

**NC CHAPTER OF APCO  
MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2000  
WILMINGTON 3:00 PM**

Call Meeting to Order - President Michael

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance - Dispensed, Performed during the opening ceremony this morning.

Welcome to Everyone - President Michael

New Members Introductions - None Presents

Past Presidents Recognized - Several recognized.

Board Members - Recognition

Marsha Withrow not present, with vendors, Martha Hasty not present, family member ill not attending conference, Wesley Reid was also not present.

Reading of Minutes - motioned to dispense since in the newsletter. Motion made by Jim Carr, seconded and carried.

Treasurer Report - Robby Robinson

Checking - Approximately \$2,444.63 a pending bill of \$203.00 outstanding. Money Market - \$48, 342.48

Executive Council Report - Frank Thomason

The New National Headquarters is underway and going good everything is pretty much on schedule. There are pictures on the National Web site.

National Membership has surpassed 15,000. Radio Frequency division of APCO has a new fee structure. Request for Processes are booming. A lot of restructuring is going on in the area. PCS Providers are buying up all available 800 MHz Frequencies. Nextel is the main frequency buyer.

Investigation is going on concerning frequency interference. The FCC is very actively reviewing this. The ruling on the Microwave move in 2 GHz began 2 years ago and has come up 2 times in the last year. PCS are supposed to pay to move Public Safety agencies into a new 6 GHz. In one case in particular, the PCS was forced to pay for Microwave upgrades to an agency, but they have been fighting this ruling. The 24 MHz of 700 MHz frequencies is still moving forward, however the FCC wants a spread of only 6.25. This is the frequency in the TV channel spectrum. The TV carriers are still allowed to continue to transmit in these frequencies until around 2005. #94102 of the Wireless Ruling mandate carriers to disclose what type of method they intend to use for Phase 2 to the FCC by October 1, 2000. More detail on Wednesday during Richards's presentation.

APCO Virtual College opened this year and is a joint effort involving Jackson University. There will be "degrees" in Public Safety in the near future.

Current Projects:

Digital Standards are complete.

Project 37, which included a survey, has been completed for a National Certification. Certain courses you have completed will be accepted as class hours toward certifications. There will be a time capsule at the New Head quarters, and National is accepting donations from State Chapters to be placed in the capsule.

APCO National is working on recognizing a national standard as far as staffing levels in communications centers.

APCO history page has a ton of information including all copies of previous bulletins. Frank suggested that everyone check it out. The page is searchable so that you can search by word or topic.

Membership - Robby and Gary Current membership is almost 400.

Newsletter. - Robby

Robby has set up an egroup to send everyone the newsletter by email and to do away with mailings. This is to cut cost for both chapters. The newsletter is costing about \$1,000 per chapter per year.

There were some concerns about totally doing away with paper copies.

There was a motion by Marsha and Jimmy concerning setting up a newsletter committee to look at options for future distributions of the newsletters.

There will be a special Presentation by Johnny Sellers Wednesday.

The Craig Moser Award - a committee has set Eligibility requirements and a member has been selected to receive the award this year. The family of Craig will not be able to attend. President Michael thanked the committee for their work on establishing the guidelines.

Awards for 2000 - A selection has been made for all categories and will be given out during the closing banquet.

LifeTime Members - Two individuals have been selected and will be recognized and named during the closing banquet.

Chapter Meetings - If you can host please let someone know. The NENA and APCO Meetings will overlap for about 15 minutes Wednesday finalize this decision.

New business - International Conference. Gary thanked everyone for attending, approximately 17. Gary stated expressed concerns to National concerning training and instructors in NC. David Dodd also wrote a letter to the Mr. Bubb concerning this letter and read it to the chapter membership.

Craig Whittington will be hosting an APCO CTO Course at Guilford County Jan 24-26 and Center Supervisors course March 7-9, 2001.

By-Laws Committee - Gary read the resolution to the Chapter that will be voted on during Wednesday portion of this meeting. They include changes to the term of the Executive Council Member to a 2-year term, and absentee ballots for voting.

Nominations of Candidates - Past President Mr. Joey Britt read nominations. Robby Robinson will seek re-election for Sec/Treas., and Lisa Lowder will run for 2nd VP.

A request was made for other nominations to the floor. None were made. A Motion to close nominations was made by Jim Carr, seconded by Dinah Jefferies.

Lisa Lowder was given a chance to speak and introduce herself to the membership.

President Michael entertained a motion to recess until Wednesday was made by Jim Carr, and seconded.

Recessed at 4:00 pm.

Meeting was reconvened @ 2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 27, 2000.

Meeting was called to order by President Michael.

Jeryl Brown - Update on Telecommunicators Course

They are working on increasing the course from 40 hours to 47 hours. They have completed 4 more pilots this year.

At the school director's conferences, it was brought up of many counties that are not doing these classes. She is asking that more counties participate in the Sheriffs Standards course and to host these classes.

In house courses are can be performed contact 919-716-6460 and speak to Stephanie Freeman.

They will implement the new 47-hour course in April of the coming year. End of block testing will be required in all modules except Orientation and you must pass each block with a 70 or higher. Failure to do so will require 1 re-test.

Telecommunicator Certifications will be forth coming that allows training to go towards this certification. The certification is similar to Law Enforcement Certifications.

It is important to let the state know when you have employees leave employment. This is very important so that they can keep current and up to date stats.

The test is going to all multiple choice in April. No more true false.

President Michael - Recognized Johnny Sellars, who has recently retired after 34 years of service. Johnny thanked the organization for being her for him over the years. He will truly miss everyone and he appreciates the friendships made. President Michael presented Johnny with a plaque.

There will be an article in one of the next 2 National Magazine on Johnny's 34-year career.

#### Resolutions - President Michael

President Michael entertained a motion to change the resolution on Executive Council from a 1 to a two-year term, motion made by Jim Carr, and seconded by Joey Britt motion carried.

Absentee Ballots - Entertained a motion, by Jim Carr, and Rick with Medic, motion carried.

Challenge for President Michael on Membership - Would like to see a 10% increase in membership next year.

#### Thank you and Farewell - President Michael

Installation of New Officers - President David Dodd Vice President Marsha Withrow 2nd Vice President Lisa Lowder Secretary Treasurer Robby Robinson

President Michael swore in the new Chapter Officers.

#### Ceremonial passing of banner and Gavel - President Michael to President Dodd

New Elected President Dodd presented a plaque to Past President Gary Michael. He thanked Past President Michael for all of his hard work. He told the chapter that he really did not have any particular goals other than working his hardest for the Chapter and to continue to work with NENA. He feels we have a great working relationship and wants to continue the team work.

He agreed with Past President Michael to work on membership. He wants all members to try to bring one person to either the meetings or the conference.

President Dodd feels we all need to work to bring quality training to this state. He wants to work hard on getting regional training back to the State Chapters and run these courses through community colleges to reduce training cost. He stated we need to get with National and work on this.

President Dodd wants to know of any problems so that we can work on correcting these.

He suggested that we look at a Halloween Costume contest next year at the conference. There has been some interest in running a 3-day training course next year.

National Conference may be something that we look into this in the near future back to Charlotte.

Membership and Activity Committee.

By Law Committee - President Dodd asked Don Mabe to head up this committee.

Nomination Committee - Past President Michael, Dinah Jefferies, Marsha Simmons.

Training Committee - Joey Britt, Craig Whittington, and Jeryl Brown

Max Hopper wants to help with Vendors next year.

Awards Committee - Gwen Sowden

Frequency Advisor Committee - Dyke Hostetler

Committee on Newsletter - This will be decided on after the NENA Meeting.

Conference - Marsha Withrow

There was a meeting with the vendors on Monday Night. There was a good turn out. There was a survey sent to them and to find out what they thought. They want Tuesday and Wednesday and less hours to exhibit.

There were many good comments from the vendors, and 90% expressed interest in being back next year. Also 90% showed interest in sponsoring events.

President Dodd said there would be a short meeting tomorrow before leaving about next year's conference with the conference committee.

Randy Surrant and Lisa Lowder gave out door prizes.

Meeting Schedules for Next year - January 17th 2000 - Fayetteville March 14th 2000  
Guilford May 18 and 19th Little Switzerland July 20th Edenton, NC

President Dodd asked for a Motion to adjourn, Jim Carr made the motion and Dinah Jefferies seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robby Robinson,  
Secretary/Treasurer NC Chapter of APCO