

N.C. Chapter of APCO Business Meeting Fayetteville, NC - January 17, 2001

Call Meeting to Order - President Dodd

Welcome/Thank You - President Dodd

President Dodd thanked Sylvester and his people for their efforts on hosting this meeting.

No new members in attendance

Introduction of APCO Board - President Dodd

Lisa Lowder - Not in attendance

Reading of Previous Minutes - Minutes were read by Robby Robinson, a motion made by Jim Carr to accept the minutes, motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report - Robby Robinson - As of December 31, 2000

Checking - \$1,550.03 Money Market - \$49,212.63 Net worth - \$50,762.66

Motion was Made by Jim Carr, and seconded concerning accepting an audit report on the books. Sidney Wilkey performed this. All books look good and in good standing. This report will be attached to the minutes

Membership Report - Robby Robinson - As of December 31, 2000

399 Members

Newsletter Report - Robby Robinson

Newsletter was mailed out this week. There was a delay on getting the newsletter back from the printers because of the holidays. The number of members signing up for the EGROUPS email copy is growing. The first email of the newsletter went out this time and the response was very good. Members that received it stated they liked getting it this way much better and it was more convenient to read. Cut off the articles or information for the next newsletter is February 15th, 2001. I need more information. Do you have new equipment in a center, a story of a job well done, or anything else that you feel is news worthy.

Members at Large Report - Martha Hasty and Wesley Reid

No News

Web Site Report - Frank Thomason

Frank asked who had web sites he has created a web ring. If you have a web site, go to NENA or APCO and attach your link to your web site. This can help promote all agencies.

NENA has had 2600 visits to the Web Site, and APCO 1900 visits. Most are visiting Conference Survey or Past Conference information, Job Postings Newsletter, and meeting minutes.

Jeryl Brown wants a link set up for information from the Training Academy.

Frank also has implemented a calendar on the Egroups. List to list upcoming training events State Wide.

Executive Council Report - Frank Thomason

CJIN Report - Richard Nifong

Not Present - No Report

Wireless Report - Richard Taylor

President Dodd suggested that someone make a motion concerning the information discussed during the NC NENA meeting. There was a lengthy discussion during the NENA meeting about possible changes in legislation to 62A and the use of Surcharge money.

It is possible that legislation is looking a changing 62A so that surcharge money can be used to build the State's 800MHz Radio System. Everyone agreed that the funds were not established for any other purpose than 911 use, and the changing 62A could lead to serious problems.

NENA took a stand saying that they wanted to go on record as saying they had "serious" reservations about any changes to 62A. APCO members agreed, and wanted to go on record showing our support to NENA on their decision. A motion was made by Jim Carr, that we take the same position concerning changes. Craig Whittington seconded, and the motion passed.

Corporate Advisory Report - Max Hopper Not Present - No Report

Training Report - David Dodd

Cleveland County College's grant application for a 911 pre-employment course was turned down. The college plans to apply again in the next fiscal year.

Telecommunications Training in Salemburg - Jeryl Brown or Joey Britt

Jeryl Brown thanked the presidents of both Chapters for their quick response to her emails.

She is working on a Conference called "Ain't no stopping us now!" The purpose of the conference is to provide very affordable training. It not meant to interfere with our regular Conference. It will be held April 8 - 11, 2000. There will be a conversational Spanish, and other courses. The cost of the conference will be \$70 per person. If you want to send people just Monday and Tuesday the cost of this will be \$25 per day.

Vendors will pay \$100. Vendor area will be in the Gymnasium the largest area at the school. She asking APCO and NENA to set up tables in the Vendor area and there will be NO CHARGE to us.

There will be a pursuit driving class to give the TC's a chance to see what its like in the field, TTY Information, Equipment Display area, and Richard Taylor will do a presentation on wireless.

She does have a limited number of rooms available. So register early. There is only 90 bed available. The Comfort INN in Clinton will help with over room's range from \$56 to \$60 per night.

Tuesday Night will be the closing banquet and some entertainment.

There will be information sent by brochures, web page, and DCI.

They are looking for free stuff from anyone to put in gift bags, about 150 of whatever you can send.

Jeryl made a request that someone with APCO be responsible for the intake of the money, and disbursement of the funds to pay the bill.

David Dodd spoke about putting money up front to help cover the expenses till they can be re-imbursed.

There was discussing concerning the conference in general. Dinah Jefferies and Robby Robinson both felt the idea is a good one.

Jeryl stated the total cost would be around \$11,000 for the conference.

A motion was made by Mark Broadway that we appropriate \$500 to a special fund to establish a TRAINING ACCOUNT for APCO to help organize this training. Dinah Jefferies agreed to be responsible for handing funds. The motion was seconded by Frank Thomason, motion carried.

Ann Russo at the APCO Institute has been contacted, and states that this may be possible. Classes are normally scheduled 6 months in advance, but she will try to work with us, if the chapter decides to do this.

Mark Broadway make a motion that the Members-at-Large get together and figure out people that can't afford to attend training and the Chapter pay for say 5 people attend the conference. Seconded by Frank Thomason, motion carried.

There needs to be some clarification pertaining to the Craig Moser committee on how to spend training funds. Percentage splits were defined, but some questions still remain unanswered, such as:

Does the student have to be an APCO member to be reimbursed?

What kind of documentation does the chapter need?

Copy of certification before reimbursement?

Other questions from the floor.

Marcia Withrow will chair a committee that will determine the criteria, President Dodd advised here to find a couple more members to assist her and report back to the membership.

Issues of hosting APCO classes through state chapter or Community Colleges and having state chapter suggest qualified instructors to the APCO Institute for adjunct status. David Dodd spoke with Ann Russo on January 3rd, 2001. There is a meeting of the institute Advisory Committee scheduled for the end of this month, and these are some of the issues that will be addressed. The institute hopes to write a policy that will address these concerns.

Two up coming APCO classes are coming up in Guilford County. A CTO Class in January, and a Communications Supervisor in March.

Chapter Enhancement Task Force:

President Dodd received an email from Tom Sorley concerning problems with Joint Conferences of NENA/APCO.

Frank Thomason stated that this something that is coming from another STATE and that it was concerning council members at National that are opposed joint conferences.

Issue of the NC Chapter hosting another National Conference:

President Dodd spoke with Lynn Miles in September. She offered to send him information concerning requirements. The biggest issue has been concerning room availability and when we could possibly host another one.

If you do host a National Conference, you get a flat \$25,000 fee and \$10 per person over the previous conference attendance. David Dodd advised we would check into this a little more.

Joint APCO/NENA State Conference Update

Band of Oz has been tentatively retained for this year.

Short, but exclusive vendor hours.

Joint Conference Committee meeting scheduled for February. If you have concerns or comments about the conference that the committee needs to address, get them to us as soon as possible.

Any ideas for concurrent sessions?

Possible 1 day seminar for Sunday by Desert Hot Public Safety Training

Any other old business

New Business:

Recognize Craig Whittington to discuss the possibility of asking the state legislature to make telecommunicators eligible to participate in the Fire/Rescue Pension Fund.

He advised he had more information he was checking into and would get back to us on this.

Any other New Business

NONE

Next Meeting: March 14, 2001 in Guilford County.

Meeting Adjourned, motion made by Jim Carr, seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robby Robinson Secretary/Treasurer NC Chapter of APCO