

NC APCO Chapter Meeting
May 11, 2007
Elizabeth City, NC

Present

Susan Waddell
Mike Reitz
Marsha Withrow
Rob Robinson
Judy Capparelli
Beth Smith
Randy Surratt
Glen Parnell
Delbert Edwards
Ed Conran

Absent

Frank Thomason
Delbert Edwards
Sonya Shores
Ben Adams

The pledge of allegiance was recited. President Waddell welcomed everyone and thanks Gately Communications/Wireless Communications providing lunch today. Past presidents were recognized. First time attendees were recognized.

Motion was made by Jim Carr to dispense with the reading of the minutes and seconded by Donna Wright. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Business	\$7255.68
PSAP	\$1432.79
TC Conference	\$4314.05
Money Market	\$66,570.48
Total	\$79,573.00

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Steve Lingerfelt unable to attend. There is no report; there has not been a meeting since last time we met.

Education

Marsha Withrow reported the following:

April

April 1st-3rd – 130 attendees at Salemburg for the Telecommunicator Conference. Jeryl expressed her thanks to the APCO membership and board. Next years conference is scheduled for May 27-30, 2008 at Salemburg.

April 11th-13th – APCO CTO Certification course was held at Randolph County 9-1-1 Communications.

April 13th and April 20th – Orange County sponsored a “dealing with suicide” class

May

May 4th – The N’Sanity Retreat was held in New Bern with 34 students.

On May 22nd and May 29th there will be a legal review/mock trial session sponsored by Orange County. The cost of the class is free. There are only 10 slots remaining in each class.

June

June 27th-28th – Randolph County Communications is hosting a cultural diversity class.

July

July – Charlotte Fire is hosting an APCO CTO class at \$75 per student. Contact Jeryl Brown for registration

September

September – Call for papers for the annual conference are due by July 2nd. Conference tracks are vendor, general education, management and telecommunicator.

NC Sheriff’s Standards – mandatory reading test for certification test – most popular test is TAB or the CGP. Contact your local community college. Most agencies use 10th grade reading level and the school instructor is responsible for this test. Susan said some agencies have Criticalll. Sheriff’s standards have not said whether or not this will be accepted.

Conference

Mike Reitz – A conference committee was held yesterday. The conference will be September 9th – 12th at Sea Trails in Sunset Beach. The registration is available on the website.

Awards

Jennifer Freeman. Ana Curtis will be helping out with the committee along with Neil Sizemore and Leroy Buff. The information is posted on the website so please submit nominations.

Nominating Committee

Rob Robinson advised all required information has been received for the nominations. Rob announced the officers:

2nd VP – Barry Furey, Jeryl Brown, Richard Taylor
Secretary- unopposed
Treasure - unopposed
Executive Council – unopposed
Region A – unopposed
Region C – unopposed
Region E - Sonya Shores and Grayson Gusa

Ballots will be mailed out by June 1st. Names will not be on the voting ballots. Rob advised the timeframe in which we sent out and received ballots was changed so that candidates would have a chance to let people know who they are. Candidates are allowed to send one note on the listserv out around the first of June to let everyone know who they are. Ballots are due by July 1st.

Member-at-Large

Region A (Ed Conran) Ed welcomed everyone to Elizabeth City. Franklin Jackson reported that Chowan has finished installing Power 911. They have had Carolina Recording for just over a month and should be in the new building within a year. Currituck County has started OSSI CAD and added a console, Watson Furniture and Motorola Gold Elite within the last 6 months. Pasquotank County should be in the new public safety building in about a month.

Region B (Glen Parnell) – Wilson County has started receiving Pictometry data which is integrated into their OSSI CAD. Anyone interested in seeing the integration – contact Glen. Johnston County is still working on tower project. Mike Tatt, Orange County Fire Marshall had a minor heart attack – please keep in thoughts and prayers. Orange County is hiring a new EM director and will hopefully be starting on new building soon.

Region C (Delbert Edwards) – Wayne County just implemented an in-house training program.

Region D (Randy Surratt) – Winston Salem PD activated reverse 911 system to warn citizens of a burglar. Sissy Tillman, a supervisor with Burlington Fire/PD, has retired; no replacement yet. Connie Wilhoit from Anson County voiced concerns to Randy about

what she could purchase/not purchase with 911 money and wondered why she couldn't purchase radios.

Region E – Sonya Shores – nothing to report

Region F – Ben Adams – nothing to report

Executive Council – nothing to report

Old Business

Active Membership increase is \$3.

APCO's Project Locate project report was sent out by the FCC a few weeks ago. The purpose of the project was to test wireless carriers for accuracy on caller location. Rob Robinson reported Rowan was one of eight communication centers in the nation that participated in Project Locate. The report is very detailed and Rob did not want to try to go over it all because of time, but he will have Frank post the report on the website. Highlights of the report were after testing. It was determined that network technology was not the way to go. Although no one did extremely well, North Carolina had the highest numbers among the states tested. Specific carrier names are not listed on the report. Rob advised the AP News reported North Carolina was one of the highest numbers because of the work done by NC APCO, NC NENA and the NC Wireless Board and that most carriers here are using GPS instead of Network based location technology.

President Waddell advised there was an issue with National printing membership cards. If you have not received a new one, contact National. Frank has updated the membership list, so please check to make sure it is correct. If not, please make necessary changes; we get names/addresses for ballots from this report.

Wireless

Richard Taylor – currently studying statewide 911 training that was mandated by the statute changes in 2005. Report will be given to the board in July. Four responses received from the RFP. Recommendation will be made to the Wireless Board and then the Board will sign the contract. The Board meeting that was originally scheduled for the 25th has been moved to the 18th. House Bill 1755 – consolidating wireless/wireline – doing a lot of background work right now and what changes will be needed if it passes. Two other bills are being work that are sponsored by TracFone and concerns pre-paid – Wireless Board not supporting – the bills call for a 2-year study where there would be a moratorium on the wireless 911 fee. The only thing the Wireless Board is currently working on in the legislature is the Grant Fund bill. The Wireless Board staff is in the middle of the audit. 78-80 letters have been sent to various counties to clarify expenditures.

Rob Robinson had a question about the make-up of the board proposed in H1755 – having two NENA members and one APCO member. Richard did not know the reason for this. Rob asked if this could be looked into. NENA did not ask for this change. Most things with 1755 would not change – with the exception of some of the uses of funds – adding the training provision. Rob asked about the split at the end of the bill – 53% and 47% . Richard advised the only split would be when the money comes in from the wireless carriers. There will be two funds – the carrier reimbursement – the 53% - the 47% would be rolled into the same fund with wireline money. There would be no separate wireless/wireline fund – it is one pot.

Tonya stated that not everyone got everything they wanted but at least everyone got something, and felt that that the bill was written fairly. Two things – training is added and the presumptive allocator will go away – it's confusing. The Wireless Board is glad to see this going away. We didn't get exactly the make up of the board that we wanted, but we did get other things. NENA is happy with the bill.

Richard advised there was some confusion about the current fund balances. The amendment says that whatever was collected in the wireline fund when the bill becomes law – the balance can be put into the general budget of the city/county. This is the amendment, Section 17. Also, Section 17 talks about any existing contracts must still be paid for – it doesn't relieve you of the debt and you still owe the telephone company.

President Waddell asked everyone to keep in mind the Telecommunicator's in Greensburg, KS whose center was destroyed during the recent tornadoes.

President Waddell thanked Ed Conran, Pasquotank County, Gately Communications and Wireless Communications for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting date is July 13th in Cherokee County.

Motion made by Jim Carr to adjourn the meeting and second by Donna Wright.