

MI APCO Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2006
Houghton Lake, Michigan

Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Pete LeFavour, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Carrie Perialas and seconded by Lloyd Fayling. Motion approved.

Introductions were made. Chris Schultz advised that due to the resignation of Carol Swainston from the position of Secretary/Treasurer, the board is in the process of getting information switched over with National APCO. Because of this, there is no new member report available at this time.

The minutes have been posted on the wsbsite and in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report was provided to the membership.
Motion made by Kevin Walk to approve the report as presented and seconded by Chris Schultz. Motion approved.

Additional financial item:

Lloyd Fayling made a motion for the Michigan Chapter treasury to make up the difference in any additional costs incurred in allowing family members and guests to attend the evening boat outing. Original reservations made for 35 people at a cost of \$35.00 person. ***Motion seconded by Carrie Perialas.*** A count for those attending was taken and it was decided to stay with the original number of 35 people, this would allow for additional guests. ***Motion withdrawn.***

President, Karen Chadwick, sent a report that was distributed to the members.

A thank-you to the chapter from Lloyd Fayling during his recent convalescence was read. It was emphasized that the note was written by his wife, he in fact **does not** have a "softer" side.

COMMITTEE REPORTS presented by Kevin Walk.

Training report given by Chris Schultz, who requested that agencies keep providing updated information to keep the website up-to-date with training opportunities. There will be training opportunities offered following this meeting and also on Friday, July 30, 2006 at the Houghton Lake location.

Engineering/Technical had no report due to the fact that Jeff Kludy was unavailable.

Frequency Coordination/700 MHZ Keith Bradshaw was not present, and there was no report at this time.

MPSFAC/700 MHZ also offered no report as Pat Coates was not in attendance.

Activities and Membership report by Pete LeFavour mentioned new opportunities for involvement including the Fall Conference. The national conference will be held the week of August 6th in Orlando, Florida. Several members plan to be present this year.

Commercial report offered by Jeff Vezina included introductions by the vendors present, Dan Dundas from MA/COM, Joe Cousineau from TCI and Jeff Vezina from DSS Corporation.

ETSC Representative, John Bawol was not in attendance, however a report from the T.E.R.T. Steering Committee was presented that included a request for seed money to assist in financing for training, record keeping, supplies/equipment for participants and mobilizations of the T.E.R.T. program in Michigan. The request was for \$5000.00 from the Michigan Chapter. This request will be re-visited at the next meeting during the fall conference for action at that time when John Bawol is able to be present. An explanation of the program ensued that included an overview of what the program can do and offer for dispatchers.

Training was offered in Bay City on July 10-11, on "Critical Incident Training", which anyone interested in

being a part of T.E.R.T. must attend. Carrie Perialas advised that this training was well attended and that the session was full.

National APCO report given by Lloyd Fayling urged members to go to the National website and check it out for the large quantity of information available. He further stated that communications between the national and locals have improved greatly and now include things such as ebulletins to the members. Web classes are offered and can be taken, including some for no charge.

There is a new Executive Director, George Rice. National has put together a new package for him that includes performance and incentive enhancements to clarify his duties.

National Board is working with CALEA for their certification of the instructional courses offered, and modifying the process that is followed to acquire center approval from CALEA. Christina Russell questioned how many agencies in Michigan have this certification.

The APCO Bulletin magazine has been contracted out to an independent company for production. There is still a small committee in place to oversee its production to ensure quality and there is a liaison officer in place. You can expect to see improvements in the magazine.

There will be "APCO TV" at the National Conference in Orlando in the host hotels. There are 790 booths at the conference with 95% of the exhibit floor sold. In addition, major sponsorships have added \$263,000.00 for activities and 2000 have registered with more registrations being added daily.

Regional conference sites have been announced, however there has been none announced for the North/Central region.

On July 26, 2006, the "Walk of Heroes" was dedicated in honor of Kent Krueger, a long time APCO member. The walk is made of paver bricks that can be purchased and dedicated. Our chapter has purchased two of the bricks in honor of Bill & Doris Folske.

Awards Committee information on how to nominate a Telecommunicator, Supervisor, Technician or Director for an award was presented by Christina Russell. The deadline for nominations is September 1. With this deadline, our nominations can also be submitted to national for consideration for a national award as well. These forms can be emailed or mailed directly to Christina Russell, whose address is included with the nomination form. The form is

also on the website. She strongly urged members to acknowledge those that we know that do a great job so that they may be honored at the annual chapter meeting in Frankenmuth in October.

Fall Conference co-chairs, Kim Ostin and Carrie Perialas announced that work was progressing on the conference. The theme "Mysteries of 9-1-1" was given. Kevin Walk announced the golf outing that is offered Wednesday morning, prior to the start of the conference, at the Rose Center near the Kettunen Center. The sessions have been set and there will be speakers from Idaho, the FBI and various other areas around the state. On line registration with Paypal is available again this year. The sponsorships, with the exception of breaks, have been sold. There will once again be a steak and crab leg dinner offered Thursday evening. Carrie added that there will be no more than two people assigned to a room unless specifically requested. The approval for training fund usage by ETSC will be forthcoming. They urged everyone to consider attending this educational and enjoyable opportunity.

Historical Committee had no report and Rich Rybicki was not in attendance.

Nominating Committee representative Pat Coates was not in attendance; however an immediate need for Secretary/Treasurer was announced. There was discussion of splitting the duties of this office due to the workload that each office brings.

Further discussion continued with Carrie Perialas stating a need for a possible bylaws change that would allow for a member to run for a specific office and not have to progress through all of them to get to this office. The plan would include a term limit for any given office and the specification that anyone running for president must have served in another of the offices previous to this. A written proposal for these changes will be presented at the fall conference meeting to allow for a vote to be taken at the annual meeting in Frankenmuth in October.

Newsletter and Website report by Carrie Perialas. She advised that if you want it on the website, please include "PLEASE PUT ON WEBSITE" and/or "EMAIL BLAST" in capital letters at the beginning of your request. Articles are always needed and welcome for the newsletter and the

deadline for the next issue will be emailed out. The newsletter will be done by John Bawol for the time being.

State 9-1-1 Administrator Harriet Miller-Brown was not present and no report was provided.

There was no **old business** to discuss.

New Business:

Carrie Perialas advised that there had been a six count felony warrant for 9-1-1 abuse issued in Roscommon County. If there are articles about this, it was requested that they be added to the next newsletter.

Christina Russell reported that the ETSC Training Standards subcommittee is trying to put together recommendations for state training standards. Harriet Miller-Brown has to submit a report to the state on September 1, 2006 and the committee is working to get this report together for her.

Christina requested that the chapter provide education to communication centers on the certification process for CALEA. It was suggested by Kim Ostin that this be a course offered to directors at the fall conference. Discussion followed on what CALEA is and how it is administered and what it gives to you. The question of CALEA certification vs. ETSC committee recommendations came up. Lloyd emphasized that national was looking into simplifying the process for centers since their standards are too complicated and expensive. The general consensus was that this is a very expensive and time-consuming process. We will send a fan out to find out who has this certification and see if they would be interested in speaking about it and to get information on costs involved.

Ottawa County offered to share a new LEIN procedure to explain LEIN to anyone totally unfamiliar with it and what it is capable of doing for the officer.

There will be lunch following the meeting at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Training from 1:00-4:00 on the National Incident Management System will be offered.

Kim Ostin asked if any acknowledgment of Carol Swainston's service to the chapter for a job well done had been made. It was suggested that a plaque be awarded along with a gift

certificate and that she be invited, along with a guest, to the steak/crab leg dinner at the Fall Conference in Tustin. The Executive Board will work on this presentation for her.

50/50 Drawing Winners

Dirt Hawg	Kevin Walk
Cooler	Lloyd Fayling
Blanket	Marie Thompson
Sweatshirt	Carrie Perialas
Mug	Andrea Hine
Golf Balls	Phil DeCleute
Mug/Mouse pad	Dreama Arnett
Sweatshirt	Dan Dundas
Mug	Marcie
T-shirt	Deanne Sommerville
\$80.00	Carrie Perialas

Motion made by Chris Schultz to adjourn at 11:11 a.m. and seconded by Kevin Walk.

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Ostin