



Ohio Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2020

Welcome Remarks – Chapter President Lydia Frey

Meeting began at 10:05 am with Lydia Frey welcoming participants. Today's meeting held via WebEx due to Ohio Department of Health prohibiting large gatherings due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Chapter Secretary & Treasurer Reports

Mike Banks asked for a waiver of the reading of the February chapter meeting minutes. The minutes were posted online and published in the quarterly chapter newsletter. Bob Bill made the motion, seconded by Norberto Colon. Motion passed with all in favor vote.

Mike Banks reviewed the chapter treasurers report; as of May 17, 2020, the APCO Checking Account had a balance of \$16,339.15, APCO Money Market had a balance of \$62,142.18, and Gold Star/Conference Checking was \$39,756.73. Patrick Brandt made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Jay Somerville, motion passed with all in favor vote.

Joint Conference Committee Report - Rose Chambers

Rose Chambers had nothing to report on the joint conference. Working with NENA to help organize volunteer effort surrounding the 2021 NENA National Conference

Gold Star Committee Report – Brian MacMurdo

The Gold Star luncheon and related events were postponed Coronavirus pandemic. Working to schedule a date at the end of the year. Tentatively 12/8 and 12/9, working with the venue and should have that locked down this week. He will email members and post on the page once this has been confirmed.

Award winners have been notified: Solid Gold: Brenda Waddle from Chagrin Valley Dispatch, Double Gold Team of the Year: OSP Jackson, Supervisor/Manager Elizabeth Fahey from Grove City, Trainer: Daniel Young from Portage County SO, IT: Craig Kent OSP, Technical Leadership: Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Director of the Year: Nick DiCicco from Chagrin Valley Dispatch. Brian congratulated everyone and can't wait to celebrate with everyone at the luncheon.

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

Grant Awards have gone out for the county that put in for grants. 2nd round will be announced very soon, there are still funds left to be distributed.

RFP will not be getting numbers out for a couple months, the virus has kept certain stakeholders/decision makers from being available to review all the. A June/July announcement is expected

FCC surveys, deadline was last Friday, a handful of counties still haven't sent it in. Please get those in this week if you are one of those counties. (they have been notified)



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Lydia Frey thanked Rob for the weekly meetings that were held during the height of the pandemic response.

Ohio MARCS – Richard Schmahl

During the initial stay at home mandate, they saw a big drop of PTTs in the system. Normally 1.5-2mil pttts a day, that went down to 1 million, people were sent home, and a lot of agencies reverted to telephone reports which can be attributed to the drop in traffic.

Allen County tower interference event; Bob Bill, Firstnet, Motorola went to investigate, triangulated it to a house. A search warrant was served, arrests made. If you have problems with portable communication, please contact the MARCS helpdesk to start investigating the cause of this problem, this issue was only witnessed on portables.

Dick Miller - hoped everyone is well, thanked everyone with their service and flexibility. Several projects going on, Jesse Owens state park 400' tower (partnered with ODNR) - largest land mass state park in the state of Ohio. The tower will cover park and a lot of additional coverage for the locals in the areas. A new tower going up in Millersport, agreement with Fairfield County/Walnut TWP 350' self-supporting tower that will cover Buckeye Lake area.

Partnering with Richland County, between Shelby and Plymouth Ohio, turned on the tower that blankets Richland county north, covers parts of Ashland, Huron, and Crawford County which has led to a significant increase in coverage Talking with Williams County Commissioners to build a tower in the Bryan area.

Guernsey County commissioners would also like to talk to improve coverage in SE/Eastern Guernsey county, which would also help Noble County. Overall, still a lot of people signing up for MARCS

APCO Executive Council & Committee reports

Frequency Advisory Committee – Bob Bill

800 MHz interstitial channels; A public notice announcing coming soon for applications for the 318 800 MHz interstitials where re-banding has been completed. Working with Trumbull County to get vehicular repeater frequencies for their fire agencies.

APCO Nominating Committee - Mike Banks

Mike Banks stated that the nominations for the chapter officers for 2020-2021 with no additional nominations being submitted or being made from the floor. At this time a vote was needed to affirm the continuation of terms for Chapter President Lydia Frey, 1st Vice-President Johnna Sells, and 2nd Vice-President Cheryl Pratt. Adrienne Sheffer made the motion to elect the current slate of officers for the 2020-2021 term, the motion was seconded by Patrick Brandt. Motion passed with all in favor vote.

Executive Council Update – Jay Somerville



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APCO International has two candidates for 2nd vice-president:

- Angela Bowen - Georgia Chapter
- Mark Pallans - Nevada Chapter

Many got to hear Ms. Bowen from the Georgia Chapter when she addressed our chapter at the February meeting. Mark Pallans has been mostly active in California and Nevada.

Current 2nd Vice-President, Jason Kern, will also need a majority vote to be elected to First Vice-President.

APCO will send notice via PSConnect with voting credentials, Jay encouraged everyone to please vote when those come in. Voting can be done in person at the conference, polls close Tuesday evening at the Orlando Conference. We've had a low turnout for voting over the last couple of years at around 20%, would really like to increase that to the 50% range. Please vote when you get the notice/request to vote.

At the last Ohio Chapter Executive Committee meeting, the board discussed APCO international officer candidates, the executive committee met and unanimously voted to endorse Angie Bowen as their choice for second vice-president of the Association.

Government Affairs

Not a lot of activity due to the pandemic, the following are the legislative priorities for 2020:

Reclassify 9-1-1 professionals
Funding for Next-Generation 911
Ending 911 fee diversion
Protecting spectrum for public safety use

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2020 conference is on as scheduled, the board of directors and executive committee are meeting today for regularly scheduled meeting. They're going to do an assessment of attendance levels. Flash Day on 4/1 was deemed a success, didn't sell as many as previous years, but 80-82% of expected sales were met.

If you are not able to travel because of your employer's restrictions and have not sought a refund, do it soon. There will be a firm date next month where the opportunity for refunds will pass. Also, this information will help APCO determine whether to cancel or postpone the conference. If something changes announcements will be relayed immediately.

APCO Institute, Cyber Security Fundamentals scheduled for April is now July 15th in Forsyth, GA, registration info available on institute website. Current CPE class starting in July is full, next class starts in January. They were able to hand out a significant number of scholarships to offset the costs of participating in the CPE program.

The APCO Institute training center for coordinators has been upgraded/refreshed. Jay recommended that any agency trainers log in to the site to check it out. APCO did a significant overhaul of that system in the hope it will be more user



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friendly for the agency training manager including updates/alerts for expiring certifications and training needs. The institute needs feedback, this is not a finished update, they're looking to have a little more feedback to continuously improve the portal so it works best for agency training coordinators.

Standards development

The following standards document drafts are up for public review:

Wireless deployment and effective practices guide
KPI for PS Comm Personnel
Best practices for social media in the comm center

Keep an eye out for these, Jay will send out a tweet and website update when they are posted for review. Encourage attendees to review and offer feedback.

Updated affirmed standards

TTY/TDD use in the comm center

Doesn't appear the ADA will be modified in any shape form considering current changes in technology and accessibility for speech/hearing impaired communication utilizing text and other services. Standard will still be reaffirmed with consideration for current practices of communication for this community.

Membership

Total membership, 33,552, 5.5% increase over 2019

ESINet Updates – Jay Somerville

Rob provided the ESInet update. No legislative update due to legislative pause and focus on pandemic related matters.

Meeting is scheduled for 6/11 to start planning process to review administrative code 5507 for the PSAP operating rules. Jay is waiting on clarification whether the meeting can be held in a form other than in person, but an announcement will be made prior to 6/11. Rob Jackson will check with legal to see if this can be done.

The 911 Operations and Management committee is looking at the rules on behalf of the APCO membership.

9-1-1 Operations & Mgt Committee – Patrick Brandt

The committee has completed a full review of Chapter 128. They recently met with Executive Committee regarding changes, EC approved with 1 minor modification. A letter will be sent to Representative Carfagna. On May 28 at 1330 Andy and Pat subcommittee will review OAC 5507, the PSAP Operations Standards. The standards are up for review in 2021 and he would like to get ahead of that.



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Commercial Advisory – Norberto Colon

Norberto thanked everyone for their service and thanked our commercial partners. The commercial community will continue to support APCO and NENA moving forward to get through these difficult times. Everyone is figuring out the new normal, the way companies operate today will not be the same in the future. The commercial community is committed to supporting in every way possible moving forward.

Training Committee - Adrienne Sheffer

Nothing to report today. Please forward any training info you find beneficial to share to Adrienne for future meetings.

Good of the Order and Announcements

The swearing in of chapter officers was tabled to the next meeting. Our next meeting will be August 19, 2020, hopefully in person but we will keep everyone updated.

Adjournment

Nick DiCicco made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Patrick Brandt. The meeting adjourned at 10:55am.