

Illinois APCO Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Lake County Sheriffs Office  
Libertyville, IL

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM by President Nowakowski

Chapter officials present were:

President Richard Nowakowski  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sherrill Ornberg  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Steve Cordes  
Executive Council Member Gregg Riddle  
Secretary Ed Milam  
Director Gina Schneider  
Director Jerry Bleck  
Past President T.G. Mieure

President Nowakowski with the meeting with a moment of silence for Bill Miller

### **Presidents Report**

President Nowakowski presented information concerning the following items:

1. Information regarding the resignation of Thera Bradshaw as APCO International's President.
2. Information on procedure changes regarding appointments to National APCO committees. Those members wishing to serve are to submit resumes to APCO HQ by May 2003.
3. APCO will hold a series of Homeland Security Symposiums as well as order a reprinting of the Homeland Security White Paper.
4. A discussion was held on minimum classroom capacity requirements for our training sessions. President expressed a view that rooms with a capacity of less than 100 should not be utilized.
5. Chuck Wrede of the Operations Committee has submitted all Illinois Chapter award winners for consideration of the National APCO awards.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's report** - No report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's report** - No report

**Executive Council report-** Gregg Riddle raised the issue of lost members. He discussed his position on actions the board should take to try to retain non-renewing

members. Gregg is asking board members to personally contact these members to urge their retention and seek their concerns. Gregg also indicated that APCO HQ will be attempting several different methods at membership retention.

Gregg also reiterated the information regarding APCO National committee membership. Members who wish to serve may do so on the APCO website. Gregg indicated that committee work would begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. Goals and budgets for committees will be discussed via a conference call. Committee chair orientation sessions will be held on Sunday morning prior to the start of the conference, followed by committee meetings in the afternoon of the same day.

APCO has formed a "Legal External Affairs" task force the purpose of which will be to examine legal fees incurred by APCO. APCO has historically been over budget in the past in this area. It is also charged with the issue of the need for a Washington, DC presence for APCO. Gregg will represent the North Central region of APCO.

On the issue of the fall ILAPCO/INENA/ICC conference several measures are being considered to help save on costs for the conference. Filling the Hilton Hotel is a major issue. Conference planners have decided not to utilize an outside speaker. Speakers for sessions mentioned were John Melcher of NENA and John Powers from Chicago PD for presentations. Gregg is seeking assistance in class offerings. Rich Nowakowski suggested a Homeland Security round table. Discussion was held on how to promote attendance to the Fall Conference. Gregg also advised he has invited Representative Simkus to speak at the Conference Monday session.

**Treasurer** - Not present, no report.

**Secretary** - No report.

**Board member Bleck**- No report

**Board member Schneider**- No report

**Frequency advisor Ward**- No report

**Frequency advisor Carter**- Information regarding newly announced narrowband regulations. There will be a Region 54 meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> with pending actions on applications from Cook County and Naperville. The afternoon session will focus on 700 MHz issues.

**Old Business**

**Open board positions-** President Nowakowski presented a plan to fill current openings on the Board with series of several appointments

**Motion by Nowakowski, 2nd by Ornberg to appoint Jerry Bleck to fill a board position for a 2-year term, and Jason Kern and Clarence Bryant to fill vacant terms of 1 year.**

**VOTE: YES: 7      NO: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      MOTION CARRIED**

**Training reports-** President Nowakowski reported that training sessions in Edwardsville and Bloomingdale were well attended with 50 and 57 people in attendance. 7 people are currently signed up for the "Training Enhancement" class in Salem, IL. The board consensus was that the class would go on.

A discussion was held in reference to the issuing of certificates for class attendance.  
**Motion: Schneider to provide certificates for IL APCO training sessions if the instructor does not provide said certificates. Secretary to produce the certificates for delivery the day of the class. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nowakowski**

**VOTE: YES: 8      NO: 0      ABSTAIN: 0      MOTION CARRIED**

In addition to the above, the board directed certificates be issued for the recently held Bloomingdale class.

**New Business**

The Board of Officers will not fill the vacated 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President position before the annual election of officers.

President Nowakowski recognized the excellent work of Executive Board Member Gregg Riddle on the Membership Services Committee and reorganization plan for APCO, which failed to gain support at the mid-term Executive Council meeting.

**Meetings and training session:**

Nancy Brady will present the Ethics and Leadership class on May 29<sup>th</sup> at Triton and May 30<sup>th</sup> at Rockford Airport. Class limits to be 80 persons. The room fee of \$200 for the Rockford session will be provided by MaCom.

June 26<sup>th</sup> was set as the summer business meeting and outing in St. Charles, IL

Jerry Bleck to make the arrangements with the boat.

September business meeting was discussed as being held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Elgin Community College with a possible program with John Kelly.

A discussion was held in reference to the upcoming joint business meeting of INENA and ILAPCO on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Program suggestions for the meeting were Statewide emergency plan, Jeff Rodriguez or Mike Moos and a short presentation on the Annual APCO conference in Indianapolis and the activities of the Homeland Security Taskforce.

A request was made for members to contact their representatives and senators in reference to joining the 9-1-1 Congressional Caucus.

HB3299 – For the establishment of a state level legislative committee to examine wireless technologies. The consensus of the board was to oppose the legislation in its current form. The bill is in sub-committee at this time.

A discussion was held in reference to the 2008 North Central Conference.

Also it was noted that The Gartner Group would like to make a presentation on the next generation of CDPD. Discussion suggested that their program might be appropriate for the October ILAPCO/NENA/ICC 9-1-1 conference.

**Motion by Mieure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to approve the minutes of the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003 executive board meeting.**

**VOTE: YES: 7      NO: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was held in reference to the rescheduling of the Committee meeting possibly in DesPlaines.

Discussion was held on tasking the Operating Procedures Committee with responsibility for training coordination for the chapter.

**Motion by Mieure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cordes to adjourn @ 1241 hours**  
**ALL AYES – Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Ed Milam*

**Chapter Secretary**

**Next meeting 05/22/03 @  
Pleasantview Fire District**