

NC APCO Chapter Meeting
March 26th, 2009
Cary, NC

President Brown welcomed everyone to Cary. She thanked Cary for hosting the meeting. She thanked Avaya and Synergem for sponsoring lunch.

First time attendees, past presidents and RPL's were recognized.

The APCO East Coast Regional Conference is April 25-29, 2010 in Concord, NC – Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket for your chance to win a FREE conference registration! Today is your last chance; please see Tammy Watson for your tickets. Also, the training schedule with session descriptions is now posted on the East Coast Regional link and CVENT.

Ronnie Barefoot a made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Kelly Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

TC Account	\$4,000.00
Money Market	\$66,137.24
Main Checking	\$8,974.90
East Coast	\$69,154.06
Scholarship Acct	\$2,010.00
Total Assets	\$150,276.20

Committee Reports:

CCAM (Chapter Commercial Advisor Member) – no report.

Activities – no report.

Resolution and Bylaws

In the board meeting yesterday the bylaws were reviewed and changes made. The changes will be placed on line for review and will be voted on at the conference. We are proposing the secretary and treasurer position move from a one year term to a two year term to get the person comfortable doing the duties. There are several cosmetic changes throughout. We will also ensure they are in-line with National.

Nominating

Marsha Withrow advised we have received nominations and they will be posted in May.

Historical – no report

Operations/Technology – no report.

Inter-agency Communications

Report to be posted on the website due to the length of the report.

CJIN

CJIN Report that was completed for the General Assembly is posted on the website.

Frequency Advisor – no report.

E-911 Legislative Committee

The FCC recently released the National Broadband Plan. While it addresses many issues, including the delivery of high-speed communications to rural areas, it covers a great deal of territory regarding NG 9-1-1 as well. Links to abridged versions of the document will be provided for the website.

The E 9-1-1 Congressional Caucus has introduced the *Next Generation 9-1-1 Preservation Act of 2010* which reauthorizes key grants and programs to ensure continued funding for the nation's 6,000 9-1-1 centers and programs.

About half a dozen states have introduced bills to exempt 9-1-1 recordings from public release. The Florida act recently failed when the original sponsor withdrew his support. Obviously, the media is against these proposals.

A report on the 9-1-1 Study Group and other activities surrounding 9-1-1 in NC was given during the NENA meeting. To follow up on this and to further clarify:

In addition to adding training for all classes of 9-1-1 employees and public education as eligible expenses, APCO and NENA have supported the "PSAP Walls" definition for equipment. Our concern is that broadening the scope further before the costs of NG 9-1-1 and current costs of maintaining 9-1-1 are identified does not support sustainable funding. There are also alternate sources of money such as Fire Act and COPS grants that are available to support radios that are not available for 9-1-1. Among other things, the PSAP walls definition would make consoles and chairs fully funded.

The Study Group has also recommended that the 9-1-1 Board be empowered to manage a statewide NG 9-1-1 network. Currently they are not authorized by law to do so.

The group has also recommended the introduction of MTLIS legislation to deal with the "off premise PBX" issue.

Ronnie Barefoot made a motion to discontinue the funding of travel for people who are attending the 911 study effective the end of April, with the exception of APCO/NENA members. Tonya seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barry discussed the development of PSAP standards for 911 centers as part of the 911 study group. He would like APCO/NENA to form a joint committee to start reviewing this. The state has not asked us to do this yet but thinks it would serve everyone well to proceed with this. There is some concern about some of the timing of implementing these – sooner rather than later. President Brown asked Barry to serve on this committee. He agreed. We will try to get more involvement on the listserv.

Training

East Coast Regional Reminder: April 25 – 28, 2010 Concord Embassy Suites. We have scheduled some excellent training sessions! Check out the website for more information.

Pre-Registration for Communications Skills in a Tool Box (pre conference) limit is 25 participants. Email ncapcotraining@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming Training:

4/8/2010: APCO / NENA Joint training session: CIT for Telecommunicators @ Wake Tech Comm. College 8am – 5pm FREE. This will be put out on the list serve today. There is a 25 participant limit.

5/11/10 – 5/13/10: Communications Center Supervisor Course hosted by Charlotte Fire Communications. The fee is \$125.00

5/17/10 – 5/19/10: Communications Training Officer (CTO) Course hosted by Pasquotank County. The fee is \$125.00.

6/30/10 – 7/2/10: Communications Training Officer (CTO) Course hosted by Randolph County Communications. The fee is \$125.00

APCO International Conference: Houston, TX Aug 1-4, 2010.

Long Range Planning – no report.

Audit Committee –no report.

Awards Committee –

This is a non-published committee. You can go on-line to look at the different awards and to submit nominations.

National Conference Committee – no report.

Regional Ambassador Reports

Region A – report given by NENA

Region B - no report

Region C – no report

Region D

Janet King reported Piedmont Triad Airport Authority advised their building completion is scheduled for April 27th, 2010. As a new fiscal year approaches they are looking at the purchase of new radios and a CAD system. The economy is slowly showing some positive potential and that's good for the emerging cargo/maintenance aerotropolis of which we're an integral part.

Susan Hall from Rockingham County reported they are fully staffed, both full time and part time. They are presenting to the county commissioners this year to possibly switch to OSSI CAD system so they can communicate with the other communications centers that surround Rockingham County.

Burlington PD is in budget negotiations. They just ordered new chairs for center. They are going through data verification process with OSSI. They currently have three part-time employees in training

Anson County– earlier this month Linda Tarlton passed away after battling cancer. She received \$500 from national APCO from the sunshine fund

Terry Bailey with Davidson County reported they just went through EPD and EFD training – hope to implement in 3 weeks. They are currently fully staffed full-time and getting ready to hire five part-time employees.

Craig Whittington from Guilford County reported they recently went to their back-up center to test their back-up plan. An after action reported will be public in the next week. They have a rookie school starting April 1 with 6 new hires. They are also in discussion with PTIA about extending some 911 equipment to the airport so they see ANI/ALI, mapping etc.

Jonathon Bledsoe with Surry County reported they are fully staffed and will be asking for additional personnel this year. Viper is going strong. Jonathon went to 911 goes to Washington and encourages anyone who can go in the future to attend – great experience.

Neil Sizemore with Forsyth County reported that shift supervisor Gerald Nelson retiring next week after 30 years (29 with Forsyth and 1 with Stokes). The EMS division implemented Medusa Siren recording software for patient information which will send

information to a billing department and they will be completely paperless and will soon integrate into the CAD system. They are also in the process of hard/software upgrade with Intergraph CAD/AVL system which they will implement in June. They will be getting Geomedia mapping software in July. They currently have two openings.

Montgomery County – Stacy Williams back to work (car accident reported last meeting). She was the recipient of APCO International’s Sunshine Fund. They are working on computer/server upgrade. The county received a \$800,000 grant for 800 radios for the fire departments.

High Point Communications will be hosting the 3rd Annual Susan Fulton Golf Tournament, May 22, 2010 and the event will take place at Oak Hollow Golf Course. For additional information please contact High Point Communications, Beth Smith or Randy Surratt.

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Randolph County reported that new part time employees are active in the training process with their preceptors. Also, please remember Debby Hines, former NC NENA President in thought and prayers due to her mother is very sick and has been placed in a nursing home.

Region E – no report.

Region F – no report.

Executive Council Report –no report.

Old Business:

Randy Wood and Marsha Withrow attended the 911 Goes to Washington. Randy reported they were able to meet with most of the North Carolina delegation on Capitol Hill. The following items were discussed:

- Thanked the member if they were on the E911 Caucus. If they weren’t, encouraged them to join. Currently all but Representatives Butterfield, Foxx, Kissel, Watt and Senator Hagen are members.
- Urged the member to support the “Next Generation 911 Preservation Act of 2010” and to add funding for this bill (HR 8429/SB3115). Key purposes of the bill are: to focus federal policies and funding for success migration to IP-enable NG 911 systems; ensure advanced 911 and emergency.

- Communications systems are available and funded to all Americans; ensure all 911 and emergency response organizations have access to high speed broadband networks, impose penalties on states that raid 911 funds by withholding federal monies by the amount taken from these funds.
- Explained what NG 911 is and how the current 911 system does not meet the needs of the public.

The FCC released the National Broadband Plan during the conference. Chapter 16 deals specifically with public safety. The following are the recommendations of the plan:

- Promote public safety wireless broadband communications.
- Promote cyber-security and the protection of critical broadband infrastructure.
- Encourage innovation in the development and deployment of NG 911 networks and emergency alert systems.

Colorado is attempting to collect surcharge monies from prepaid and pay as you go cell phones at the point of sale. The funds would be distributed based on wireless call volume. There is opposition from retailers and some legislators.

New Business:

Chapter Leadership teleconferences will be held April 20, 21 and 22, visit www.myapcointl.org for the schedule and to register. Topic areas are APCO historical committee presentation, Get a Member Program and another TBA.

APCO International committee sign up ends April 1, 2010

President Brown encourages everyone who nominated someone on the state level to nominate that person to National APCO. We have a lot of great people in the state and she would love to see people from North Carolina to received one of these awards.

APCO International Award nomination period ends April 1st!

- Telecommunicator of the Year
- Communications Center Director of the Year
- Line Supervisor of the Year
- Radio Frequency Technologist of the Year
- Information Technologies of the Year
- Trainer of the Year

There is also a Horizon Award – Recognizing the Proactive Achievements of Communications Centers – nominations will be accepted until April 1, 2010.

These awards will be presented at the APCO International Conference and Expo August 1-4, 2010 in Houston, Texas.

We still have sponsorships available for the East Coast Regional – we are especially looking for sponsors for Dave and Buster's. We would like to see \$1,000 individual sponsorships for this night from exhibitors instead of trying to get one large sponsorship.

Barry Furey reported in 2009 a new addition of the International Fire Code was ratified. It then has to be ratified by each state and NC is in the process of doing so. Part of this code has to do with radio BDA's. He thinks it is a good time to let everyone know what an important measure this is and that it would be extremely beneficial to be passed. The basic premise is that if you build a building the public safety people have to be able to talk on their radios which is a definite safety concern.

Kenyon Harris reported that there was a recent problem with a bad BDA and having interference. They had problems determining ownership of the BDA and of the problem. Sprint/Nextel technicians were a great help in finding the issue. He suggests that APCO talks to National APCO that BDA's be registered so if one goes bad that owner information can be found. Barry Furey reported that APCO has filed a position paper with the FCC as well as Motorola and other vendors.

We drew EC Regional free conference registration. Karen L. McDaniel with Stanley County won the registration.

We are continuing our giving back program and extend the challenge to put a food box in the center for our next meeting which is May 21st in Greensboro.

Marsha Withrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kelly Palmer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli, NC APCO Secretary