

# **APCO Business Meeting**

## **Wednesday March 15, 2000**

### **Stanly County Agri-Civic Center**

Stephen Sullivan of Bell south Mobility spoke and offered any help he could with wireless from his company.

**1. Opening/Welcome- Gary Michael**

**2. Recognition of New Members – Gary Michael**

None Present

**3. Introduction of Board Members – Gary Michael**

Johnny Sellars not present.

Johnny Sellars has been in the hospital with a urinary tract infection from last Saturday Night until this past Sunday. He returned to work on Monday the 13th

**4. Reading of Previous Minutes – Hillsborough Meeting - Robby Robinson**

Motion was made by Lisa Kovaics to approve the reading of the minutes, seconded and carried.

**5. Treasures Report – Robby Robinson**

Checking - \$ 1,334.35  
Market - \$44,927.70  
Total - \$46,262.05

**6. Executive Council Report – Frank Thomason**

Frank spoke of the 2 day meeting in Jacksonville. National has taken on looking at membership. They are looking at dividing the membership into 2 catagories.

The ground breaking has occurred. The new site will be about 3 miles from Dayton Speedway. The building will be dedicated to J Rhett McMillian.

APCO is making changes to the Frequency department. They want everyone to take advantage of their service.

Training APCO is now offering CD training.

Membership 2x2x2 should be utilized, it is a way to help get more revenue.

There are several projects that APCO has developed, such as project 25, 35, and 37. Frank gave an overview of these projects.

There is currently a staffing study on communications centers staffing needs. National is looking at finding or developing a National Standard that can be used.

APCO is looking at private or non-911 agencies using "911" as an advertising scheme. APCO will be sending information out stating they are against this and request support from the private sector and 911 agencies.

**7. Membership Report – Robby Robinson**

Working with the National Office to get an exact membership number. Will be posted in the Newsletter.

**8. Training Report – Johnny Sellars**

Johnny was not present, but President Michael gave an overview stating that most regional training classes are listed on the web page.

David Dodd wanted to remind everyone to utilize the web classes.

He also mentioned that the Fire Class was being totally re-written and would debut at the National Conference.

He also brought up the need for Colleges to train people with a communications curriculum so that we have a pool of possible applicants for new hires.

**9. Members at Large – Martha Hasty/Johnny Sellars**

No news

**10. Newsletter –**

Is being organized, should be sent to the printer by the end of the week.

**11. Web Site – Frank Thomason**

Special Thanks from President Michael on what an outstanding job Frank has done with the website. As of this week there is just under 900 hits on the site.

**12. Discussing of egroups –**

President Michael expressed how useful this tool can be. Everyone needs to sign up.

**13. Any old Business.**

None.

**14. New Business**

Marsha Withrow advised Charlotte Fire Communications is being totally renovated.

**15. CJIN – Richard Nifong**

His appointment to the CJIN board expired as of June 1999. Carol Morin advised Gary of this Monday, and that 2 other heads have also resigned. President Michael stated we need stability to this board and is re-assigning Richard for another 4 years.

The board just met on the 9th, but Richard was unable to attend, since he had not been appointed. Meetings will be held the 2nd Thursday of each quarter

**16. By Laws Committee – David Dodd, Joey Britt, and Don Mabe.**

Resolution – Establish Executive Council to a 2 year term. Absentee Ballots - Will be available for membership, who cannot attend the conference.

Proposed Executive Council Representative Resolution:

Whereas the North Carolina Chapter of APCO desires the strongest representation possible at the National and International level, and

Whereas the North Carolina Chapter of APCO feels that the continuity is vital to the performance of the elected Executive Council Representative, and

Whereas the North Carolina Chapter of APCO feels the best interests of the Chapter would be served if the Executive Council Representative were elected to a two (2) year term of office, with the option to succeed him/herself,

Therefore, be it resolved that the North Carolina Chapter of APCO amends Chapter bylaw, Article IV, Section 2.1 to read “that the Association Executive Council Representative shall be elected to a two (2) year term, and may succeed him/herself.

Article IV. Section 2.1 (Revised)

The offices of Chapter President and First Vice President shall normally be filled by advancement in rank. The Second vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Association Executive Council Representative, and one member at-large to the Chapter Executive Committee shall be elected. The Association Executive Council Representative and the Chapter Executive Member at-large delegate shall be elected for a two (2) year term, and may succeed him/herself.

Absentee Ballots Resolution:

Whereas the North Carolina Chapter of APCO desires the strongest representation possible from the Chapter membership in the selection of Chapter Officers, and

Whereas the North Carolina Chapter of APCO realizes that it is not always possible for all qualified voting members to attend the fall business meeting to vote on candidates for office, and

Whereas the North Carolina Chapter of APCO recognizes the need to amend the Chapter bylaws governing absentee ballots, to match the absentee ballot policy of APCO International,

Therefore, be it resolved that the North Carolina Chapter of APCO would amend Article IV, Section 3.1, to allow for absentee ballots to be cast by qualified Active members, in the election of Chapter Officers. To allow for absentee ballots, this section will be further amended to reflect that the nominating committee must present their proposed slate of officers to the Chapter President no later than June 30 of each year must. The Chapter President will forward the recommendations to the Chapter Secretary-Treasurer, who will mail ballots to all qualified active members. Those members wishing to vote via absentee ballot must return their ballot to the Chapter Secretary-Treasurer no less than 10 days prior to the start of the fall conference, or have the ballot hand delivered to the fall conference by another APCO member.

Article IV, Section 3.1 (Revised)

All elective positions in this Chapter shall be elected by ballot from nominations submitted by the nominating committee, in accordance with By Laws Article V11, Section 2.4, or from nominations from the floor. The Nominating Committee will present it's proposed slate of officers to the Chapter President no later than June 30 of each year. The Chapter President will forward the recommendations to the Chapter Secretary-Treasurer, who will mail ballots to all qualified active members. Members wishing to vote by absentee ballot must return their ballot to the Chapter Secretary-Treasurer no less than 10 days prior to the start of the Fall Conference, or have their ballot hand delivered to the Fall Conference by another APCO member. The final balloting shall be done at the last scheduled business meeting at the fall conference. Simple majority of those voting will decide all elections.

These will be placed in the next Newsletter for the membership to review. Suggestions on changes or corrections need to be brought to the committee as soon as possible so that changes can be made before the fall conference.

### **17. Craig Moser Criteria Award – Lisa Kovacs, Chair**

The award will come from Nominations from the Chapter Members.

The Board will select the recipient of the award.

The Board will NOT be eligible to be nominated or to receive the award while being an ACTIVE board member.

The family of Craig will be invited to the Fall Conference for the presentation of the award.

### **18. Life Time Member – President Michael**

Gary brought it before the group to make Geneva Nash a lifetime member.

### **19. New Membership 2x2x2 – Update**

President Michael just gave an update and advise everyone to work on getting new members.

### **20. International Conference – Boston, Ma August 13 – 17**

**21. Fall Conference – Wilmington Hilton Sept 25th – 28th.**

Meet with the members of the committee  
Band of OZ Tuesday or Wednesday Night.

**22. Nominations for the Year - Annual Awards**

Telecommunicator  
Line Supervisor  
Communications Manager  
Technician  
Commercial Member

**23. Next Meeting May 12th and 13th, Little Switzerland, Mark Broadway Host**

The Meeting in Edenton has been changed from July 19th to July 21st because of the drive time. Members suggested making it a weekend trip. Jim Carr will host and has agreed to this change. He will be sending President Michael information concerning lodging arrangements.

**24. Any Other business**

[Blancoconsulting@homestead.com](mailto:Blancoconsulting@homestead.com) - Is the new web site for Joe Blanco the spanish teacher.

**25. With no other business, a motion to Adjourn was made by Frank Thomason, seconded and carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Robby Robinson, Secretary Treasurer  
NC Chapter of APCO