

APCO Executive Board Meeting

July 21st, 2000

Edenton, NC

Executive Board Meeting - 09:30

Call to Order - President Michael

Issues - Member at Large - Vacancy of Johnny Sellars

Public Service Channel acquirement from FCC - Funding

Present - President Michael, Vice President David Dodd, Member at large Martha Hasty, Secretary Treasurer Robby Robinson

Present Michael stated that he had been looking for a replacement for Johnny Sellars who is retiring. He stated that he thinks Wesley Reid from Greensboro Communications would be a good candidate. Wesley is the Director and has expressed his interest to become more involved. The council unanimously agreed. A special article will be placed in the next newsletter.

President Michael stated that Harold Mechoms is working on securing several frequencies in the high 700Mhz and low 800Mhz coming available in the next few years. These are TV Channels that will become available as TV stations go digital. There is a requirement for advertisement that must be done before the frequencies can be allocated. The State does not have these kind of funds to advertise.

Robby brought it to council members that we need to look at the smaller counties that may be looking at moving toward 800 as well. The technical guys need to make certain that the larger counties do not "gobble" up these new frequencies once they become available. All council agreed to this, but also agreed that we need to do our part to help secure these frequencies when possible.

Sandra Everette who is interested in a group supervisor's course has contacted President Michael. David Dodd said that the Basic TC and the Fire Dispatch are the only two that can be taught between multiple agencies. He said that the institute has concerns about liability. National needs to make certain that qualified instructors teach the CTO and Center Supervisors. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was left that Gary and David was going to get with Dave Bubb at the National Conference to discuss this in more detail. Right now there is nothing that we can do for Ms Everette.

Motion made to adjourn by President Michael, seconded and carried.



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Meeting Called to Order - President Michael we are running ahead of schedule but will proceed on.

Welcome everyone - Special thanks to Sheriff Spruill and Mike McArthur

Thanks to Host - Jim Carr - Chowan County Central Communications

Recognize new members and visitors to please stand

Introduction of APCO Board - President Michael

David, Robby, Martha, (Marsha, Frank, Johnny (retiring end of the month) unable to attend. (Pat Garner will replace Johnny as the new Director and has joined APCO and NENA).

Reading of Previous Minutes - Motion to Dispense since in newsletter

Treasurer's Report - Robby Robinson
Checking as of July 1, 2000 - \$ 2004.34
Money Market - \$ 53,333.98

Membership Report - David Dodd/Robby Robinson 390 + current Members

Training Report - Johnny Sellars - Johnny will be retiring at the end of July with Sanford PD. We wish him well in his retirement
No Report

Members at Large - Martha Hasty/Johnny Sellars
No News

Newsletter - Robby Robinson and Richard Taylor
Beginning at the next new letter it will be sent to all PSAP by paper, and on Egroups Members. This will delete over 700+ mailings per quarter.

Web Site - Frank Thomason -1182 hits as of July 10th
Executive Council Report - Frank Thomason - Not able to attend

CJIN - Richard Nifong - Same as before...awaiting election

Old business

David Dodd has completed the resolutions for Executive Council Rep to be established for a 2 year term and for absentee ballots to be available for our membership. We have met the criteria, by established the proper wording and posting the requested changes in the newsletter for voting 30 days prior to the Annual Conference.

Craig Moser Award - Where Do We Stand Now

Lisa Kovacs, Chair
Marsha Simmons
Robby Robinson
Mike Moody

President Michael read the new criteria for this award to the members. This information will be placed on the Web Site

New Business - Johnny Sellars will be retiring at the end of July after 30 years. There needs to be a replacement for him as member at large to finish out his 2 year term. President Michael wanted to announce that, after discussing this with the Executive Council, Wesley Reid will replace Johnny for the member at Large position. He is with the Greensboro PD.

Frequency Update
Harold Meacombs - Past President of APCO Chapter
Funding of Public Service Channels
Some CJIN update

Harold gave an update on where the CJIN system is currently. The System was developed from the Special Olympics 800 system that was used several years ago back.

He went on to say that there is about 24 Mhz of frequency that will be coming available in the next 3 or so years. There must be a plan established and in place in order for public safety to be able to have these frequencies allocated to them for future use. This plan must be sent to FCC for approval.

These frequencies are old television frequencies and the TV stations must be given ample time to migrate to the new DIGITAL TV.

He is asking that APCO take control of this, and assist the state in assuring that these frequencies are available for future use. There are some funds needed for advertisement and other requirements and he is asking that NC Chapter of APCO assist with funding for this when the time comes.

Next Years Officers

Past President Joey Britt will be presenting the names of the candidates for Office at our September meeting. If you are interested in running for Office please contact him.

Awards Committee

Past President Martha Hasty, Chair, Joey Britt and Robby Robinson will be serving as our categories committee for:

Telecommunicator of the Year
Line Supervisor of the Year
Communications Manager of the Year
Technician of the Year
Commercial Member of the Year

They will work in conjunction with our new in coming President Mr. David Dodd on presenting the awards at our banquet. Deadline for nominations is August 15, 2000.

Life Member - Geneva Nash

Martha is writing qualifications on Geneva for our North Carolina Chapter.

International Conference will be in Boston August 13 - 17

Fall Conference - will be in Wilmington Sept 25 - 28th

Alyce Kemp-Dewitt is our featured speaker at the opening breakfast

Band of Oz has been contracted for Sept 26 Tues from 8PM - Midnight.

Next meeting will be in September Wilmington at our Fall Conference Sept 25 - 28 with some Sunday classes.

Lunch - Provided by Sprint

Wireless 911 Present and Future - Up Next

Richard Taylor NC Wireless 911 Board Administrator

Any other new business

DCI Classes at the Fall Conference was brought up by Lisa Lowder. President Michael stated he had spoke with Brad Cranford reference to this and that he had not been back in touch with President Michael as of this time. Therefore, no DCI classes are scheduled at this time.

There was a lengthy discussion on DCI concerning the fact that they are "not helping us as much" with issues including that of TCP-IP connectivity. There will be more in the future concerning this. Richard Taylor stated there is a DCI Board and that we should follow up with them.

There was a question concerning the Monitoring of information across the MDT terminals. No one knew an answer, but President Michael would look into it and get a report back to the membership.

Motion to adjourn

Motion made by Martha Hasty, seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robby Robinson,
Secretary Treasurer
NC CHAPTER OF APCO