



**NC APCO Chapter Meeting
November 8th, 2019
Charlotte Fire Headquarters**

Grayson Gusa called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Grayson Gusa recognized first time attendees

Grayson Gusa recognized past NC APCO Presidents

Grayson Gusa recognized RPL's current or pending

Grayson Gusa recognized CPE's current or pending

Grayson Gusa recognized APCO Chapter Life Members

Grayson Gusa recognized introduced the NC APCO Board

Grayson Gusa, President

Brett Wrenn, Immediate Past President

Stephanie Connor, First Vice President

Christine Moore, Second Vice President

David Dodd, Executive Council Representative

Missy Ezzell, Secretary

Regional Ambassadors – Herman Weis, Chad Deese, Janet King, and Sarah Templeton

Travis Essic, Public Information Officer

Randy Surratt, Historian

Frank Thomason, APCO Board of Directors

Swearing in of New Members by Frank Thomason

Sarah Templeton - Regional Ambassador (Jason Compton resigned position)

Byron Burns -- Commercial Advisory Board Member

Elton Wright – Assistant Commercial Advisory Board Member

Travis Essic – Public Information Officer

Randy Surratt – Historian

Motion made to dispense with the reading of the minutes

Motion by Melanie Neal, Second by Jason Compton

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Connor

Checking Account

591.69

Symposium Account	7,62.95
Scholarship Fund	1,432.00
<u>Money Market Account</u>	<u>21,091.59</u>
TOTAL	\$23,889.23

Motion by Vic Williams, Second by Randy Surratt – report was accepted

Committee Reports

Training and Education Committee – Christine Moore

- Symposium dates April 6-8, 2020 and will have the 1st Vendor Hall for the Symposium and will also offer Manager Training classes. More information should be on the website soon.
- Education requests should be made to Jeryl Anderson
- Reminder of deadline for the annual In-Service Training
- Reminder for the General Instructor renewals

Historical Committee – Randy Surratt, Historian

- No update at this time
- Randy recognized his local 911 agency for response to a recent call he made.

Compassionate Care – Janet King

- Recognized Stephanie Chapman, NENA representative – Janet congratulated her on her new position.
- Numerous cards have been sent out for illnesses, injuries, and deaths. Janet also reached out to agencies due to recent calls.
- Janet thanked any veterans in the audience for their service.
- Vic Williams gave an update from Pam Collins and relayed her gratitude for the support from the chapter members and the TLC Fund. Janet also spoke about the TLC Fund and the benefits of supporting the fund.

Executive Council Committee – David Dodd

- Updates given on the Management Committee and the East Coast Committee Conference Call
- Discussed upcoming locations for the National APCO Conferences (2020 Orlando and 2021 San Antonio)
- APCO International has discussed security issues as well as other items of concern for the upcoming 2025 Conference in Baltimore
- Health update was given on Richard Taylor due to recent surgery

Interagency Communication Committee – Lewis Cheatham

- Updated on FirstNet – 498 sites online in North Carolina and we should be receiving updates soon.
- Encryption survey will be sent out from the workgroup to receive information from agencies statewide to ensure interoperability.

2019 Conference Report – Brett Wrenn

- Recognized conference volunteers
- 320 attendees
- 46 First-time attendees
- Recognition of the Whoova App and the Commercial Partners recognition
- There will not be a conference in 2020 to move the conference out of Hurricane Season, the next conference is scheduled for May 2021.

Membership Update – Grayson Gusa

- As of November 8, 2019 NC APCO has 1536 members.
- Reminder of the renewal season for membership.

New Items

- Byron Burns spoke about Commercial Partners / Corporate Sponsorship to assist with chapters throughout the year and help fund new projects. There will be more information coming out soon.
- Grayson Gusa thanked Mike Reitz for his service to the Board. Melanie Neal's application for the NC APCO Representative on the NC 911 Board was accepted and the application process has been sent to the Speaker of the House who appoints the position however it could be later this year or 2020 before the position is appointed. Congratulations Melanie.
- During the NC APCO Board Retreat in October 2019 the Executive Board worked on a new Mission Statement.

North Carolina APCO is a member driven association of communications professionals that provides leadership and opportunities; influences public safety communications decisions for government and industry; promotes professional development; and fosters the development and use of technology for the benefit of the public and responders.
- It was also voted on to start an Audit Committee and Beth Smith agreed to chair the committee.
- Nancy Williams was recognized for her service and congratulate her on her retirement.

The winner of the 50/50 Drawing was Kyle Griffin, Stanley County 911 with the proceeds (\$120.50) going to the TLC fund.

Grayson Gusa thanked Carolina Recording Systems for sponsoring lunch and Vic Williams asked for a moment of silence for telecommunicators and first responders dealing with the stressors from the job. Vic also prayed a blessing before lunch.

Motion to adjourn Melanie Neil.