



North Carolina APCO Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2014 | Dobson, North Carolina

Present

Wesley Reid
Ellis Frazier
Rick Thomas
Frank Thomason
Judy Capparelli
Pam Collins
Richard Batchelor
Janet King
Grayson Gusa

President Reid called the meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m. Jonathon Bledsoe welcomed everyone to Surry County and introduced several county commissioners. County Commissioner Paul Johnson from Surry County also welcomed everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Reid thanked Jonathon Bledsoe and Surry County for hosting the meeting. President Reid thanked Wireless Communications and Intrado for sponsoring lunch.

President Reid introduced the executive board. 1st time attendees, past presidents, RPL's and lifetime members were recognized.

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

Treasurer's report:

Main account -	\$2,592.21
TC Symposium account -	\$5,837.57
Scholarship account -	\$2,430.00
Money Market account -	\$46,485.68
Total -	\$57,344.46

Committee Reports

Pro-CHRT:

Ray Gilleland has been reaching out to several chapters to gather more information. He is also trying to work with National APCO for more information as well.

Inter-agency Communications:

No report.

CJIN:

The next meeting is May 29th. See attached report.

911 Board:

President Reid advised we have nominated someone for the board and are awaiting their confirmation before the announcement is made.

Legislative:

There was a short session IT oversight committee meeting May 9th where back-up centers were discussed.

Yesterday was the deadline for the carriers for Text to 911. Interim solutions are available. Please move ahead with an interim solution (see the 911 board website for further). The news media is very interested in this topic.

Training:

There will be an APCO Training Retreat on Friday May 30th at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill from 9a.m. to 4:30p.m. The deadline to register is May 23rd.

Crystal McDuffie is working on education sessions for the conference; we have received a lot of good submissions.

National APCO:

Frank Thomason spoke about FirstNet. If your agency has not been able to attend the information session, please try to do this. This is a great session. This is going to be one of the biggest changes in the communications industry. Please stay informed. Website is www.firstnet.gov.

Executive Council: No report.

Regional Reports:

Region A:

Pam Collins reported that Pasquotank County 911 has upgraded from the Motorola Gold Elite to the MCC 7500 Radio System. They are in the process of training three part-time employees and have one full-time opening.

Region B:

Richard Batchelor reported that Hal Oakley retired from Person County 911.

Apex Police is fully staffed with two in training. They are 100% compliant with all standards with CALEA and meet with the review board at the July conference.

Region C:

No report.

Region D:

Janet King reported High Point recently had a Telecommunicator Banquet. They have three in training.

Randolph County has four new part-time hires in training. They will be working on the architectural plans for their new headquarters facility.

Ronnie Robertson from Davie County talked about how they are getting high school students interested in the communications field. He feels this is a great way to get more people interested in a career in the 911 field.

Anna Curtis reported that Burlington PD is hosting a customer service class on June 6th. They currently have one opening. Burlington police went through CALEA re-accreditation in December.

Melanie Neal reported Guilford Metro has three vacancies.

Region E:

Grayson Gusa reported the following:

Gaston County Police Communications has completed a New World CAD upgrade on Wednesday of this week. They are also starting the process of migrating from ProQA version 12 to Paramount Software. They also have an update to their Cassidian Patriot 911 Switch scheduled for late this summer.

Iredell County 911 is currently working on a new contract with Intrado, otherwise no other news to report.

Kannapolis Police Communications has recently created a new position of Telecommunications Center Manager. Barbara Shotts has been selected for this new position and will oversee the daily operations of their communications center. They have also recently completed an upgrade on their P25 radio system and now have 12 channels.

Rowan County 911 completed their cut over to P25 radios on April 8, that same day physical consolidation with Salisbury Police Communications occurred. As part of the merger, they completed the CAD conversion on April 15. They will also be cutting over to Intrado A911 on May 20. They are also working to get all staff EFD and EPD certified, with plans of going live with all protocols sometime in mid-June.

Shelby Police Communications has recently received their accreditation through CALEA. This makes them only the third communications center in North Carolina, and also the smallest Center in North Carolina to receive this distinction.

Charlotte Withrow with Charlotte Fire reported they will be fully staffed in two weeks. Sharon Parks was named Supervisor of the Year. John Jackson was named Telecommunicator of the Year. Charlotte Fire became APCO P33 certified in April.

Captain Bill Boger with Charlotte Mecklenburg PD reported they are fully staffed. They are looking to revamp their hiring process – with personality tests and other things.

Region F:

No report.

Historical Committee:

No report.

Old business:

President Reid reported the conference will return to Sunset Beach September 7th- 11th. National APCO Conference is August 3rd - 6th.

New business:

President Reid announced the candidates for the upcoming elections.

2nd Vice President – Jeryl Anderson from Orange County and Judy Jenkins from Cornelius PD.

Treasurer – Tammy Watson – uncontested

Secretary – Judy Capparelli – uncontested

Region B – Richard Batchelor from Raleigh-Wake 911 and Ryan Chambers from UNC-Chapel Hill Police Department.

Region D – Anna Curtis from Burlington PD and Janet King from Randolph County.

The ballots will be available on the website no later than June 1st. A paper ballot may be obtained to anyone who requests one in writing from Ray Gilleland, the nomination chair. The deadline to vote is July 31st.

The deadline to apply for a 911 Board grant is May 21st.

Ronnie Barefoot made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli, NC APCO Secretary