

MI APCO Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2006  
Tustin, Michigan

Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm by President, Karen Chadwick.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

*A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Harvey Becker and seconded by Carrie Perialas. Motion approved.*

Due to the fact that this was the conclusion of a three day conference, no introductions were made by the membership present. There were no new members at this time.

Minutes from the July meeting have been posted on the website. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Bawol and seconded by Bruce Gaukel. Motion passed.*

Treasurer's report was provided on the back of the agenda. *Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by John Bawol and seconded by Bruce Gaukel. Motion passed.*

#### **President's Report**

- President, Karen Chadwick acknowledged the Fall Conference Committee and their work. In addition, the vendors were thanked for their participation and work to make the conference a success.
- It was announced that Fred Harris, of Wexford County, would be retiring next week.
- Jim Twarick from Iosco County has passed away following an extended illness. Arrangements will be posted on the chapter website.
- There is a new Leadership Certification Program from APCO National. They are looking for 40 people to participate at this time. Books and applications for the program have been provided near one of the doors to the meeting room.
- DUCOM in Illinois is looking for an executive director. There is an application provided on the website.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1st Vice-President, Pete LeFavour, thanked the conference committee for the work that went into planning conference and also the membership for supporting the conference. The committee is always looking for new ideas and workers.

#### **Training**

- Sgt-at Arms, Christine Schultz, advised that there had been numerous learning opportunities throughout the conference.
- New opportunities for training will continue to be posted on the chapter website. Be sure to advise if you are hosting some training so that it can be included.
- Acknowledgement of Genesee County and Lloyd Fayling was made for their donation of an LCD projector to the chapter for its use at future meetings and trainings.

#### **Engineering/Technical**

- No report at this time.

### **Frequency Coordination/700 MHZ**

- Pat Coates advised that there had been an informational meeting asking for additional public comments. Plans have been submitted to the FCC and they are awaiting concurrence from the adjacent regions. Only one has been received so far. The committee will be seeking permission from the FCC to make a third request to the adjacent states that will state whether or not they concur. If there is no response following this request, this will be deemed to signify their concurrence with the plan. In the past the FCC has not allowed this to occur, however we are hopeful that this will change in this instance.
- No new 700 MHz meeting has been set at this time. A date for a future meeting will be scheduled by the committee chair based on responses from the adjacent regions regarding concurrence.

### **MPSFAC/700M HZ**

- The next MPSFAC meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. October 26<sup>th</sup> in City Hall in Frankenmuth, awaiting confirmation on this date and time.
- Pat Coates advised that anyone with 800 MPSFAC licenses that need changes or agencies that have new systems, the freeze will go into effect on January 1, 2007 for wave four. Any agencies planning changes or modifications need to get this information to the committee prior to the Frankenmuth meeting.

### **Activities/Membership**

- Several members traveled to Orlando, Florida in August to attend the National APCO Conference.

### **Commercial**

- Jeff Vezina had no report at this time.

### **ETSC Representative**

- John Bawol reported that new funding request forms will be coming out.
- Beginning in January, 2007, agencies will be able to use funds for overtime or backfill for attending trainings and conference.

### **National**

- National Representative, Lloyd Fayling reported that APCO National is seeking applications for training instructors and the EMD management programs
- Continue to check the national website for new information and seminars. Some of the offerings include sessions on the web either free or for a small fee.

### **Awards Committee**

- Christina Russell announced that the awards committee, comprised of Chris Schultz Kevin Walk, Andrea Hine and herself, had met. A thank you was extended to the membership for their nominations for Telecommunicator, Line-Supervisor, Director and Technician of the Year. The recipients of the awards will be notified by mail this week and the awards will be presented at the annual meeting in Frankenmuth on October 26, 2006. Once the recipients have been notified, their names will also appear on the chapter website.

### **Fall Conference**

- Carrie Perialas thanked the conference committee for all of their hard work.
- The number of attendees was up this year and included a lot of new faces and along with returning agencies. The committee looks forward to this continuing trend in the future.

### **Historical Committee**

- Rich Rybicki reported that there now is a historical site on the chapter website.
- He also advised that he has been appointed as the National Historical Committee Chairperson for APCO National. Look for his articles in the APCO magazine.

### **Newsletter/Website**

- A request was made by John Bawol to advise him of any changes to your email address to enable him to get the newsletters to you. You should be getting an email from him on a weekly basis.

#### **State 911 Administrator**

- ETSC has given State Administrator, Harriett Miller-Brown, permission to file a joint complaint of clarification for non-initialized phones. Michigan will be joining with Tennessee in seeking additional states to join them on this filing. Clarification is needed to determine what a block on harassing calls is and a definition of what a harassing call is. In order to do this there must be a collection of data from the states participating in the request for at least a 60 day period of time by individual PSAPs . You will need to track the number of non-initialized calls and log them on forms provided separating the legitimate calls from the obscene, harassing and false calls in an effort to determine loss of time and cost for these calls. The collection period will run from November 1-December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. If you are interested in participating please indicate this and the electronic forms will be sent to you.
- Harriett re-stated John Bawol's information on the use of ETSC funding for overtime or backfill costs incurred for training.
- Another decision by the ETSC was made that directs centers that have unused training funds that are five years or older to return these funds back to the training fund.
- State report to the legislature can be viewed on the ETSC website. An additional report with legislative recommendations will be forthcoming. The next meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. They have approved six concepts that they will recommend to the legislature. At the October meeting they will approve the final report and put it in writing. The concepts are:

Two Tiered funding system for 9-1-1 in Michigan there would be one statewide surcharge that applies to all devices that access 9-1-1. These monies would continue to fund training and programs, the state 9-1-1 office, and the wireless funds that counties receive.

It will also include a recommendation that training course approval and tracking return to the ETSC from MCOLES. The ETSC workgroup actually does the work and brings it to MCOLES for their approval. ETSC would also like to develop training standards for Michigan dispatchers. The tiered funding system would help fund this program and allow individual training for dispatchers throughout the state.

Approval for the ETSC to set 9-1-1 standards for the state of Michigan.

Request for \$500,000.00 from the CMRS funds be used for a feasibility study on an IP based 9-1-1 system in the state. Recommend \$10 million be set aside for the initial capital outlay for this type of system.

Multiple line telephone systems for larger businesses to determine actual location of phones made within the building.

Request for a simplification of plan modification, which would be legislation recognition of administrative findings. This would enable commissions to make changes in 9-1-1 plans by commission resolutions.

- There will be a 9-1-1 forum at the CLEMIS facility in Pontiac on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 2:30pm. A second forum will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> in Marquette from 10:00am – 2:00pm. It is on the ETSC website and invitations will be sent out. CMRS,ETSC members and VOIP providers will be present. It will be followed by an open panel for Q&A.

## **TERT**

- John Bawol reported that there was a session for dispatchers included in the conference
- In addition, a memorandum of understanding will soon be issued.
- In order to be a member of Michigan TERT you must be a member of MEMAC (Michigan Emergency Management Aid Compact). There will be a presentation at the NENA meeting in November about this.

## **New Business**

- *President, Karen Chadwick, made a motion to nominate Lloyd Fayling as a chapter life member. The motion was seconded by Carrie Perialas. Motion carried.*

## **Nominating Committee**

Following slate for the chapter board was announced by Pat Coates with the election to take place at the annual meeting in Frankenmuth.

<b>President</b>	Pete LeFavour
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	Kevin Walk
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	Chris Schultz, Dee Ann Summersett
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carrie Perialas
<b>Secretary</b>	Kim Ostin
<b>Sgt-At-Arms</b>	Andrea Hine, Kathy Hamme, Dreama Arnett
<b>National Representative</b>	Lloyd Fayling

Floor opened for additional nominations. *A motion was made by John Bawol to close the nominations and seconded by Kevin Walk.* Discussion on bylaws change that requires the closing of the nominations at the Fall Conference instead of at the Frankenmuth meeting. *Motion passed.*

Next meeting will be October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth. Motorola will host a dinner at 6:00 pm with a presentation on 800 MHz re-banding. Recognition Awards will be presented at the dinner along with the induction of new officers.

*Motion to close the meeting made by Harvey Becker and seconded by Jim Baker. Motion carried.*