

Nebraska APCO Business Meeting

August 28, 2012

Location: Mahoney State Park Lodge, Cedar Room

Present: Marilyn Gable, Larry Lavelle, Pam Kemper, Lindsay Scheer, Candy Borman, Linda Thurber, Sharon Codr, Neil Johnson, Kimberly Kuszak, Jim Tracy, Ray Ryan, Mike Jeffries

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Gable.

Secretary's Report – Linda Thurber

A motion was made by Larry Lavelle and seconded by Sharon Codr that the minutes from the February 21, 2012 business meeting be approved as written. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report – Linda Thurber

A motion was made by Sharon Codr and seconded by Lindsay Scheer to approve the provided treasurer's report. Motion passed.

2012 Fall Conference Committee Reports

Pam Kemper reported that we currently have vendors on a waiting list for this year's conference. There are still several sponsorships available. We have one outside exhibitor. If we do not sell any of the remaining sponsorships, we will fill those spaces with vendors from the waiting list. Linda Thurber reported that we have approximately 20 people registered for the full conference and 3 registered for the pre-conference course.

Reports and General Updates

2012 National Conference –

Mike Jeffries reported on FirstNet, an independent agency within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration that will ensure the development of a nationwide public safety broadband network. There will be 12 members serving on the board of FirstNet. One of the questions they will be addressing is how the cell phone industry will partner with Public Safety Agencies. A term to be familiar with is LTE which stands for long term evolution. Mike offered to send a link to what the State of Minnesota currently has in place.

Sharon Codr reported on her involvement with Executive Council. Sharon explained the progress on ProCHRT (Professional Communications Human Resources Taskforce). The end goal is to legislate minimum training standards based on APCO P33; this would include all dispatchers being EMD certified. Also included are benefit and retirement planning, currently 97% of police officers and fire fighters retire while 97% of dispatchers do not retire from the profession. The proposal would be to have dispatchers

have benefits equal to those of other first responders. The committee is building tool kits. They would like each state chapter to have a partner committee. Also discussed was enhanced training, they have unveiled the 5th edition of the CTO course (there is a reasonable price to bridge from the current course), there is also a course on the APSO website on Automatic Crash Notification.

Larry LaVelle brought up the topic of NANN. Discussion included whether the core group is still interested. There was a suggestion made that this group could meld into the proposed APCO ProCHRT committee. Sharon Codr offered to confer with the NANN committee chairperson, Shelly Holzerland.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the proposed by-laws that would merge the Nebraska Chapter of APCO and the Nebraska Chapter of NENA. Marilyn reported that several other states have merged their chapters. She advised we have 75 APCO members and 25 NENA members in the state of Nebraska. She explained this will streamline the treasurer for our annual conference. A motion was made by Sharon Codr to accept the new bylaws as written with the following corrections:

- 1) We will accept nominations for election of chapter officers prior to or at the fall conference **business meeting** (declaration of candidacy and employer's concurrence of candidacy to be completed as soon as possible).
- 2) Correct the APCO acronym throughout the document.

The motion was seconded by Pam Kemper. Marilyn called for a vote. The new by-laws passed. Nebraska NENA will hold a meeting to vote on the new bylaws the week of September 3, 2012.

Marilyn Gable adjourned the meeting.