

APCO INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MEETING REPORT
MARCH 18, 2001

Report by Gregg Riddle
International Executive Council Representative

The Council meeting was held in a two-day format. I was asked to moderate the first day, Saturday, which was used to discuss key issues that would need action during the official meeting that was held on Sunday. The Saturday session went from 8:30 am until 6:02 PM.

The Council meeting began at 8:04 AM on Sunday. The meeting progressed through the calling of the roll and the approval of the previous meeting's minutes. We then began discussing the main agenda items as follows:

FY 2002 Budget: Mary Messamore of the Kansas Chapter made a *motion* to accept the annual operating budget for fiscal year 2002. Nancy Pollock of the Minnesota Chapter *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*. This budget is the first for the new APCO fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2001.

FY 2000 Audit Report: Jim Fraser of the Canada Chapter made a *motion* to accept the resolution that accepts the fiscal year 2000 audit report as presented. Kent Kruger of the Wisconsin Chapter *seconded* the motion. Staff pointed out that it is unusual for an organization to have an audit every year. However this become a benefit for APCO when APCO applied for a loan to purchase the new headquarters building. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

Endorsement of the International Committee Plan: Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter made a *motion* to accept the concept of the International Development Plan. Joe Gallelli of the CAC *seconded* the motion. The Plan is based on the following:

- The proposed conceptual implementation plan has a two phase operation with the following parts:

Phase I – Immediate

Phase II – Future Growth

- Phase I will include changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to allow for international activities.
- An International Vice President will be created. This position will only vote on Board issues related to international concerns.
- Mary Messamore of the Kansas Chapter expressed concern about the increased travel costs associated with and additional vice president and in response it was stated that the costs associated would be negligible in comparison to other costs of the Association.

- President-Elect Glen Nash stated that the Constitution and Bylaws do not prevent an international member from holding office. However US laws prevent an international member from lobbying in Washington D.C. unless they register as a foreign national.
- Nancy Pollock of the Minnesota Chapter questioned if council representation from the international areas would remain in effect and in response it was stated that the International Vice President would be an additional position beyond the executive council representatives.

A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

Policy Manual Updates/Changes: Mary Messamore of the Kansas Chapter made a *motion* to accept the Association's policy changes. Jim Fraser of the Canada Chapter *seconded* the motion. The updates are as follows:

- *Plans* – Designed to update references to the Long Range Strategic Plan.
- *Response to Regulatory Matters* – Designed to create a generic policy that directs issues to the appropriate committee and not all to the non-existent Regulatory Review Committee.
- *Executive Director Position Description* – Designed to update the position description to be in line with the current responsibilities and duties of the Executive Director.
- *Purchasing Procedure* – Designed to update the approval authority and amounts for purchase procedure.
- *Project Completion* – Designed to update the project list to reflect the current APCO projects.
- *Meetings* – Designed to remove the specificity of meeting requirements and allow for flexibility in scheduling.
- *Declaration of Candidacy* – Designed to update the declaration of candidacy to include obtaining the employers commitment to the candidate if elected.

A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

Addition of Project 38 Wireless E9-1-1 Location Technology to the LRSP: Bill Cade of the Missouri Chapter made a *motion* to accept the amendment of Goal 4 of the Long Range Strategic Plan. Rick Hessinger of the North Dakota Chapter *seconded* the motion.

Wanda McCarley of the Texas Chapter questioned funding of the project and in response it was stated that this does not address funding but instead includes it as part of the plan for the Association and furthermore is funded by general contributions outside of APCO. President Lyle Gallagher stated that based on discussion with Chair Bill Hinkle he has full intentions to act on the concerns expressed by the council in reference to those sites that are not completely ready.

A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

Regional Conference Review Report: Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter made a *motion* to accept the Regional Conference Review Report as presented by the Chapter Enhancement Task Force. Mary Messamore of the Kansas Chapter *seconded* the motion. Discussion was as followed:

- Chris Fischer of the Washington State Chapter requested clarification that voting for the motion does not implement the changes but rather provides recommendations to the revision of the manual.
- Lynne Feller of the Ohio Chapter questioned if a new committee could be appointed to review and revise the manual and in response it was stated that the original committee was never disbanded.
- President Lyle Gallagher directed the CETF to review and revise the Regional Conference Manual and resubmit to the Executive Council for approval.
- Lex Rutter of the Oklahoma Chapter commented that the report needs to be reviewed, changes need to be made and reviewed by the council.
- Bob Marz of the Utah Chapter suggested amending the motion.

Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter made a *motion* to amend the original motion to state the report will be a base document to be used to review the current manual and make revisions to be submitted to the Executive Council for approval. Mary Messamore of the Kansas Chapter *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

A verbal vote was taken on the original motion as amended with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

Annual Conference Chapter Commission: Kent Kruger of the Wisconsin Chapter made a *motion* to accept the amendment to Part A, Section III, Subsection C of the Annual Conference Manual (Revision A). Richard Roley of the Georgia Chapter *seconded* the motion.

- Executive Director John Ramsey requested editing privileges in order to make changes to the subsection of the Annual Conference Manual without changing the intent of the document.
- Past President Joe Hanna commented that he felt there should be no dollar amount listed, rather the Board should determine the amount given.
- Past President Jack Keating stated that the listed amount was based on the desires of the council.
- Garrett Mayer of the CPRA further noted that setting an amount provided a “safety net” for the Chapters.

Joe Gallelli of the CAC made a *motion* to call the action to question. Garrett Mayer of the CPRA *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

Upon call a verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the original motion *carried*.

Voting Procedures: President-Elect Glen Nash made a *motion* to conduct a hand vote in the selection of a voting procedure and asked for a majority rule. Gregg Riddle *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

Subsequent voting yielded the majority of the council opted to maintain the existing voting procedures.

Communications Center Staffing Task Force Recommendations: Past President Jack Keating made a *motion* to accept the recommendations presented by the Communications Center Staffing Task Force report. Garret Mayer of the CPRA Chapter *seconded* the motion.

Past President Jack Keating commented that the council should accept this report as a work in progress.

A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

Life Member Nomination: Chris Fischer of the Washington State Chapter made a *motion* to confer the title of Life Member upon Jimmie Hocutt of the Washington Chapter. Bob Marz of the Utah Chapter *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

Executive Council Two-Day Meeting Format: David Saffel of the West Virginia Chapter made a *motion* to standardize the Executive Council meeting into an official two-day meeting format. Jim Fraser of the Canada Chapter *seconded* the motion.

- Mary Messamore of the Kansas Chapter questioned if the term “official” meant it would be a formal two-day meeting or the same format that has been in practice would be used.
- David Saffel of the West Virginia Chapter stated that it would continue to remain in the same format that has been in practice.
- Nancy Pollock of the Minnesota Chapter commented that the language did not reflect an informal format for the first day of the meeting.

A verbal vote was taken with all opposed and the motion *failed*.

Site Selection for 2002 Mid-Year Meeting:

- Joe Noce of the Arizona Chapter extended an invitation to hold the meeting in Phoenix, AZ and participate in the planned P25 compliance/20-year retirement program celebrations.
- Kent Krueger extended an invitation to hold the meeting in conjunction with the North Central Regional Conference being planned for Madison Wisconsin.
- Florida was placed in nomination based on the benefits that have been realized by having additional staff able to attend the meeting.

- Lex Rutter of the Oklahoma Chapter questioned if the location would affect the date of the meeting and in response the dates were given as follows:

Florida – February 23-24

Wisconsin – April 30 to May 1

Arizona – March 23-24

- David Wolfe of the Tennessee Chapter commented that the meeting has taken place in Florida for two years and that it is time to change the venue.

Gregg Riddle of the Illinois made a *motion* to vote for a location by ballot. Mary Messamore of the Kansas Chapter *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*. Subsequent voting determined Florida would be the location for the 2002 Mid-Year Meeting.

Executive Director John Ramsey requested going into executive session. Past President Joe Hanna made a *motion* to go into executive session. Kent Kruger of the Wisconsin Chapter *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*. The Executive Council went into executive session.

President-Elect Glen Nash made a *motion* to come out of executive session. Past President Joe Hanna *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

Open Discussion:

- Jay Groce of the Pennsylvania Chapter extended an invitation to attend the regional conference in Lancaster, PA.
- Susan Parke-Hatton of BAPCO thanked the council for hosting her.
- President Lyle Gallagher thanked Gregg Riddle for his assistance as moderator for the Saturday session.

Adjourn: Jim Fraser made a *motion* to adjourn the 2001 Mid-Year Meeting. Garret Mayer of the CPRA Chapter *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*. President Lyle Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 9:39 am EST.

Following the meeting most of the Executive Council members boarded buses for a trip to the dedication of the new APCO Headquarters building.