



Meeting Minutes of the Michigan Chapter of APCO

October 22, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

Virtual via ZOOM

Meeting called to order by APCO President Chris Collom at 2:04 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance video was played.

Chris Collom entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. *Motion made by Dave Rapacz and supported by Sandra Nielsen; motion carried*

Introductions were done via Survey Monkey, those in attendance include:

Jack Boden	Kecia S Williams	Doug Sanford	Megan Erickson
Carley Schrems	Cindy Homant	Tim Jones	Eric Mulvaine
Lyndsay Stephens	Marc Gramlich	Terry Vogel	Spring Tremaine
Scott Tallmadge	Mike Muskovin	Patricia Coates	Randy Miller
Dawn Cubitt	Randy Pfau	Gary Tingey	Dan DeWolf
Jeff Troyer	Kim Ostin	Torie Rose	Katlin Kellogg
Cherie Bartram	Jeff Kelley	David Rapacz	Dominique Clemente
Rich Feole	Kim Grafton	Tina Rasey-Smith	Kate Chism
Kelley Cunningham	Tony Leese	Michelle James	Lisa Hall
Larry Stidham	Philip Bates	Theresa Hart	Jim Hansen
Sandra Nielsen	Ray Hasil	Chris Collom	Brent Williams
Michael Armitage	Rich Rybicki	Jonathan Verville	

New Member Report presented by APCO 2nd Vice President Dave Rapacz: broken down by month since December 2019. 50 new members over the last 9 months with a total of 619 member. New members by month:

January – 1	April - 12	June - 0	August - 3
February - 11	May - 1	July – 7	September - 4
March - 11			

APCO Minutes presented by APCO Secretary Michelle James for the approval of the September 2020 minutes. *Motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Dave Rapacz and supported by Scott Tallmadge; motion carried.*

APCO Treasurers Report presented by APCO 2nd Vice President, Dave Rapacz. Chapter balances as of September 30, 2020 are as follows: Checking: \$24,415.11 and Schwab Account: \$81,036.90 with our Total Funds: \$105,452.01. *Motion to accept the Treasurers report as presented made by Michelle James and supported by Ray Hasil, motion carries.*

Motorola Presentation presented by Gary Tingey and Jonathan Verville; “Next Generation Core Services”. This is our 65th year of our Annual Meeting with Motorola.

APCO COMMITTEE REPORTS

APCO National presented by APCO Executive Council Kim Ostin.

There is a survey that they are inviting you to participate in to assess the scope of diversity, equity and inclusion concerns. The deadline to take the survey is tomorrow, October 23, 2020. They are rewarding 5 people with \$100 gift cards as an incentive to take the survey.

There are two upcoming webinars that are free to APCO members:

November 5th - 3 Tips to Lower Your Public Safety Network Cost of Ownership

November 18th – Managing & Leading 9-1-1 During the Craziest of Times

They are continuously offering free webinars, so watch our home page. There will be links to register for the webinars.

FCC decision on the striping of the 4.9 GHz of Public Safety use. APCO joined with 11 other Public Safety associations on a press release strongly criticizing the action. APCO also intends to explore further options to protect public safety use of this spectrum.

December 1st – 3rd the APCO Tech Forum will be virtual. It’s a very dynamic event and it is going to have live presentations and a virtual exhibit hall. The cost is \$25 for APCO members. The information is on APCO National and our websites.

APCO National is looking for people to participate in Standards Development. They are looking for people, no matter what category you are in. A user would be someone who is actively employed in an ECC. A producer is someone from the commercial side. General interest is limited to but includes professional associations and society, regulatory agencies and retirees. If you have an interest in working with Standards Development, go to the website and sign up.

The Call for Speakers for APCO 2021 in San Antonio Texas is now open. You can submit your session through December 18th. So, if you are thinking of putting something together to present at the Conference & Expo, which will be held August 15-18, 2021, now is the time to do it.

Kim has submitted our Chapter By-Laws to the National By-Laws committee for review. This is something we have discussed doing so it has been submitted to Maureen Well.

APCO Commercial presented by Larry Stidham. Just a reminder for all of our business partners, if you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve our APCO Chapter, don't hesitate to reach out. We always want to learn how we can do better.

APCO Historical presented by Rich Rybicki. Rich is no longer on the APCO National Historical Committee. This year is the 25th Anniversary of the Detroit Conference. We do have the original 1995 August addition of the APCO Bulletin. Rich showed us the 1995 "Communication in Motion" logo Committee shirt, the volunteer T-shirt, a copy of the conference session guide and the conference bag that was sponsored by Midland Systems. They will be stored away in the Michigan APCO archives. He continues to work on the archives so if anyone has any questions, feel free to contact him. Kim Ostin has a Conference bag and Committee T-shirt from the 2020 conference that never happened that she will give too Rich to add to the archives.

Training/Membership Activities/TIM presented by Kim Ostin and APCO 2nd Vice President Dave Rapacz. Not a whole lot has changed since our meeting in September other than we are in the process of submitting for an approval for the Spring Training at Great Wolf Lodge with the Denise Amber Lee Foundation, April 13-14, 2021. Look for more information on our website. TIM training, they are working with a group from MDOT to get it up and running virtually shortly. Keep an eye out for that. Chris thanked Kim and Dave. They have worked so hard on the Spring Training. They have had to cancel it several times and reschedule it, find a new speaker who could make our new dates. They have also had a couple virtual trainings they have been working on. They have 3 more posted on the website so watch our website, they are always working on something.

Nominating Committee presented by Immediate Past President Sandra Nielsen. We have a full slate of officers. There was only one person running for each position, so the new slated officers will be sworn in at the end of this meeting.

CJIC Update presented by Lisa Hall. Their meeting is tomorrow so she did not have an update.

Legislative presented by APCO President Chris Collom. We are currently working with the State to find out exactly where the IFUND balance is. Until we have a firm number, we are unable to determine what we parentally need to change in the 9-1-1 Act. Federally, the House passed a bill. They've included a resolution to ban the use of 9-1-1 funds for anything other than 9-1-1. This is something that has been in the works for years and is at the Senate now.

State 9-1-1 Committee presented by Rich Feole. No report.

State 9-1-1 Administrator presented by Theresa Hart, Cindy Homant and Lyndsay Stephens. Theresa – Joni is currently working with the SNC, the Attorney General Office and the Public Service Commission to see what our options are for the training deadline since the executive orders were deemed invalid. We had an extension built in and we don't really know what is going to happen so she is working with them. We still haven't turned that computation back on

in MiSNAP to determine who all the delinquent employees are so standby; we will get more information out as we have it.

Cindy – with the automation project, we are testing Phase II which is the surcharge part. That is supposed to go live next month and we have been working on Phase III, the forms part. But just to give you a heads up, we are probably going to be calling on some of you to help with testing when we get to that point. Lyndsay is in charge of that phase so we might be reaching out to some of you that submit these forms on a regular annual bases to help test with that. Text to 9-1-1, it's great progress for Michigan. We have 76 counties and 1 Wayne county service district that have fully deployed Text to 9-1-1. We have a number of others, possibly 6 others that are really close. It's covering a population of about 74 ½ percent, which is fantastic. Reminder, for those of you that are still working on that or those of you that went live and maybe didn't do it, if you did not report to the FCC, there is a form that you need to complete and there is an email address you need to send it to. So, if you have not notified the FCC, do. Feel free to reach out to Cindy, she is happy to provide both the form and email addresses that you need to send that to. FCC does keep track of that and have asked them to do that so, if you haven't, get a hold of Cindy.

Lyndsay – Update with the Next Gen 9-1-1 Grant. For Macomb County agencies and the Detroit service district, don't forget the deadline for CPE application is October 31st. The other agencies that did apply and received CPE portion of the grant, they are all under way with their project. For the GIS Information System, the repository people have a webinar on October 29th on Microsoft Teams. Mark Holmes will be giving some demonstrations of the new repository and going over some of the new validations and some updates with the address points gap filled portion of the grant as well as what the TAC intends to do as far as moving forward with that gap fill portion. If you have questions or need the Microsoft Teams link, reach out ot Lyndsay.

Chris Collom asked Theresa if the second disbursement will occur in the next couple of weeks for the training funds. Theresa reported that it was supposed to be the end of November, but since the first one was so late, it could possibly be in December or January.

Technical presented by Jeff Kelley. The upgrade is primarily completed that was taking place in August. They do have a few routers that will need to be replaced at some of the sites. There may be some outages during those times. We have the text next Tuesday; we are going to be doing a functional test for the new critical connect between Michigan and Indiana. They will be testing to see how well we can roam between the two systems seamlessly and also be able to use each other's talkgroups through that system. FYI, we are way behind with COVID and the loss of staff on the RPTDU. We are running about 6 months behind right now on workorders. We also have an upcoming, hopefully coming out the first of the year, the new MPSCS Radio Management System that will give local agencies a incite to what radios they have with us on the system. You will also be able to track all workorders through the process.

Frequency Coordination/MPSFAC/700MHz presented by Pat Coates and Brent Williams.

Pat – as reported last meeting, MPSFAC Committee was attempting to add some language to protect some interoperability channels on 700 MHz for fixed deployment in addition to usual roaming. We did add some language at our last meeting in September. We were hoping to have a public hearing at our October meeting however, we realized that the new language we were adding was either contradictory or was not quite consistent with other language in the plan so we have to go through the entire plan so, we will not be having a public hearing at the October meeting. Our October meeting is October 29th and we hope to actually finalize the language and then have a public hearing at our January meeting. The dates have not been set yet. Once we have the actual language, prior to the public hearing, I'm planning on sending it to Kim Ostin to have it put on the Michigan APCO website so everyone can see it and let us know if they have any concerns. The recent FCC actions on the 4.9 GHz, despite APCO and other agencies strong objections, the FCC determined that that frequency range is underutilized so they are going to open it up. FCC is going to let the State license or lease these channels to non-public safety agencies. This is a complete change; it's always been reserved for public safety. If you have a local or county wide 4.9 GHz license, you are grand fathered in as long as you had that prior to the FCC freeze. You can still build on that and can add base stations, etc. A lot of questions remain and are still up in the air. Pat thinks the bigger issue is their recent actions on the 6 GHz allowing unlicensed users to go into the spectrum.

Brent reported that the 6 GHz is the main work horse for the MPSC and dispatch centers to towers. What the FCC is going to allow now, are unlicensed WIFI routers in people's homes. We are going to see thousands of low power devices showing up to provide WIFI connection into people's houses. The potential is the noise floors go up and those microwave links are not going to work as well, that is the main concern.

FirstNet Committee presented by Brent Williams. FirstNet use is now up to 1.7 million devices and users across the country. Those devices are being used in 14 thousand different agencies across all different branches of public safety. We have a total of over 180 devices and over 150 apps that have now been certified for use on the FirstNet system. The Coast Guard announced that they were equipping 1300 of their assets with FirstNet service now. The Army announced that all 72 of the US bases across the country are all going to be putting all their public safety activities on base onto the FirstNet system. FirstNet sponsored a nationwide webinar using 2 Michigan based hospital systems, U of M and Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids. Both the IT departments talked about how they are using FirstNet services for internal communications. There was a lot of response to that from across the country. It was a good plug for Michigan. High Power Usery Equipment (HPUE) is basically higher power coming out of your portable or mobile units. They are in testing right now. HPUE should be available sometime in the 1st quarter of next year. The HPUE units can go up to 1.2 watts.

MCDA presented by Michael Armitage. Matt Groesser took a job as Emergency Manager in Kent County so he is no longer on the board. We did hold elections, Bryce Tracy is Secretary, Michael Armitage is Vice President and Chris Collom remains President. After the first of the year, Chris Collom will become Immediate Past President, Michael Armitage will become

President, Bryce Tracy will become Vice President and they will hold an election for a Secretary. MCDA are really focusing on gathering information to prepare for the Legislative action in 2021.

Michigan NENA presented by Tim Jones. We have had a couple of By-Law meetings. We did cut a check for 50% of the 2020 Joint Conference fees back to APCO.

Joint Michigan Conference presented by Chris Collom. We are still slated for the 2021 Conference in May, 2021. Keynote speakers have signed new contracts. The hotel has been fantastic. We will be having a meeting in November. We are hoping we can have a in person conference in 7 months. Call for papers will be going out for the breakout sessions. They should be coming out by the end of this year. If you have any questions, please direct them to either Tammy Smith or Chris Collom.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

APCO New Business

President's Award presented by Chris Collom
Rich Rybicki, Retired

2020 Michigan APCO Awards presented by Sandra Nielsen.
Information Technologist of the Year – Adam Kern, Midland County 911
Supervisor of the Year – Becky Dawson, Genesee County 911
Telecommunicator of the Year – Kathryn Schmelzer, SERESA
Team of the Year – Midland County 911

Zachary Bonds	Gabrielle Croley
Matthew Frazier	Troy Irving
Bradley Keskey	Tracey Lenzion
Brandon Metzger	Stephanie Ponte
David Rice	BobieSu Sentell
Melissa Snelling	Angela Sweebe-Ware
DJ Wilkins	John Woods

Installation of 2020-2021 Officers presented by Sandra Nielsen

President	Chris Collom
1 st Vice President	Kimberly Grafton
2 nd Vice President	David Rapacz
Secretary	Michelle James
Treasurer	Phyllis Fuller
Sgt.-At-Arms	Kelley Cunningham
Executive Council	Kim Ostin
Immediate Past President	Sandra Nielsen

President Comment presented by Chris Collom. I would like to thank the membership for allowing me another year to serve as the Michigan APCO President. 2020 has been a tough year for us as a board. We are making some difficult decisions this year for our membership. We are hoping for 2021 to be a better year. I do want to thank each of the board members for all their work this year.

Motion to adjourn *motion made by Rich Rybicki and supported by Rich Feole.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle James
Secretary, Michigan Chapter of APCO

**The next meeting will be
APCO/NENA JOINT MEETING
Thursday, December 3, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting**