete's report will be posted on the website and in the next newsletter. Further discussion occurred. President Russell advised that Pete LeFavour will chair the new Homeland Security Committee and will update the members on this. Sherri Kessell volunteered to work on this committee.

For New Business, Pat Anderson advised that Intrado is sending out a questionnaire – in conjunction with NENA, and that some of the information asked for on the questionnaire it is best to list “not available” under contact name and number for the PSAP host NSR and ALI/ANI provider. Further discussion occurred.

Pat Coates advised that there was an APCO Alert on the National website about chips being implanted into wood which would block incoming cell calls in places such as theaters and restaurants. The alert is based that this would also block outgoing 9-1-1 calls, and it could greatly interfere with public safety communications. It was determined that a ban on a specific building material could not be done, but you could work with the local ordinances to require some type of in-building support for public safety communication.

President Russell advised that September 27th at the Kettunen Center, the last day of the Fall Conference is the next APCO meeting. NENA's next meeting is August 1 & 2 in Washtenaw County Library; the next ETSC meeting is on August 19th in Lansing.

A special thank-you is extended to Joe Cousineau and Pat Anderson with SBC for hosting the lunch following the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Swainston
Secretary/Treasurer