



**Florida APCO Board Meeting
Conference Call
1 (571) 317-3122
Access Code 340-248-077
Thursday May 20, 2021 11:45 a.m.
4:00 p.m.**

Roll Call: Present for the virtual business meet were Tom Ciampi, James Oehmke, Jennifer Finigan, Jacqi Yeager, Mary Collier, Vonda Jones, Kathy Liriano, and Ricky Rowell. Pam Jones was excused from the meeting to attend to a personal matter.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting March 18, 2021. *Ricky made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 18, 2021 meeting, Vonda seconded the motion, and all agreed.* The April board meeting was cancelled so there are no minutes for April 2021.

Election Results: Jacqi reported on the newly developed on-line voting process. While the slate ran unopposed this year, it provided an excellent way to test our new process. A nominating committee was formed of Tom Ciampi (Chair), Deb Gailbreath and Jacqi Yeager. Nominations were open until May 10. On May 12 the voting link was added to the website and was open for voting until May 19. The votes were tallied, and the results of the election were announced. The Board of Officers for 2021-2022 is:

President Elect: Kathy Liriano

Treasurer: Brandie Ball

Executive Council: Ricky Rowell

Member at Large: Jennifer Finigan, Michael Speigle, and Ivorie Barnes

Congratulations to our newly elected board members. This group adds to the returning Board Members:

President Vonda Jones

Immediate Past President: James Oehmke

Secretary: Jacqi Yeager

In addition, filling non-voting positions on this Board are:

Sergeant at Arms: Mary Collier

Corporate Partners: Eddie Williams and Jenny Mason

Board Reports:

- **Treasury Report:** Mary reported that all bank accounts are healthy and have the following balances: Checking Conference Account \$27284.12, Checking Chapter Account \$115,830.13 and the Visa account has a \$65.00 balance that will be paid this month. Mary is getting all the chapter financial records prepared to transition to Brandie Ball taking over as the Treasurer. They will go to the bank in the next week or so to add Brandie to the accounts. Mary reminded everyone about funding approved by the Board in 2019 for TERT to use to help them organize the many resources in Florida.

Committee Reports:

- **ProCHRT:** Tom expressed his disappointment with our legislative efforts this year. Not due to lack of effort but the priorities in Tallahassee did not align with our suggestions. He reminded everyone that the

next ProCHRT Oversight will need to contact Richard Pinsky sometime after June 1 to start to strategize for the next legislative session.

- Training: Vonda shared that the committee members have been busy with our last Virtual Training session on successful on-boarding and preparing for this Virtual Work Shop.
- TERT: Natalie reported that Florida is the most active state both in TERT Members and deployments. She is looking forward to the new tools that have been approved for funding to improve the tracking and efficiency of TERT members and activities going forward.
- Public Affairs/Social Media/Newsletter: Kathy had nothing to report.
- Conference Planning: Jennifer had nothing to report.

Executive Council: Ricky provided an overview of activities in the past few months. Most chapters are starting to plan for in-person conferences and trainings again. He brought up a potential for growing membership by the Chapter reimbursing agencies when they send individuals to receive training, so they can provide that training to other regional agencies. This is a topic that will be further explored and discussed at future meetings. APCO International is considering creating a new account for managing investments more efficiently. Any requests for attendance by Executive Council at Conferences or Swearing Ins etc., please provide at least a one month notice to allow for planning.

The Management Committee recommended returning the consideration of how a Compassionate Care program should be deployed and managed through APCO to the Executive Council during their 2021 meeting in San Antonio. Their recommendation is one of three choices: o create a national committee, defer to the chapter level (local awareness), refer to national for assistance from the Chapter-level, or do nothing

Ricky recommended that we support creating a national committee. The board members all agreed that this was the best option and supported this direction.

• EC Reps attending the EC Meeting on August 13th in San Antonio should be prepared to discuss NENA's stance on i3 standards vs Open Format preferences expressed by APCO. Western Region chapters are voicing concerns between APCO and NENA and continuing to fuel conversations about a divide between the Associations. APCO Intl. is working to create a white paper outlining the history of this development standard to educate all Chapters on APCO's position.

Vendor Representatives: Not on the call.

General Discussion:

- Jacqi thanked the outgoing board members for their service and commitment to the Chapter. She also thanked the Training Committee for their work in moving us forward with virtual training this year.
- Vonda Thanked all the members of her training committee, especially Brandie Ball who worked especially hard on getting the virtual workshop completed.
- Kathy asked about current legislation and what 911 coordinators are communicating to the PSAPs around the state.
- Debbie Gailbreath shared the appreciation of Trae Maeder (who could not be on the call) for being the most recent recipient of the Chapter RPL Scholarship. Trae will be competing his service project focusing on growing the Chapter's membership.
- Natalie Duran advised that Miami Dade College is now offering a PST course and it is successful so far. They have several students and tenured and experienced instructors. Past Chapter Presidents Lori Preuss, Chris Hodges and Natalie Duran are all instructors with this newly developed program.
- Rachel Poppe won the raffle and will be awarded a conference registration for the St. Petersburg Hilton conference in May 2022.

At 1234 hours Ricky made a motion to recess the meeting, Vonda seconded the motion, all agreed, and the meeting will be re-convened following the training sessions at 1600 hours for the Swearing In of the newly elected Board Members.

The meeting reconvened at 1552. James thanks everyone for their hard work over the past two years. Looks forward to seeing everyone in St. Pete in 2022. Debbie Gailbreath performed the Swearing-In for the Board of Officers 2021-2022. Vonda Jones provided a brief statement about her incoming Presidency. Ricky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1605, Kathy seconded the motion and all concurred.