

N.C. Chapter of APCO Business Meeting Little Switzerland, NC - May 18, 2001

President Dodd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He also thanked Mark Broadway and his staff for their hard work on hosting the meeting.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was done During NENA, so it was dispensed with during APCO.

Recognize any special guests, new members or first time attendees, there were not noted.

Introduction of APCO Executive Board President David Dodd VP Marsha Withrow 2 VP Lisa Lowder Sec/Treas. Robby Robinson Member at Large Martha Hasty Member at Large Wesley Reid (not in attendance) Frank Thomason Executive Council

Since the minutes were posted on the Web Site, a motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Previous Minutes, motion was made by Dinah, seconded by Gwen and Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Robby Robinson Checking \$6,230.57 Money Market \$46,864.83

Membership Report:

Current membership is 416 Members

Newsletter Report:

Robby Robinson reported that newsletter has been turned over to Steven Newton from Orange County and he will be preparing it beginning immediately. The cut off date for articles is June 29th for the July Issue. Robby wanted to thank Steven for taking this on and helping him.

Members at Large Report:

Wesley Reid & Martha Hasty - No news.

President Dodd brought up the idea of having more than 2 members at-large. He suggested possibly following the NENA guidelines and possibly their areas. It would require a bylaw change and it must be brought up 30 days prior to the conference where it can be voted on.

Dinah agreed and stated she also felt that it would get more participation. Especially concerning regional training.

Craig Whittington agreed but he thinks we may need even more and go from 6 to 8, and possible using the larger cities.

Dinah stated she thought that 12 would be fine, 1 from each group (NENA and APCO) in that region but not the same person.

Richard Taylor stated that when this was set up years ago that they followed EMA Regions and it was done to make certain that no one fell through the cracks. This was to also keep uniformity because the state is divided in to so many different regions by so many different ways.

Motion made by Lisa Linker, seconded and carried.

It will be given to the bylaws to committee to preparation and wording and will be read to the membership as soon as available.

Executive Council Report:

Frank Thomason

National is looking at increasing Licensing Fees. The cost of upgrading software to make it easier on us is causing hardship on them, and is slowing down the number of Licenses processed, this in turn has decreased revenue.

National Conference will be held in Salt Lake City and will include:

8 Tracks of training including 181 hours of training.

747 Exhibits, the largest in history.

Membership - National took on a project to find out why people are not renewing. They found that 38% had just forgot and did renew. Membership is staying or increasing slightly.

Membership is divided into 3 sizes. We are Medium Chapter and are number 1 in medium chapter size for membership.

Virtual College - National went into partnership with Jacksonville College to create the Virtual College. You can now get a 2 year degree online in communications. They are the first ones to be able to do this.

CJIN Report:

Richard Nifong

The Highway patrol has asked for 1.5 million to continue the update on the State Network.

Maintenance is something the state has not figured in to up keep the over 100 million dollar system and they are going to have to figure out how to address this in the future.

Money is tight statewide because of Hurricane Floyd and other budget restraints in the State. He does not anticipate a whole lot being done to upgrade the system this budget year.

The State Highway Patrol system has not upgraded their communications system in several years. The State is going to have to look into this soon because of technology and the drastic increase in the number of *hp calls they receive. This was brought up during the last CJIN meeting.

Some other interesting Figures brought up by Richard that was brought before the CJIN Board by Richard Taylor at the last meeting:

There are 256 PSAPS in the state, and 115 are Primary. There are 520 Law Enforcement Agencies in the State.

The CJIN Board meets about every other month and meetings are published on the CJIN Website and are open to the public.

Robby Robinson and Frank Thomason brought up information that was discussed at a recent Region F Cog meeting concerning PSAP helping to bring the State Highway Patrol Centers up to date.

Region F Cog had met with Joey Britt and talked about sharing resources such as mapping, and other technology with the States Dispatch Centers. It was even talked about using Troop E as a beta site to beta test. It was mentioned that maybe 911 phone equipment being donated by one of the Telephone Companies, possibly when a system is upgrade at a PSAP. Maybe the older system could be donated to see if it is possible.

Wireless Report:

Richard Taylor & Frank Thomason

Project 38 Update:

Frank Thomason

Above Covered in NENA

Corporate Advisor Report:

Max Hopper Not in attendance.

Training Report:

Salemburg Conference: Jeryl Brown or Dinah Jefferies The training was a success but had cost more than anticipated. Both Chapters of NENA and APCO picked up the additional costs and it was pretty much agreed upon that even though money was lost, we should try it again in the future.

Regional Crisis Call Taking Classes: Mark Broadway or Craig Whittington. The responses from these classes were excellent, and all the comments have been extremely complimentary.

Marsha Withrow gave an update on the committee's work on how to best reimburse students or agencies with monies from the Training fund.

1. Put on regional classes for APCO Basic Telecommunicator with the region paying for the Instructor and books with a 12-student minimum, meet the local Community College minimum. 2. Fund 75% of APCO member cost of the APCO class held at a meeting or conference. Published price to membership would be 25% of the per student total for the class with the Chapter paying the other 75%. Student minimum to be 15 for APCO sponsored class or 25 for APCO co-hosted class. 3. Fund 50% of APCO member cost for regional APCO classes. The published price to membership would be 50% of the per student total for the class with the Chapter paying the other 50%. Student minimum same as recommendation #2. 4. Fund 25% for all other source training held regionally or multi-agency. Student must apply to the Training committee chair prior to the class for the fund allocation. Funds will be allocated to the agency or entity holding the class. Student to provide the other 75% to send with the chapters 25%. Student minimum same as recommendation #1. 5. Agencies will be responsible for paying their part (25,50 or 75%) of class. If an agency registers and cannot send the student(s) they must either send someone in their place or send a letter stating that they have given another agency the seat(s). If the above is not complied with, the agency will be responsible for the FULL COST. If payment is not received the agency will be banned from training fund allocation for one full year.

President Dodd Recommended entering this in minutes, and hold off for 30 days to see what the National Chapter is getting ready to do concerning training and to give the Membership time to review and ask questions.

Joint State Conference Update:

Handled in NENA, but Lisa Lowder talked briefly about Vendors and their designated times.

Legislative Updates:

President Dodd mention house bill 1321 to everyone, pertaining to immunity for city/public safety employees in civil cases. He suggested that everyone go to the web site and look into it.

East Coast Regional Conference Committee Update:

Wesley Reid or Marsha Withrow.

NC Chapter will host East Coast next year. Lisa Lowder and others attended Lancaster PA and gave an update. The 4 that attended shadowed their chairs to learn their responsibilities and she advised they saw several things they could change to make it better. Dates for next year are May 6-8 at Sheraton in Greensboro.

A bank account has to be established for this conference. An advance from Chapter funds can be put in here in the amount of \$2,000 to \$4,000 dollars.

Several people will be going to the National Conference to start advertising to increase the attendance next year.

Motion made by Robby to set up account with \$5,000 to start preparing for this conference. It was seconded and carried.

Other Business.

President Dodd Recognized Harold Oakley who is seeking 2nd Vice Presidency. A letter of approval has been submitted by Harold's County Manager.

Robby Robinson brought up the need for a Travel Policy for the membership. Right now there is not policy and several other people agreed.

President Dodd stated that Marsha Withrow, Robby Robinson, Lisa Kovacs, and he will work on a draft to review with the membership.

Next meeting will be July 20th in Edenton, NC.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robby Robinson Sec/Treasurer NC Chapter APCO