



**Florida APCO Board Meeting
Conference Call
1 (224)501-3412
Access Code 251-605-237
Thursday July 15, 2021 12:00 p.m.**

Roll Call: Present: Vonda, Brandie, Kathy, Ricky, James, Jennifer, Michael and Jacqi.
Not on the Call: Eddie, Jenny and Ivorie

Approval of Minutes: *Ricky made a motion to approve the board minutes from June 17, 2021. James seconded the motion, and all agreed. The minutes were accepted as approved.*

Jacqi forwarded the approved minutes to Michael for posting to the new website.

Board Reports:

- Treasury Report: Brandie reported that we currently have both bank accounts and she plans to close the Bank of America account in the near-future. She did receive a Credit Card and Debit Card for the Chapter Account. Because of the new bank and the process used to set up the old account (many, many years ago) there is no credit history for the Chapter. While there is a low initial credit line on the Chapter Credit Card it will be re-assessed in 6 months. Brandie is working with the new bank to ensure that the Chapter is set up properly and will be able to easily add and delete authorized users on the account. The current account balances are:

Chapter Account: \$113,299.91
Conference Account: \$27,249.12

The only expenses this month were for the new GoDaddy website and the Chapter MiFi bill.

- Secretary Report:
 - The New Officers form was submitted to APCO International to update our current leadership after our elections.
 - RPL Scholarship Recipients: Brandie is doing well in Course 3. Trae started yesterday and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity.
 - Current Chapter Membership is 3190

Committee Reports:

- ProCHRT: Vonda is working to schedule meetings with state representatives in support of our re-classification as First Responders.
- Training: Judith is the new Chair of the Training Committee and the next meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 1000. Brandie is working with Judith for a smooth transition.
- TERT: Ivorie was not on the call. Natalie is focused on the tragedy in Miami right now and we will look for an update when she is able to pull away.
- Public Affairs/Social Media/Newsletter: Michael is looking to advance a campaign on social media about our committees to promote involvement and to advance each committees' goals.
Each Oversight Board Member should send Michael their Committee information, chairperson(s) and a list of current or proposed projects/initiatives for him to use for the campaign.

Michael advised that he will be on a panel in San Antonio for Chapter Leadership, focusing on membership.

- Conference Planning: Jennifer had nothing to report but advised she was planning on reaching out to Brandie in the next weeks to obtain information regarding conference planning for 2022.

Executive Council: Ricky advised there was not much to report as the council is busy preparing for San Antonio. He solicited any input that the Board may have for his upcoming call but there was none.

Vendor Representatives: Eddie and Jenny were not on the call due to work responsibilities.

General Discussion:

- Ricky brought forth the possibility of offering chapter scholarships for CPE, like the RPL program we currently support. After discussion about various costs and the desire to support the professional development of our members:

Ricky made a motion for the Chapter to finance two CPE tuition bills (not travel and boarding in Daytona for the Capstone Class) per year. Jacqi seconded the motion and all agreed.

Jacqi will research and prepare the appropriate paperwork and application process for these new scholarships and will distribute to the Board for input. Once the process is finalized and approved the website and social media will be updated and the scholarship application process will be opened.

- Trae Maeder presented his proposal for his RPL Service Project which involves Florida APCO membership, outreach and engagement. He shared ideas to contact new members and welcome them into the organization while educating them about the multiple benefits that come with APCO membership. He would like to create a state-wide network of members to share information on major events, kudos and training opportunities. It was suggested that he use the TERT Regions and appoint “ambassadors” in each region to reach out to agencies/members and report back to the Membership Committee. His plan was well received by the Board. In support of this initiative Jacqi will provide a current membership list to Trae as well as a list of New Members in the last 90 days. Going forward Trae will receive a list of new members monthly.

Vonda made a motion to add a Membership Committee to the Chapter, Ricky seconded the motion, and all agreed.

Trae was named as the Chairperson for the newly created Membership Committee and Vonda will advise on the Board appointed oversight at the next meeting.

At 1246 hours Ricky made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vonda seconded, and all agreed.