



Ohio Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021

Welcome Remarks – Chapter President Lydia Frey

The meeting began at 10:00am with Lydia Frey welcoming attendees. The executive committee met in person, while the quorum met via WebEx due to social distancing limitations related to the pandemic.

Chapter Secretary & Treasurer Reports

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Banks advised that the February Chapter Meeting minutes have been circulated via Newsletter and posted to the Ohio APCO website. He asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Patrick Brandt made the motion to waive reading of the minutes, seconded by Jay Somerville, motion passed with all in favor vote.

Mike Banks reviewed the May 2021 Chapter Treasurer's report. The current balance for APCO Checking was \$13,765.19, APCO Money Market, \$72,174.69, and Gold Star/Conference checking was \$39,756.73. There was minimal account activity on all 3 accounts. Patrick Brandt made the motion to approve the Chapter Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jay Somerville. Motion passed with all in favor vote.

Conference Committee

Rose Chambers - reminder to sign up for volunteer spots for NENA National. Looking to have an educational super session on April 10th, maybe a photo scavenger hunt, and are considering another 5k. Monday will be educational classes and welcome reception. Tuesday will have classes, a vendor show, and an emergency vehicle show. We have the large Kilimanjaro ballroom which can accommodate vehicles indoors. Tuesday will be classes in the AM followed by the Gold Star Luncheon. Theme is survivor based, "We have survived!!"

Gold Star Committee Report – Brian MacMurdo

Moving forward with banquet plans at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville Polaris on September 24th. We will be Recognizing 2019/2020 nominees/winners. Working in conjunction with 911 program office and Rob Jackson to hold the 911 Symposium on September 23rd. The winners of the 2020 awards will be sent out in early June. The nominees will be notified as well. Letters from 2019 will be re-sent so everyone will be aware of this year's plans.

Nominations for 2021 gold star awards will begin in July. The deadline to submit for 2021 will be 1/31/22.

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



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ESINet Steering Committee is next Monday, 5/24 at 11am, will be held online. Legislative Service Commission almost done with legislation for Chapter 128 and will be introduced to general assembly soon. We'll soon see legislative activity soon on the transition of legacy to Next Generation 9-1-1 in Ohio.

Grant is continuing, projects are being finished, verification packets are being sent out. Getting update from the Federal 9-1-1 office on the first group of three that went in.

Federal E 9-1-1 survey needs to be sent in ASAP, a few counties have not participated, deadline has been extended to this Friday for those that haven't sent them in yet. Lack of participation could impact future funding.

WGAF forms are coming in, would like to have in by end of July 2021.

Location testing service visits scheduled between September to October, bordering counties will also get a call and Mr. Jackson's office will give a notice ahead of time to the bordering counties. NENA conference flyer sent out to affiliated agencies with the steering committee and workgroup chairs inviting their attendance and participation in the NENA national conference.

Ohio MARCS – Richard Schmahl

Ohio SCIP (Statewide Communications Interoperability) update: The draft is being reviewed by the committee. A couple of minor changes for verbiage. Three main efforts, solidify efforts for cybersecurity, NG 911, and mass communications. Thanks to Rob Jackson and Brian Castner and others for their time contributions for this.

Ohio TERT Update – Cody Post

The TERT committee has been working offline on TERT minimum qualifications standards, basing standards off established teams in neighboring states. Focused on education and training that can be held in a distributive manner as opposed to in person. The committee is working on mission statement for Ohio TERT. Mr. Post asked the membership to support the upcoming bylaws amendment for Ohio TERT.

Ohio APCO Election of Officers

Nominating committee chair, Kelley Davidson introduced each candidate, Erica Walsh and Cody Post.

Both candidates provided statements to the membership expressing their thanks and gratitude for nomination and discussed their priorities and goals if they were to be chosen as the next 2nd Vice-President of Ohio APCO.

Kelley thanked both candidates for accepting the nomination and their willingness to commit to this position within the chapter in addition to their daily duties.



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The election was held during online polling for attendees in the WebEx and a ballot circulated to members in attendance at the Ohio DAS. All attendees were instructed that they can only vote if they were full Ohio APCO members.

APCO & NENA Executive Council & Committee Reports

Frequency Advisory Committee – Bob Bill

Mr. Bill has been constantly monitoring developments with the 6Ghz and 4.9Ghz spectrum and trying to look out for adverse impacts to public safety. Mr. Bill gave kudos to the FCC as he has noticed that robocalls have decreased significantly in the past 6 months due to their enforcement of robocalls violations. This has an impact on public safety as this has notably decreased the impact of these spurious calls hitting public safety answering points.

Mr. Bill has continued to work with cities, counties, and other agencies finding spectrum for vehicular repeaters. He encouraged attendees to have their vendors reach out to them prior to ordering equipment to determine what spectrum is available in their area so that the proper equipment is ordered.

Constitution & Bylaws – Cheryl Pratt

Ms. Pratt read Resolution 2021-01 to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ohio Chapter of APCO:

WHEREAS: On February 22, 2021, the President of the Ohio Chapter of APCO created a Special Committee entitled, the “Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT)” committee; and

WHEREAS: It is the desire of the President and the Executive Committee to empower the “Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT)” committee as a standing committee; and

WHEREAS: To establish a standing committee, an amendment must be made to the existing bylaws of the association; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VIII, Section 1.1 be amended to read:

“The Standing Committees of Ohio APCO shall be: Constitution and Bylaws, Training, Awards & Scholarships, Legislative, Nominating, 9-1-1 & Communications Center Management, Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT) and Frequency Advisory.”

Approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the membership present at the May 19, 2021, membership meeting.

No questions or discussion.

Patrick Brandt to accept the resolution, seconded by Cody Post. Motion passed with an all-in favor vote.



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Executive Council and Legislative – Jay Somerville

Mr. Somerville provided an update on what's going to be discussed in the Executive Council meeting in San Antonio in August. The Executive Council will discuss and make recommendations on two specific issues:

- Direction of Compassionate Care program
 - President Moulin asked Executive Council to take up the question, “should we continue to have a formalized compassionate care program and if so, how should it be administered?” The Management Committee has been weighing this and taking input from Executive Council members. They have discussed thoroughly and will make recommendation at the meeting in San Antonio. The potential direction appears to be decentralizing compassionate care to be pushed out to the chapters to be points of contacts and use Executive Council to assist if the incident becomes a larger scale incident and requires national resources.
- Discuss the results of the Executive Council survey to re-examine the Strategic Governance Initiative that occurred 12-14 years ago
 - President Hilburn asked the Executive Council to survey themselves and review how effective the Executive Council is and what the council should or should not be involved in at the governance level.
 - Conversation will start with survey results and discuss any recommendations the executive council would make as it relates into their role in the governance of the Association as a whole.
 - Jay will bring results of both conversations at our fall meeting
- Advocacy alert!
 - Ask Congress to support the 9-1-1 SAVES act
 - To reclassify telecommunicators into the protective service occupation
- 2021 APCO International Conference – San Antonio
 - Highly successful flash day in April, 95% of normal participation compared to past years
 - As of 4/30 203 exhibitors signed up - 28 of which are first time
 - Safety protocols are constantly being reviewed
 - Block party will be at Sea World
 - Future Cities:
 - 2022 Anaheim, CA
 - 2023 Nashville, TN
 - 2024 Orlando, FL
- 2021 Nexus Conference
 - May 26 – 27th Virtual
 - \$49 for APCO Members, Active Federal Employees
 - Theme is “Experience the Emergency Communications Center of the Future”
- GAO Update
 - FCC 6Ghz
 - APCO filed additional comments requesting a pause
 - FCC has continued to allow devices to proliferate in the band
 - Support needed - \$15 billion grant funding for NG 9-1-1 Deployment
 - Check out APCO take action website
 - <https://www.apcointl.org/government-relations/take-action/>



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- State 9-1-1 Fee Diversion concerns continue
 - Comments filed with FCC
 - Ohio is very much in compliance at the federal level. Fees are not diverted, thanks to our reporting we're able to confirm that we do not do 9-1-1 fee conversion
- Standards Development
 - Final approval of ASAP (Automated Secure Alarm Protocol) and CISD (Critical Incident Stress Debriefing) ANSI standards
 - Crisis Intervention Techniques and Call Handling Procedures workgroup finished adjudicated comments received during public review and public comment phase. The SDC operations subcommittee is now determining if changes made to the candidate standard are substantive.
 - The candidate standard for Public Safety Telecommunicators When Responding to Calls of Missing, Abducted, and Sexually Exploited Children has finished its initial draft. The SDC Operations subcommittee will now review it.
 - Minimum training standards for TTY/TDD Use in the Communications Center is being reaffirmed through ANSI and is currently adjudicating public review and comments
- Membership Update

Member Type	4/1/2020	4/1/2021
Associate	2,368	2,151
Full Member	4,132	3,883
Full Group Members	7,922	8,015
Online Group Members	18,589	19,145
Commercial	462	424
Commercial Group Members	79	202
Total Member Numbers	33,552	33,920
Group Member Agencies	1,172	1,254
Commercial Group	33	47

Legislative Update - Jay Somerville

- NG 9-1-1 Legislation - Rep Carfagna (Delaware County) sponsor, Legislative Service Commission and Department of Taxation is working out the language, finalizing the draft and expecting it will be introduced in the next month or two.



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- Ohio APCO will be participating next month in a meeting of public safety organizations throughout the state. NENA, BSSA, CCAO, OACP, OML, etc. will be invited to discuss the legislation and how we can work as a united front to see some of the modifications and changes they would like to see and how they can get it moved through the house and the senate quickly. We are absolutely more successful when we all go to the state house together.
- HB 278 - Rep Hillyer (Tuscarawas County)
 - \$0.10/month for MARCS and \$0.05month to 911 to LGAF
 - Ohio APCO is taking a neutral wait and see stance on this bill. Not sure what the intent is and want to hear more on the discussion from Rep. Hillyer and the finance committee to see exactly what they're looking for.
- HB 280 – Rep. Cross, Rep. Plumber
 - MARCS related bill that would formalize the way MARCS fees are determined.
 - Gives the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House the final approval after recommendation from the MARCS Steering Committee on exactly how MARCS fees will be set
 - Ohio APCO taking a wait and see attitude on this bill. We had some discussions with other public safety partners, there are couple of concerns. This went to House Finance Committee; we expect they will be heard on the same day.
 - Mr. Somerville may need help from the membership with testimony on these bills
- SB 4
 - Passed by House in an amended form
 - Adds Emergency Service Telecommunicators as defined in ORC 4742 to the list of public employees that can have certain parts of their personal information redacted from public records.
 - There will be more discussion once this bill goes through reconciliation and there is an effective date.
 - Provide an affirmative mechanism to notify a local government entity that you want your information taken down from an internet-based reporting system.

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

Patrick Brandt - nothing to report for this meeting

Commercial Advisory – Norberto Colón

The vendor community is itching to re-engage with the membership at upcoming association events. As we are looking to get into our normal meeting visits in person. Slots were filled for the entire year before Covid, some vendors paid. Norberto will follow up with those that paid and follow up with the other vendors that signed up as well.

Mr. Colón expressed on behalf of the vendor community the appreciation for all that the public safety professionals present have been doing over the past year to help keep their communities and our country safe. He hoped that we were all doing well and looks forward to meeting with us again in the future.



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Training Committee – Adrienne Sheffer

Adrienne Sheffer – The Amber Alert conference is virtual this year on August 12th or 13th. Save the date and further information will be coming out soon.

Announcement of Election Results for 2nd Vice-President

Kelley Davidson, election results were tabulated. Ms. Davidson thanked both candidates for their willingness to serve. Cody Post has been elected to the position of 2nd Vice-President.

Installation of Officers

Johnna Sells, Chapter President, Cheryl Pratt, 1st Vice-President, and Michael Banks, Secretary-Treasurer stood in front of the quorum and were sworn into office by Nominating Committee Chair, Kelley Davidson. Cody Post took his oath via WebEx conferencing.

Ms. Davidson called Immediate Past President Lydia Frey to the front of the room to present a plaque to her thanking her for her service to the chapter as president for the past two years.

President Sells addressed the chapter, thanking everyone for trusting her with this role. She states serving as Chapter President is especially important to her as she will be the first Latino president for Ohio APCO. Her father moved to the United States at the age of 4, her family moved to northwest Ohio and worked as “pickers” in the farm fields up there. President Sells herself aided the family with their farming operation when she was younger as well. Her father is retired Lucas County deputy and still works as a translator. He is the past president of the National Latino Police Officer’s Association. He was inspired to become a law enforcement officer after enduring childhood an abusive father, and the difficulties in contacting law enforcement when a language barrier existed. President Sells will discuss some initiatives that she would like to explore, such as recruiting, with the Executive Committee and the rest of the chapter in the coming months.

Adjournment

President Sells asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Patrick Brandt, seconded by Lydia Frey. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.