



Florida APCO Chapter Meeting

Orange County Convention Center Room 307CD

Wednesday August 7, 2024 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Jennifer, Ivorie, Kathy, Brandie, Trae, Ricky, Jenny, James, See additional members below.

Absent: Sam, Meghan

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes from July 18, 2024. Motion to approve by Ricky Rowell and seconded by Kathy Liriano.

Board Reports:

- Treasury Report: Chapter Account \$97,367.71, Conference Account \$65,064.32, Credit Card \$1,127.29.
- Secretary Report: New RPL scholarship received from St. Johns Co Telecommunicator, being sent to awards committee for approval.

Committee Reports:

- ProCHRT: have been keeping up the momentum from the last legislative session. Upcoming meeting with the joint MOU associations on Monday regarding the direction to move forward with the actuary report currently in hand. We have received bi-partisan support over the last few years, just needed more information and guidance. Will be working more with PBSO and with additional information moving forward. Seeking more involvement from members who have agency support and agencies engaged with FSA.
- Training: Have been publishing 2MT's on the Chapter website and looking to start implementing quarterly training videos. Looking to compile an application user list, of what agencies use what applications to support each other with them. Call to sign up for the committee. Next meeting is August 20th.
- TERT: Natalia spoke about current deployments in Lake County, supporting agencies Marion County and Collier County. FL-TERT website is being refreshed and will have most updated information, as well as information on the Florida Peer Support network that was launched last year. Reach out to Natalia if interested in the program.
- Public Affairs/Social Media/Newsletter: great social media engagement over the week. Kudos to Lori Preuss for keeping the social media pages active. Letters of interest are being accepted for chair and co-chair of both committees through September 6th.
- Membership: See above
- Conference Planning: no current updates

Executive Council: 1 proposed policy amendment, adding KSA's for the board for directors. Jack Varnado from LA has filled the VP vacancy, Ricky Rowell will be seeking support to fill Jack's seat on the Board of Directors representing the Gulf Coast Region. EC Gulf Coast region has had minimal meetings and communication over the past year, it is being addressed and planned to be improving. Matt Stilwell sought clarification on the policy for filling a vacant chapter board position in the event Ricky's EC seat becomes vacant. It was clarified that the bylaws state it is an appointment from the president with the support of the board. Ricky thanked Jenny Mason on her excellent work coordinating the first Chapter Night Out. Ricky suggested looking into sponsored "lunch and learn" events as a way to give back to an engage with the

membership.

Also other Chapters starting education scholarship programs for family members of Chapter members. Discussion from the membership on seeking sponsorships, reviewing policies, discussing with Awards committee, etc. Tabled discussion.

Baltimore has assured more security and safety at next years conference in Baltimore.

Vendor Representatives: Vendor Representatives - Over 218 registrations, 133 registered attendees, 20 members added at the door, and several guests from other Chapters. Very successful event, vendors were excited about the success of the event. Interest from several other vendors to sponsor future events.

General Discussion:

Michael has asked about and motioned implementing a permanent standing bylaws committee. Kathy shared that we have recently received revisions and suggestions from the APCO Intl. bylaws committee. Ricky shared that this has already been motioned and approved but has not been stood up yet. Michael withdrew his motion. There were comments from the floor about who the bylaws state must chair the committee, a review of the bylaws revealed

Matt Stilwell echoed Michael's compliments to the board and the leaderships impact on the success of the conference. Compliments to Trae Maeder

Introductions around the room.

Motion to adjourn by Ricky Rowell, at 1554. Seconded by Kathy Liriano.

Others in attendance:

Natalie Heneks	Erin Gregory
Hector Caballero	Jenn Dana
Bonnie Jenkins	Anne Calderon
Vonda Jones	Kathleen Bratager
Lori Preuss	Matt Stillwell
Victor Lopez	Shannon Albritton
Michael Speigle	Natalia Duran
Arleen Fernanadez	