



**Florida APCO Board Meeting
Conference Call
Zoom Call by Invite
Thursday November 19, 2020 4:00p.m.**

Roll Call: James, Ricky, Tom, Jacqi, Mary, and Kathy were on the call. Pam, Eddie and Jennifer were not on the call. Each board member introduced themselves to our guests and explained their role in the Chapter.

Approval of Minutes: *Tom made a motion to approve the Meeting minutes from October 15, 2020 as presented. Ricky seconded the motion, and all voted yes. The motion passed.*

Board Reports:

- **Treasury Report:** Mary reported that the Chapter account has a balance of \$111, 157. The Conference account has a balance of \$27, 692 and the Credit Card has a balance of 0.00. The tax information for 2019 has been submitted to the accountant and all financials are up to date.
- **Secretary Report:** The current membership for the Florida Chapter is 3,315 with a total of 672 new members in 2020.
- Jacqi explained the role of the Secretary and various duties and advised that she is not planning on seeking re-election in 2022.
 - James noted that the Florida Chapter was recognized for having the highest new membership in 2019. He displayed the award which also includes a Conference Registration for Texas in 2021. The registration will be presented as a prize at a future event for a member to enjoy.

Committee Reports:

- **ProCHRT:** Tom provided an update about legislative efforts. He shared the challenges that COVID are having in this area and that while we are still working on getting certified 911 PSTs included into the High-Risk category in the Florida Retirement System it was not passed this year. He talked about the process of traveling to our state's capitol and interacting with legislators to educate them on the importance of our career. He plans on contacting our legislative consultant Richard Pinsky in December to start planning for next year.
- **Training:** Vonda reported that the Training Committee is working on their first virtual class offering. The power point is complete, and the Lesson Plan is in process. The group is focusing on Communications Training Officer Training and hopes to have a CTO class available in the first quarter of 2021 followed by a Daily Observation Report and Performance Improvement Plan offering.
- **TERT:** Mary reported on our most recent TERT deployment to Alabama. Members of the Bay County Sheriff's Office, Collier County Sheriff's Office and Marion County Public Safety all responded to help those in need. The chapter expresses their deep gratitude to these agencies and individuals for their dedication to helping those in need.
- **Public Affairs/Social Media/Newsletter:** Kathy advised COVID had a big impact on the proposed publication. Most of the content was no longer valid and the entire edition needs to be re-worked. She will work with other board members to get a new edition out in the near-term future.
- **Conference Planning:** Jennifer was not on the call and this topic was deferred to General Discussion.

Executive Council: Ricky reported from the last meeting on 9/18/2020. The strategic plan for 2020-2025 has been approved. The Joint Chapter document, previously distributed to the Board was also approved. Investment news was reported as stable with an anticipation that the market will rebound in the coming months. Immediate

Past President Tracy Hillburn was awarded Life Membership. The 2030 International Conference is coming back to Orlando.

Ricky thanked the Board for approving and moving forward with his idea of establishing a scholarship for the RPL program specifically. It should be noted that this scholarship award is in addition to our established Nancy Dzoba annual scholarship.

Vendor Representatives: **Eddie:** Excused from the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Nothing to report.

General Discussion:

First Recipient of the RPL Scholarship Program: Jacqi made the announcement of our first RPL Scholarship recipient. Brandie Ball has been volunteering for the Florida Chapter since 2012 and is currently the Chair of the Training Committee. Congratulations Brandie and we look forward to sharing in your accomplishment when you receive your RPL.

2021 Conference: James reported that the planned in-person conference scheduled for May 2021 in St. Petersburg has been officially postponed to 2022. James and Tom worked with the venue to re-schedule considering COVID restrictions and unpredictability of conditions for 2021. The hotel offered a series of alternate dates for 2022.

Tom made a motion to re-schedule the conference to May 1-5, 2022 with a Cinco De Mayo theme. Kathy seconded the motion and all members agreed. The motion passed. James will contact the St. Pete Hilton to confirm the dates.

Conference Planning Manual Revision: James has been working on revising and updating the Conference Planning Manual. The draft was vetted by all Board members and input incorporated into the final proposed draft.

Jacqi made a motion to accept the new manual including the most recent revisions, Vonda seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the manual is accepted. Jacqi will receive the final version and post it to the website replacing the older version.

New Business: James proposed we schedule more virtual general meetings (potentially quarterly) to increase membership and involvement in the Chapter. Vonda will take the lead on this and determine the best means to manage this in Zoom considering ease of set up and security of the meeting.

At 1644 hours Ricky made a motion to adjourn, Kathy seconded, and all agreed. The motion passed, and the meeting concluded.