

Florida APCO Board Meeting Conference Call 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code 251-605-237 Thursday June 17, 2021 1200 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Vonda, Kathy, Jacqi, Ivorie, Jennifer, James, Michael Jenny and Mary on the call. Brandie and Ricky were not on the call.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting March 20, 2021 Vonda made the motion to accept the minutes, Kathy made the second and everyone agreed.

Guest speaker Richard Pinsky joined the meeting to talk about his legislative efforts for this year. He advised we had great sponsors and support last year but some of the language relating to retirement caused it to not move forward. Need a house sponsor for our bill for this session. Trying to get our profession (PST) recognized in the First Responder statute as a first step towards being included in the Special Risk retirement.

## **Board Reports:**

- Treasury Report: Mary reported for Brandie. She advised that the Chapter account has been changed to Regions Bank. There are separate accounts for the Chapter and Conference. She ordered a Debit Card for the Conference Account to ease purchasing for the Conference. Once the new account materials are received Brandie will close the Bank of America account. Mary is training Brandie for the Treasurer duties and recommends during the St. Pete conference to add a signer to the account.
- Secretary Report:
  - o RPL Update from Brandie. Doing well started Course #3. Service Project involves initial CALEA Communications Accreditation for SPPD.
  - o RPL Update from Trae: Tuition was paid, and course has begun.
  - o Membership total is 3,166

## **Committee Reports:**

- ProCHRT: Vonda is serving as Oversight for ProCHRT. There were no updates to report.
- Training: Workshop went well 65 total participants attended on the day of the training.
- TERT: Nothing to report
- Public Affairs/Social Media/Newsletter:. Michael reported on the potential new websites for the Chapter. He recommended to move forward with the Go Daddy option. *Michael made a motion to purchase the GoDaddy site, Jacqi seconded it and all agreed. Michael will get with Brandie to complete the order*.
- Conference Planning: Nothing to report.

**Executive Council:** Not on call, nothing to report.

**Vendor Representatives:** Jenny advised there was nothing new to report.

**General Discussion:** 

President Jones reiterated the Oversight positions for our Committees. Advised that each Chair can make decisions on if they want to assign a Chairperson or not.

Memorandum of Understanding with Florida NENA, 911 Coordinators, and Florida APCO. Some questions that came up; Who would be responsible for paying the representative, who would be representing the group, are there any legal issues that need to be considered? As a first step Brandie will send the MOU to our accountant for review/advice and Vonda will reach out to other Chapters who have achieved First Responder status and see how they did it and if there were any concerns related to their 501 C3 status. Vonda will get back with the group presenting the MOU to provide them an update and share our input and proposed actions.

Alyssa's Law discussion regarding each area's handling of this situation. Some counties reported they are using Safe Watch. The concern raised is that PSAPs will have to manage alarms coming from multiple sources and companies.

The meeting was adjourned at 1315 hours. Vonda made the motion, Michael seconded and all agreed.