



Ohio Chapter Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2021

Welcome Remarks – Chapter President Lydia Frey

President Lydia Frey started the meeting at 10:01am with thanks to Jay Somerville and the City of Dublin for hosting the today's meeting virtually on WebEx.

Chapter Secretary & Treasurer Reports

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Banks advised that the November 2020 meeting minutes were posted online and distributed through the Chapter Newsletter. Norberto Colon made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Kelley Davidson. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mike Banks read the treasurer's report, which was posted online. Not a lot of activity to report due to a lack of chapter activity. Ohio APCO checking current balance \$17,408.19. Ohio APCO Money Market account balance is \$72,165.89. Ohio Gold Star/Conference account balance is: \$39,756.73.

Patrick Brandt made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Kelley Davidson. Motion passed with all in favor.

APCO Nominating Committee/Call for Nominations – Kelley Davidson

Kelley Davidson announced that Erica Walsh and Cody Post have expressed interest in the office of chapter 2nd Vice-President. Their information is available on the Ohio APCO website. The nominating committee has nominated both for the position of chapter 2nd Vice-President. President Frey asked for nominations from the floor, none were heard. Jay Somerville made the motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as named by the nominating committee. Patrick Brandt seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Gold Star Committee Report – Brian MacMurdo

Brian MacMurdo, the nomination for period for 2020 Gold Star nominations closes March 1st. In talking with the hotel, September 23-24, 2021 (Thursday & Friday) is tentatively planned for the luncheon. Working with the hotel on the restrictions. Brian hopes restrictions are lifted by that time, looking forward to celebrating and the committee is continuing to move forward.

Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office Update – Rob Jackson/Sharon McMurray/Melissa Wulliger

Sharon McMurray provided a support and compliance update: 2 counties from 2020 are outstanding, both were given deadlines for compliance. 9 counties up for compliance review in January have submitted their documentation, all but 2 have been reviewed. 8 counties are due up in February. Counties due in March should be getting their checklist by the end of next week.



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Melissa Wulliger provided a grant program update. The federal grant program reimbursement is well underway. Originally 55 sub-grantees submitted their grant application. Around 15 have submitted their final reports. Once the final reports are reviewed, the program office will send out a verification packet that requires detailed information to ensure that all requirements from the federal government audit are satisfied.

Rob Jackson - the next ESInet Steering Committee is Monday 2/22 at 11am. The steering committee have approved language to change to ORC with exception of planning committee language which will be discussed at next meeting. The recommended language update will then have to go through the complete legislative process. Rob is hoping for this to come out in a bill later this year.

Continuing education videos are almost out. If the videos are not out you during your audit period, you have to make sure that your employees have viewed the videos that were current in your audit cycle.

Federal E911 annual surveys are coming out. Wireless Government Assistance Fund reconciliation forms will be coming back out as well. Please watch out for these and make sure to complete them and return to the 9-1-1 Program Office in a timely manner.

Ohio MARCS – Richard Schmahl

Richard Schmahl, make sure has updated contact information is submitted to his office if any positions have changed within your agency at the start of the new year. Stark County investigation has been wrapped up; the ringleader was sentenced to 4 years. The Ohio Prosecutors Assoc has taken it upon themselves to draft changes to ORC so that it specifically mentions LMR hijacking and unauthorized use. Another investigation in Brunswick Hills, offenders in a burglary had radios in their possession programmed with IDs from the MARCS system that enabled them to not only monitor traffic but communicate with each other.

Ohio TERT Update – Cody Post

Cody Post - Monte Diegel has resigned his position as the TERT committee leader. Cody wanted to recognize and thank Monte for the 10+ years of tremendous work he has put into this effort with a grueling number of hours put in to get to where we are today. The TERT committee will be taking a moment to review where they are, reach out to the APCO/NENA boards to receive some direction, and identify what their next direction is. Cody wants to ensure everyone is on the same page in terms of the expectations of the chapter leadership, and the chapters, before they move on.

APCO & Nena Executive Council & Committee Reports

Frequency Advisory Committee – Bob Bill

Mr. Bill was able to work with Medina County to get an application submitted for vehicular repeaters for various fire departments throughout Medina County. The application is pending review by the FCC, this was a particularly challenging due to border issues with Canada. Monitoring FCC with the new administration for any changes with 4.9 and 6Ghz policies. Waiting for updates on release of 800Mhz interstitial channels which would give up to 300 new



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frequencies for public safety to access. Awaiting a public notice from the FCC regarding the end of re-banding which would result in the release of those frequencies.

Executive Council and Legislative – Jay Somerville

Mr. Somerville provided a few updates from the Executive Council:

Mid-Year Meeting

Met with the Group Leaders to review committee progress year to date.

- The committees are doing an excellent job at working on goals and deliverables, there was a favorable report on all of the committees
- Looking for a liaison with each chapter to help preserve association history
 - If any members are interested in doing this, consider it and let the chapter leadership know if you're interested.

Budget is excellent shape and balanced.

- Expenses have been held in check, some capital projects at HQ have been put off
- Budget is solid and strong and ready to go into next Fiscal Year

2021 Conference in San Antonio is still on as planned – FLASH DAY is April 5th

- HQ is operating as if everything will be in person with appropriate protections
- Worked with convention authority to set up a clean and safe experience for attendees

The APCO Credentials Committee certified the nomination for Association Officer positions:

1st Vice-President: Angela Bowen – Georgia Chapter

2nd Vice-President:

Kimberly Burdick – Montana Chapter

Becky Neugent – South Carolina Chapter

Look for more information coming out about both candidates and voting will begin in July.

Committee volunteer sign for next committee year is posted on APCO website and is available now. Deadline is April 1st through your MyAPCO account. There will be a free committee sign up webinar on February 24th at 2pm. Reminder: Current committee members must sign up each year, you are not automatically carried over from committee year to committee year.

There are two new committees, Health & Wellness Committee, and the Young Professionals Committee. The Health & Wellness Committee was created as an initiative of President Moulin to look into the health and wellness of our membership as they perform their duties every day. The Young Professionals Committee was previously a task force



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that is now a standing committee within the association. This is about young professional development within our profession.

Legislative and Government Affairs:

- APCO 2021 Legislative Priorities
 - Reclassification of 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators
 - GRO will continue to work on making this happen, and making it happen the right way.
- Next Generation 9-1-1 Funding
- Wellness for 9-1-1 Professionals
- Network Outages Impacting 9-1-1 Service
 - APCO is reporting outages affecting 9-1-1 to government affairs, keeping them advised to continue to push the issue with the FCC at the need for them to respond when an outage to 9-1-1 occurs, especially over a wide area
- 2021 FCC Regulatory Priorities
 - 9-1-1 Location Accuracy
 - 6 GHz Frequency Band
 - 4.9 GHz Frequency Band
 - Network Outage Reporting to 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Centers
 - Carrier/ECC Contact Database
 - Wireless Emergency Alerts
 - Upgrades to Universal Licensing System (ULS)

More info: <https://www.apcointl.org/apco-internationals-public-safety-communications-priorities-for-the-new-year/>

APCO Institute Updates

- Virtual Classroom – New Courses
 - Communications Training Officer (CTO)
 - Communications Center Supervisor (CCS)
 - These classes are held as if they were an in-person class with a live instructor. Seats and dates are limited.
- Scholarship Opportunities
 - APCO Silent Key Scholarship
 - APCO Commercial Advisory Committee
 - Application Deadline – March 31st



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Membership Update:

Member Type	1/1/2020	1/1/2021
Associate	1,668	1,481
Full Member	2,772	2,483
Full Group Members	4,796	6,423
Online Group Members	11,463	13,956
Commercial	344	294
Commercial Group Members	7	42
Total Member Numbers	21,050	24,679
Group Member Agencies	897	955
Commercial Group	23	48

Future APCO Conference Cities

2022: Anaheim, CA

2023: Nashville, TN

2024: Orlando, FL

APCO PSAP Awards

Nominations are due April 1st. Recent nominations have been lacking in detail, please check out the website for an on-demand webinar that explains how best to secure an award for your nominee:

Nominations can be made, and more information including a tutorial video on how to provide proper details are available at: <https://psap.apcointl.org/>

Legislative Update - Jay Somerville

- ORC 128 Update
 - The actual work will be done by the committees in the House and Senate. Ohio APCO is prepared to provide testimony as the bill gets introduced and assigned to committees. They expect the bill will be introduced soon. APCO will need help from membership in providing



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testimony and outreach to our legislators to support the bill. Rep. Carfagna is planning on being the initial sponsor is ready to have that discussion with our membership and stakeholders when the bill hits the floor.

- Steering Committee will be meeting to review 128.06. Ohio APCO has discussed this section and will participate when and if they are asked by the steering committee on our thoughts as a chapter. We have concerns over an even number of members on the planning committee which is currently proposed. Also concerned that every county would be required to have the exact same number and positions with the exception of the 6th position which would be selected by the county commissioners from a county elected official. This restricts flexibility of who a county can appoint, Ohio APCO would prefer that this be memorialized in the county final plan.
- PSAP Operating Rules Review
 - Rule 18 update
 - Jay will give a presentation on Rule 18 and the discussion on how the total number of calls and call answering times are calculated at a particular PSAP.
 - SB4 – Public Records Exemptions
 - Proposing that public safety telecommunicators and Ohio National Guard members be exempt from releases of their personal information, addresses, and phone numbers, similar to the exemption provided to law enforcement officers

ESINet Updates – Jay Somerville

- 5-year rule review of PSAP Operating rules
- ESINet Steering Committee approved PSAP rules revisions.
 - The subcommittees were asked to revisit rule 18 with the following addition to the rule, "for the purposes of determining compliance, all calls, including abandoned or unanswered calls, shall be factored in the calculation of the performance metric."
 - If approved will go to JCARR for review over the next few months.

Constitution & Bylaws – Cheryl Pratt

No new report. There will be discussions upcoming, and a report is expected for the next meeting.

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

The committee has Completed assignments that have been assigned. They are awaiting further orders from the chapter leadership.



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Commercial Advisory – Norberto Colón

Mr. Colón Thanked attendees on behalf of the vendor committee for our support though the pandemic. As a result of the pandemic some companies have had some layoffs and there have been acquisitions that have changed our usual contacts with vendors. Norberto has been connected and reconnecting with vendors that are eager to serve the chapter, share their technology that they can offer to assist our operations. Mr. Colón is sure there will be a full house with vendors as we get back to meeting together at future dates.

Good of the Order and Announcements

Rick Schmall, MARCS has moved past restrictions on tax exempt bonds that has kept private entities or federal agencies from subscribing to MARCS. They are now able to accept subscriptions from private entities, such as private ambulances, again. If you know of any company or organization looking to subscribe let them know that they can do so again.

President Frey, reminder about the March 4th statewide PSAP conference call with APCO, NENA, and the Ohio 9-1-1 Program office at 1pm.

APCO Health and Wellness Fund was approved by the Ohio APCO Executive Committee, additional information will be on the website. President Frey turned the floor over to Kelley Davidson for further information.

Kelley Davidson, this is a priority of national APCO, the initiative recognizes that our personnel are first responders. This past year has been difficult with several hurdles that interfered with our ability to do our jobs. There are programs available to us, as first responders, to support our wellbeing and mental health. Ohio Assist is one these programs, the Ohio APCO Executive Committee has decided to financially support this program. This is a 3 day post critical incident seminar, it's a no cost program for the for a first responder and a support person of their choice.

Ohio Assist classifies telecommunicators as first responders and has been providing support since 2013 all over Ohio. The Executive Committee elected to support Ohio Assist this year with a \$5,000 donation. Ms. Davidson encourages everyone to look up Ohio Assist if you're not familiar with this program already. She is happy to speak individually about it and highly recommends it. The committee wishes to support them with the donation this year so that they can continue to offer this program at no cost to individuals and agencies.

The upcoming retreat is full. If you are interested other programs are also available if you are seeking help such as "The Bridge".

1st Vice-President Johnna Sells was chosen to go to Ohio Assist after being nominated by someone she worked with. From the telecommunicator's perspective, you often see programs catered to firefighters and police officers, but Ohio Assist is also directed to telecommunicators. Ms. Sells would also be happy to talk with anyone about this if they'd like to get her perspective.



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Ms. Davidson stated this is an investment you can make in yourself or your coworker, this program will help you understand and recognize the side-effects of stress and find a path to cope with the baggage of our career.

President Frey, our next meeting is May 19th, not sure if in person or not yet. She will keep the membership posted when we get closer to the next meeting date.

Rick Schmall made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Patrick Brandt. Motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:05am.