



**Florida APCO Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
1 (571) 317-3122  
Access Code 340-248-077  
Thursday January 21, 2021 1200p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Present on the call: James, Jacqi, Vonda, Mary, Eddie, Jenny, Tom, Pam, and Jennifer  
Guest attendee Michael Spiegle.  
Kathy and Ricky not on the call

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the January meeting were approved. Tom made the motion and Pam Seconded, all were in favor.

**Board Reports:**

- **Treasury Report:** Mary reported she has paid for the Board Member Insurance (\$1034) and the Event Insurance (\$619). The event insurance company had the wrong address and Mary has sent in for the correction. The Chapter also sent condolence flowers to HCSO/PCSO/TPD for their recent losses.
- **Secretary Report:** Jacqi reported on a research study being conducted by Beverly Payne. She will send the flyer to all the Board Members to see if they can help get more participation regarding the link between Emotional Intelligence and Performance in the Emergency Communications Center.

**Committee Reports:**

- **ProCHRT:** Tom reported that our bills are not getting the support needed to be heard by a committee and start moving. They have great support in South Florida but need more support in Duval and Lee Counties. It was recommended that all Board Members contact Senator Ray Wesley Rodrigues and Representative Jason Fischer to try to gain more support for the bill. It is critical that this bill is heard in committee ASAP or it will not pass this session. James wrote a letter to the Governor to ask that he consider including 911 PSTs in the \$1000 COVID bonuses being proposed for First Responders. Tom suggested to send it to the Lt. Governor as well and James will send that out today.
- **Training:** Vonda reported that the Virtual Training was a big success with over 50 attendees. A class on CTO documentation is planned for the upcoming May 20<sup>th</sup> workshop. The Call for Papers for the Virtual Training Day in May went out but there have been no responses yet. James contacted the DOH and they advised that the revisions made to the PST Curriculum were only cosmetic and not substantive. Vonda will compose a letter for James's signature to see if our Training Committee can have some say in future updates to the curriculum.
- **TERT:** Mary had nothing to report.
- **Public Affairs/Social Media/Newsletter:** Kathy not on the call, James will call her and see when we can expect the Newsletter to be distributed.
- **Conference Planning:** In Person conference postponed to Spring 2022 at the Hilton in St. Pete.
- The Virtual Conference for May 20, 2021 planning was discussed, and Vonda reported: we have three classes lined up so far. One on Stress/Mental Health Issues in the PSAP, a Tony Harrison class and the CTO Documentation Class. She is hoping to secure one more course for the day. James will contact the

instructor for the Stress Class. The hours for the training day will be 1000-1600 with classes and a business meeting. Jacqi will investigate voting via survey monkey. Jenny advised that the Virtual Vendor Hall is very challenging, and we may want to look at other options to include our corporate partners such as social media, posters before and after classes etc. in lieu of attempting to put on a Virtual Vendor Hall. Eddie and Jenny will get together to discuss some options to offer. It is important that we do keep people informed about our next in-person conference in St. Petersburg and stay in touch with our corporate partners.

**Executive Council:** Ricky not on the call but advised there was nothing new to report.

### **Vendor Representatives:**

**Eddie:** Reported that three vendors reached out to him to see how they could get involved in the upcoming Virtual Training Day in May.

**Jenny:** Shared that she is excited to be in Florida and a part of the FL APCO Chapter. She inquired about the potential of holding joint conferences with Florida NENA once we are all back to in-person meetings again. She shared the challenges for corporate partners, especially in Florida when there are multiple national level meetings as well as state level ones. James reiterated some of the items that NENA was working on (Insurance and 501C status) to allow for a more collaborative relationship between the chapters and will follow up to see where the NENA Chapter is with those items.

### **General Discussion:**

James asked for ideas on giving away our conference registration to Texas (won for our increase in members). He also asked board members to start thinking about who to send to International in August.

Michael Spiegle brought up two important topics:

1. There is current legislation in Florida (introduced by Rodriguez) proposing increasing records retention from 30 days to two years. We will continue to monitor this and see if it makes it to committee.
2. He asked for input about a Young Professionals Mentoring program that he is working on at the International level.

At 1247 Vonda made a motion to adjourn, Pam Seconded and all agreed.