

NC APCO Meeting
March 11th, 2016
Rowan County, NC

Present

Rick Thomas
Jeryl Anderson
Melanie Neal
Frank Thomason
Judy Capparelli
Herman Weiss
Richard Batchelor
Tracy Trogdon
Janet King
Ray Gilleland

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. President Thomas welcomed everyone to Salisbury and thanked Allen Cress with Rowan County 911 and Frank Thomas from Rowan County Emergency Services for hosting the meeting.

President Thomas thanked CenturyLink for sponsoring lunch.

President Thomas introduced the executive board. 1st time attendees, past presidents and RPL's were recognized. Anyone who completes their RPL this year will receive free registration to the state conference.

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

Treasurer's report:

Main account - \$9,428.74
TC Symposium account - \$13,307.41
Scholarship account - \$1,432.00
Money Market account - \$43,584.49

Total - \$67,752.64

Lloyd Moskowitz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Candy Strezinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lloyd Moskowitz was presented with a retirement plaque.

Committee Reports:

Historical Committee:

Randy Surratt has been working on where all of our past presidents worked and has found all with the exception of two. He is still working on this. Several were from the highway patrol.

Frank Thomason reported that from the national level that since the conference last year the national executive board has started formally reviewing all the committees. There are several North Carolina members on those committees. APCO reviewed what the committees did and their missions – many have changed over the years. They planned to leave in place all committees with the exception of one – historical committee. Lin Ford raised her concerns to National along with several others. National has tabled the effort to abolish the national committee.

Frank encourages everyone who is interested in serving on a national committee to check the website or talk with him or President Thomas. There is a committee for everyone.

Pro-CHRT:

Ray Gilleland reported that on a national level they are looking at changing the name of this committee. Locally in North Carolina he has confirmed that telecommunicators are not classified as public safety in our state. We will have to have standards, rules and certifications to even hope to be classified as public safety. At that point we need to get the state legislators on our side. Please see Ray if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Inter-agency Communications:

Lewis Cheatham reported there was a conference call two weeks ago but there is not much to report. They were introduced to Seth Russell who is the new statewide interoperability coordinator (SWIC.) There has not been approval yet for the statewide interoperability plan. There will be a meeting in the next few weeks and there should be more updates then.

CJIN:

There is nothing new to report at this time. For additional information about the CJIN Board you can visit the website at www.cjin.nc.gov

911 Board:

Dinah Jeffries was unable to attend the meeting today; however, on behalf of the APCO Board we want to encourage you to make sure you are working on your backup plans. If you don't understand how to set up a backup plan, get with Tina or David to get a copy of sample. There is also documentation on the Boards website. Don't wait until it's too late.

You also need to make sure you are attending the 9-1-1 Board meetings or dialing in each month. PSAPS must have a voice. There are currently discussions in place regarding certification, QA, Standards, Peer Reviews and the funding models. Make sure you are attending and making your voice heard. Don't be silent. If you don't agree with something proposed, make your voice heard. Don't sit and let rules or legislation pass without your voice being heard.

We the APCO Board are in favor of a certification program; however, we are not in favor of limiting PSAPS to follow the Sheriffs Training Certification. We need to have certification programs in place that can fit multiple PSAPS with multiple disciplines.

Legislative:

Candy Strezinski reminded everyone that the deadline for House Bill 512 is July 1st regarding back up plans for your PSAP. If you do not yet have the required back-up plan there is help available. Also if you are working on your plan but have not submitted yet, please let David or Tina know.

Training:

Jeryl Anderson reported the following:

Reminders:

- The 2016 TC In-Service is due by 12/31/16.
- In-service instructors must successfully test out each block that they teach in. They must also have an in-service coordinator.
- APCO has updated the PST-1 class to version 7.

Registration is open for the 2016 TC Symposium on April 10th-12th at the Greensboro DoubleTree. Registration is \$130. A day pass is \$80. There have been some issues with room reservations. Please let

Jeryl know of any problems. The Sunday APCO class requires registration. A tentative schedule has been posted.

Guilford Technical Community College will host an APCO CTO class April 29th-May 1st. The cost is \$176. Registration information will be posted on our website.

The APCO Active Shooter class being hosted by Apex PD will be May 20th. The cost is \$175. Registration information will be posted on our website.

The NC APCO/NENA 2016 state conference will be September 10th – 14th. The registration is \$175 for members and \$100 for non-members. Flash days will be June 8th and July 13th for \$25 off.

If anyone knows of a good inspirational or leadership type speaker for the conference please e-mail Philip Penny or Rick Thomas. We are working on booking this year's conference entertainment (DJ's, bands, etc.) We will again have bingo with prizes. The call for papers has been put out to book and schedule the best possible training the conference.

Executive Council:

Flash day is April 1st for National APCO. The conference is in Orlando from August 14th -18th.

National APCO:

- Launched a new Certified Public Safety Executive (CPE) Program.
- Award Nominations are being accepted. Please visit the website for more information.
- Applications are being accepted for various committees from now until April 1st. You can apply for three and serve on two.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Committee:

President Thomas reported that 15 people were certified last week. The training was provided by NC-LEAP at Wake Tech. There are still seats available for their 2-day course "Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention" being held at Wake Tech April 14th-15th. Connie Gartin will be presenting a CISM overview at the symposium in Greensboro.

Social/Digital Committee: No report.

Activities and Membership: No report.

CCAM:

Derek Duggins reported the vendor committee met this morning and they hope to build better partnerships. The meetings are open to any of the commercial partners. They are looking for input from everyone.

Compassionate Care Committee:

Janet King gave an update on several people they have reached out to. Please get up with Janet or anyone on the board if you know of anyone we need to reach out to. Gates County EMS lost an EMT-I this week.

Regional Reports:

Region A: No report.

Region B:

Richard Batchelor reported that Rocky Mount is hiring for a telecommunicator.

Richard reported that Raleigh-Wake has five call taker openings, eight telecommunicator openings and an assistant communications director of support. They are doing a continual hire of telecommunicators and call takers. The move to their new building has been delayed by at least a month due to an electrical problem.

Region C:

Tracy Trogdon reported that Fayetteville is down by 17 at this time. They will be doing interviews next week and hosting EMD, EFD and EPD courses in April.

Region D:

Janet King reported that High Point expects to have a phone system installation in the next few weeks.

Randolph County just had their ground breaking on the new Emergency Services Headquarters scheduled to open in 2017. On April 9th there will be a benefit dinner for an assistant fire marshal that is very sick with cancer. See Janet for further details.

Region E: No report.

Region F: No report.

Old business:

No old business.

New business:

Nominations for chapter officers are open until March 31st. We have received five submissions so far but we would like to see more.

We have been working since November on updating our bylaws. We hope to present those at the May meeting. We will review them in July and vote in September.

Ronnie Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli, NC APCO Secretary