

NC CHAPTER OF APCO

Meeting 3-15-02

Randolph County/Asheboro Zoo

President Withrow called the meeting to order and the Honor Guard presented the flags from the Asheboro Police Department for the Pledge of allegiance. A group called the "Singing Deputies" sang the National Anthem and also, a song by Alabama called, "Angels Among Us." The Deputies were Maj. Allen McNeil, Lt. Tony King, and Deputy Brian Arrington. They did an outstanding job.

President Withrow thanked Debby and Her Staff for hosting the meeting.

President Withrow welcomed and recognized Past Presidents and New members. She also introduced the current Board.

Robby Robinson read the minutes of the previous meeting, a motion was made to approve, and it was seconded and carried.

Robby Robinson also gave a Treasury Report. The chapter is in good financial shape.

A membership report was given, stating that we are currently working with National to improve our database information, but that membership was slightly higher than 425 members.

Frank Thomason gave Executive Council Report. (See attached).

Members at Large Reports - There were no reports.

Donna Estes gave an update on the East Coast Regional Conference, since Wesley Reid could not attend. She gave information concerning classes, events, entertainment and other activities planned for the week. Jimmy Maness had also been selling tickets for a free registration that was going to be given away today. Everyone was encouraged to attend, at least get a day pass. This was a good chance for people to attend a National type conference here in NC.

Wireless Report....Richard will give in NENA Meeting.

The Web page continues to do well with about 200-300 hits per week. We are also getting a lot of good feedback from other Chapters Concerning the Website and how well it is laid out and organized.

President Withrow also spoke concerning Nationals decision to accept the \$25 million from Nextel that will go into a Foundation Fund to be divided among PSAPS. NC

Chapter Voted AGAINST this and felt it was a bad idea on National Part. Richard Taylor stated NC NENA felt the same way and appreciated NC APCO's stance on this one.

APCO is presently conducting a survey concerning Opening membership to 3rd party call centers. This is another issue that the President feels is a bad idea. No formal motion or vote from the NC Chapter has been made yet she just wanted to bring it up to the membership.

There are 2 issues that APCO needs our support on, PBX/911 Standards and a petition to open up 470 MHz to Public Safety. President Withrow wants Frank Thomason to speak about these things at the next Executive Council Meeting showing NC favoring these moves.

National Telecommunicators Week is April 14 - 20th APCO has a Newsletter with tips, news release samples, and a proclamation kit included.

The next meeting will be held at the East Coast Regional Conference in May.

Tours of the Zoo are available to all attendees today free of charge.

Meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

Robby Robinson
Secretary Treasurer
NC Chapter of APCO