

N.C. Chapter of APCO Business Meeting March 20, 2001 - Guilford County

Allen Perdue made Welcome to Guilford County

President David Dodd called the N.C. Chapter of APCO bimonthly Business Meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. Invocation given by Immediate Past President Gary Michael. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by President David Dodd. Board introductions were made with Members present being President David Dodd, Member at Large Wesley Reid, Past President Gary Michael, and Executive Council Member Frank Thomason. Thank You to Host Craig Whittington and his staff.

Special guests, new members and first time attendees were recognized. Dictaphone, Alamance County, Madison County and City of Greensboro were represented with new members or first time attendees.

President Dodd dispensed with the reading of last meetings minutes due to the absence of Secretary/Treasurer Robby Robinson.

President Dodd made treasurers Report. Checking Account Balance is \$1,560.84. Money Market Account Balance is \$48,433.74 President Dodd reporting that, per Secretary/Treasurer Robinson, the checking account has not been balanced as yet this month due to no statement received and all of the outstanding bills have not been received.

Membership Report shows current membership as 375.

Newsletter Report was dispensed with in the absence of Secretary/Treasurer Robby Robinson.

Member at Large Wesley Reid is reporting Greensboro will be having a 911 Fair, April 8th in conjunction with National Telecommunicators Week. He is stating that this will be a joint effort with various agencies in the area.

Frank Thomason, Executive Council Member gave a report from the previous weekend's meeting in Daytona. He stated that the minutes from this meeting are available to be viewed on the website. Specific topics discussed were APCO's top 10 goals, Project 36, Project 37, Project 38, Spectrum Matters/700MHZ/Project 25. Financial Report given shows Net Worth of \$6.3 Million with a \$2.8 Million Fund Balance. The matter of Interference with 800MHZ was discussed along with Frequency Coordination Matters.

Frank Thomason gave web site Report. He will verify with Jeryl Brown the specifics on the upcoming Conference at the Justice Academy and post information. Frank would like to remind everyone that the Training Calendar is available for anyone to access and post training events. President Dodd brought to the attention of the membership the contract to renew the Domain name for the Web site. President Dodd suggested renewing the

contract for 5 Years with the same name. Motion made by Gary Michael to renew the contract. Motion seconded by Jim Carr. Motion passed without opposition.

CJIN Report was dispensed with due to the absence of Richard Nifong.

Wireless Report was held until the NENA Meeting.

Corporate Advisor Report was dispensed with due to the absence of Max Hopper.

Training Report Jeryl Brown gave update on the Conference scheduled at the Justice Academy, April 8th - 10th. The applications are slow and there is understanding that recent Budget Cuts are affecting the numbers. There are still beds available and they are extending the application date. Several Vendors are responding and will be attending. Check in will begin on Saturday, April 7th and the Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 10th. The SWAT conference will be held at the same time and they have been invited to attend the entertainment at the closing. Dinah Jeffries has established the account for all monies collected. The registration fees should be sent to: NC APCO, c/o Carolyn Holland at the Justice Academy. The monies will then be forwarded to Dinah for deposit. Jeryl is reporting that she has been approached about this becoming a yearly Conference, if this is to occur it will have to be set in May for 2002. She would like for this to be held in the Western portion of the state next year. Jeryl was questioned about the Justice Academy sending confirmations and Jeryl is stating that the only contact that will be made is if dorm space is exhausted. She is also stating that there is dorm space available.

President Dodd expressed his gratitude to Craig Whittington for the return of APCO training to NC. Guilford County has just completed hosting Comm Center Supervisor in early March. They have scheduled a Telecommunicator Instructor Course and a Comm Center Supervisor Course for the fall.

President Dodd spoke with Anne Russon on Feb. 1 and is reporting that there are changes coming in APCO Institute Training. Procedures have not been finalized but there is a possibility that Community Colleges, State Chapters or Council of Governments will be allowed to present classes after entering into a written contract with APCO. Frank and President Dodd will keep the Chapter abreast of the changes. The co-sponsored APCO/NENA classes are scheduled in each region. There will be a new date scheduled for the Region F course.

Joint Conference Update The Conference Committee met in Wilmington on Feb. 19th and 20th. The conference registration will increase by \$5.00 and the hotel rooms will be \$110.00 per night. Tentative pre-conference course will be NENA's Managing the 911 Center. President Dodd is stating that the Chapters will be able to save monies on the Tuesday Night Meal by having this at the Coastline Inn next door to the Hilton and having this event catered by a local agency. President Dodd requested any training ideas be forwarded to himself or Mark Broadway. Dinah Jeffries requested information on proposed site for 2002. President Dodd is advising that this will fall to Mark Broadway

and Marsha Withrow. State survey information shows that no one wants to go to the Mountains, iffy about the Central area, the Coast is the preference. Several members voiced they are concerned about the cost of the Wilmington area. Craig Whittington pointed out it is easier to afford an increased registration as opposed to \$110.00/night room rates. President Dodd will entertain ideas for 2002, the size of the conference will limit to Wilmington or New Bern areas. A multi-year deal will get the better rate and can lock in on numbers. Dinah stated that room rate increase will also increase our cost. President Dodd admitted there were some things last year that could have saved money and some things that could have been done differently, this is the main reason for the decision to have the Tuesday night event off site and other cost saving areas. We are here to serve members but we also have to make money to cover expenses. Registration increases with checks and balances may help this problem.

Legislative Updates Richard Taylor is reporting there have been 2 new bills introduced that are somewhat similar to the House Bill 125. Charles Monroe Buchanan requesting that all restrictions dealing with any emergency response has introduced a Bill. Richard is stating that this bill is specifically for Mitchell and Caldwell County. Bill Campbell stated that the Lobbyist for the phone company is against this. Richard is stating that the County Commissioners Association is for this change and the League of Municipalities is against. Richard is also stating that due to the budget crunches and the County Commissions are looking at this as a way not to increase taxes. There was lengthy discussion on the repercussions of the PSAP's losing this money. Dinah Jeffries requested to know if APCO/NENA has voiced an opinion on this matter. Wesley Reid request to know how many bills affecting this and specifics. Richard reports 3 Bills - House Bill 125 representing Halifax County, House Bill ??? representing Mitchell and Caldwell, and Senate Bill 556 representing Mitchell County. Craig Whittington is wanting to have representation from the APCO/NENA membership to go to Raleigh and speak up for the PSAP's, there needs to be an aggressive statement to the State. Dinah is stating that there needs to be support but it needs to be in numbers. Richard Taylor stated that he monitors the activity of this daily and will be there to speak out. There were questions if this action would move into the Wireless Money. Richard stated that the Wireless Board would strongly recommend no changes. There was no further discussion

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Project 38 - President Dodd announced that Frank Thomason and Rowan County has been appointed the N.C. test agency for Project 38.

2002 East Coast Regional Conference - President Dodd was approached by Lynn Miles, APCO International on March 5th and she is advising that the Mid-Atlantic Chapter is going to pass on hosting the 2002 East Coast Regional Conference. Mrs. Miles is offering this to the N.C. Chapter to host instead of hosting the 2003. This conference usually attracts around 600 members and 100 vendors. The conference would need to be held between May 1 and May 21, 2002. President Dodd requested to know if the Chapter was interested. President Dodd also added that all proceeds would go to the Chapter. Bill Hans pointed out that this was much like our State Conference and that the 2001 is going

to be held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, May 14-16. President Dodd pointed out that Charlotte, Greensboro, or Raleigh will be the only areas large enough to handle. Dinah Jeffries requested to know what this entails. President Dodd stated it was ours to do and proceeds will go to the Chapter. Jeryl Brown advised that she had attended the Conference when it was in Myrtle Beach and it was very nice. President Dodd is advising that there will have to be a decision to return to APCO International from the Chapter. President Dodd would like to see a committee formed to send to PA if there is interest. Wesley Reid volunteered Greensboro for the site. Craig Whittington made a motion that the Chapter pursue the 2002 East Coast Conference and for it to be held in Greensboro. Dinah Jeffries seconded motion. The motion passed without dissent. There was discussion about a Committee to attend the 2001 East Coast Conference and that the Chapter will pay for this Committee to attend. Wesley Reid voiced that he would like to attend. President Dodd agreed and also stated that he would need to take someone from the area with him. There was additional discussion that there would need to be enough people to staff a booth with information about the Greensboro area. President Dodd suggested that there be 4 people attend, Craig Whittington or someone from his staff. Craig suggested that someone from High Point also attend since they are also in this area. It was decided that the Chapter would send 4 people from the Greensboro area and that they would take information about the area and that anyone that was planning to attend should plan to assist. Bill Campbell requested to know if there needed to be representation at the National APCO. President Dodd will look into this and will report back to the Chapter. There was discussion about the dates for the 2002 here in N.C. Bill Campbell made a motion that Wesley Reid should make the decision on a date, after checking facility availability. Dinah Jeffries seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Frequency Coordination Meeting June 16 - 20. President Dodd stated there is the possibility the Chapter may need to assist with travel expenses for the representative attending. Frank Thomason will be checking with Dyke's office to ascertain the status on this request.

National Hero Award Winner President Dodd recognized and congratulated Guilford County Telecommunicator Lori Slone. Ms. Slone has been selected as the National Hero Award Winner and will be attending a presentation of this award in Washington D.C. Lori is a 5-year veteran of Guilford County Communications.

The next meeting will be held in Little Switzerland on May 18 & 19.

Bill Hans made motion to adjourn. Craig Whittington seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned by President Dodd.

Respectively Submitted, Stephanie Wiseman