



Ohio Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2017

Meeting started at 1pm, Kelley Davidson presiding welcomed attendees and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Report

Mike Banks advised that previous meeting's minutes were available online and that limited copies were also available for distribution at the meeting. Mr. Banks asked for a waiver of the reading of the minutes, motion made by Jay Somerville seconded by Lynne Feller. Motion carried with an all-in favor vote.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Banks reviewed the year to date treasurer's report, APCO Checking current balance: \$22,988.31. APCO Money Market current balance: \$29,572.83, and Gold Star Checking current balance: \$41,992.49.

Patrick Brandt made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Kim Collinsworth, motion carried with an all-in favor vote.

Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office update – Rob Jackson

Rob Jackson thanked the Conference Committee for the sign that was presented to the office from conference attendees. 87 of 88 counties have sent in wireless government assistance form, #88 should be sending theirs in tomorrow. FCC and 911 Office Surveys need to be collected by all 88 counties, if they are not turned in counties may not be eligible National 911 office grants.

RFP closed for statewide NG911 system on April 26th. AT&T, Motorola, GDIT, and InDigital submitted vendors. Federal Engineering will provide a comprehensive recommendation in June. Will not be vendor identification specific until any legislation is passed. Should be presented as a package with legislative tweaks to ORC 128 from operation subcommittee.

9-1-1 Symposium will be on September 13th in conjunction with the APCO/NENA chapter meeting.

Kelley Davidson thanked Rose Chambers and Alan Fish for their efforts in organizing the very successful 2017 APCO/NENA Conference and Gold Star luncheon.

Joint Conference Committee Report – Rose Chambers

Registration was up for the conference with 147 attendees which was up quite a bit from two years ago. 41 vendors were signed up for the vendor show. 327 attendees for the luncheon. Conference profit was \$7000, this is not a money-making project, plans for the 2019 conference have already commenced. Working on new ideas for this conference, next conference April 14th-17th, 2019 at the Kalahari the theme will be "Race to the Finish" NASCAR themed conference.



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Gold Star Awards Committee Report – Alan Fish

Alan thanked the attendees, participants, and nominators for the Gold Star luncheon. Thomas Page, Liz Fahey, Kadey Pinkston, Jay Somerville, Monte Diegel, and the many others that assisted with stuffing bags, handing out bags, etc. Nominations are welcome for the 2017 awards, Alan encouraged attendees to send in nominations for events as they happen as several nomination worthy events have occurred so far in 2017.

APCO Committee Reports

Frequency Advisory Committee – Bob Bill

Bob Bill and Paul Mayer went to Texas for frequency administration training. Information and webinars will be sent to system administrators to help facilitate the 700Mhz licensing process.

SIEC - the SIEC have approved new SOP's for the state, roaming, VHF/UHF, 700/800Mhz channels. Another SOP subcommittee meeting will be held May 11th from 10am to 12pm. Working on a minimum interoperability suite recommendation and trying to condense that to a bare minimum of interoperability channels. COM-L subcommittee met yesterday reviewing task books from applicants that want to be certified and the SOP has been certified as well. Kelly Castle with FirstNet has moved to the City of Columbus, interviews are being held next week for the Ohio FirstNet office. Ohio is due to receive a draft state plan from FirstNet on June 30th. A single POC meeting will be held June 7th in Texas. Homeland Security Council and 8 Ohio regional executives are being involved to provide local input.

Executive Council & Legislative – Jay Somerville

Executive Committee - Board of Directors will be meeting next week to review a few items, including budget proposal, current project is to revamp committee structure within APCO International. Cheryl Whitehouse wants to review committee structure and receive input and guidance from the membership on restructuring APCO's committees.

APCO Members should be receiving a notice of elections soon. One candidate running unopposed for 2nd vice-president. Running unopposed does not guarantee election to that position. Tracy Hilburn is the unopposed nominee and still requires an affirmative vote from the membership to be installed in that office. Jay believes Tracy would be a good fit for the board of officers, very involved as an EC member, and is highly qualified to serve as an officer on the board of directors. 1st Vice President candidate is Holly Wayt from the Ohio Chapter and requires a majority vote from the membership. Jay encourages all members to vote for Holly and Tracy when the ballots are open, votes can be submitted online or in person at the national conference in Denver.

Legislative: Awaiting the state biennial budget, Ohio APCO has asked for amendment in the state budget to fund the supplementing of MARCS fees to keep agency costs to \$10/unit. The chapter has put in a letter of support for the amendment. It's important for our members to engage their legislators if this amendment makes it into the budget bill.

HB 69 bill offered by Ohio Township Association, asked for a revision for joint economic districts and municipalities, asking for TIF's to fund public safety levies. Proposing an automatic exemption for fire levies as TIF's do for school levies.



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5/10 PSAP ops and Technical Ops subcommittee joint meeting will be held to discuss changes to ORC 128 primarily to include changes needed for NG911 in the State of Ohio. Tomorrow's meeting will go over feedback submitted to 911 Program Office over the last 6 months in regard to ORC 128. Audience input will be accepted as well. This will not be the final meeting to put together an amendment package for ORC 128, this is not the final meeting. There will be more opportunities to submit input for changes to the statute. Current comments will be reviewed and additional comments will be considered for a date to be determined in June.

Nominating Committee – Jay Somerville presented the slate of candidates to be elected for the 2017-2018 year, President Satoru Persons, 1st Vice-President Lydia Frey, and Second-Vice President Johnna Sells. A vote was held and all attendees were in favor of the slate of candidates. Jay Somerville read the oath of office to the new chapter leadership.

Constitution & By Laws – Lydia Frey

No Report

Commercial Advisory – Norberto Colón

Looking for more vendors to be involved, also interested in scheduling vendors with more advance notice for future meetings as the meeting dates have been set.

Training – Lydia Frey

Training meeting held today with 10 attendees. Lydia welcomed additional help if anyone is interested. They will continue holding training ahead of the chapter meetings as has been conducted over the past meetings. Looking at holding regional trainings 4-5 times a year. Biggest challenge is getting information out to the dispatchers as she has heard that they don't often hear about training opportunities that are available to them. Welcomed ideas of what type of training they would like to see. She will be working with the 911 Program Office to certify the training for continuing education credits.

Awards & Scholarship – Mindy Lane

Lynne Feller is taking information to compile into chapter handbook. Next round of scholarships will be open in October. With no conference next year more money will be available. Available money is a percentage of the chapter dues income. Considering setting aside money for conference scholarships in the next conference year.

Good of the Order & Announcements

Rob Jackson - posting a position for compliance officer and will be out soon. Hamilton county congratulated Brian Makurdi for stepping up to operations director position with HCC 911

Patrick Brandt offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lydia Frey, meeting adjourned at 1:53pm.