

APCO-Florida Chapter
Board of Officers Fall Business Meeting
October 26 and 29, 2009

Participants: Sue Pettingill
Lynn Burnside
Debbie Gailbreath
JoAnn Brown
Ricky Rowell
Richard Pinsky(10/26/09)
Robert Jeffrey
Priscilla Nieves
Christine Hodges
Sharon Falcone
Robin Schmidt
Lori Van Gilder
Robert Kerr

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President Sue Pettingill opened the business meeting. She asked for any new business.

President Elect Ricky Rowell made a motion for Florida APCO Chapter life membership be awarded to Natalie Duran. Motion seconded by Nancy Dzoba. President Pettingill discussed the reasons behind the motion to the membership; outlining Natalie Duran's dedication to the APCO Chapter and in teaching TERT classes all around the state and nationwide. She, also, advised that Natalie was leaving to the conference early to teach a TERT class in Montana. Motion carried. President Pettingill then presented Natalie Duran with a certificate advising of her life membership award for the Florida Chapter.

President Pettingill gave an update on legislative issues concerning statewide certification. A new bill is being written to take out grandfathering in clause, to take out 911 operators wording to make it telecommunicator, voluntary to mandatory certification also the state test will be included. The bills will be sponsored by House Representative Roberson and Senator Detert. As the bills are ready they will be posted on the web site.

Barbara Myers from International APCO Institute was introduced and spoke about the Regional Conferences and the proposed changes to include an updated guide manual for hosting a regional. Also the National APCO staff would be available to assist states with hosting the Regional Conference. The suggestion was made that Florida be the trial run for the new formatted Regional Conferences.

President Pettingill advised of the elections for the Board of Officers. She asked if anyone was interested in running for the Board to make contact with someone from the Nominating Committee, Nancy Dzoba, Randy Kerr and Matt Stillwell. Elections will be held on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Anyone who wants to run for office must have the proper paperwork completed by their Department and will also be asked to give a short synopsis of what they have done etc, to introduce themselves prior to the election.

Richard Pinsky advised that this will be a very active legislative session. He suggested that we need to consider travel expenses to Tallahassee for support of the proposed bills. Also, to have Communications personnel meet with their respective representatives to support the bill. Anyone will be able to teach the course, but only one state test. The most important thing to do is go to the delegation meetings to ask for support for the bills being proposed.

Debbie Gailbreath, Executive Council Representative, advised of a new taskforce developed by International APCO Board of Officers called ProCHRT(Professional Communications Human Resources Taskforce). Debbie is a member of the taskforce. There will be a meeting next month in Fairfax, Va.. Now there will be place where information about states retirement, certification, etc. can be complied.

Debbie also reported on the Executive Council meeting held in Las Vegas at the International Conference. She advised the Strategic Governance Initiative passed, which was developed to improve communication from the board down to the chapters individually. They established Regions, each region elected two representatives. The Gulf Coast region representatives are Woody Glover from La. and Pat Hall from Ala. They have already held meetings, and the system works well. It also why Fl APCO Chapter was contacted about being the host for the revamped Regional conference. Debbie is also on Finance and Budget committee. APCO has paid off about 3 million worth of bonds for buildings. APCO Staff has cut back on travel etc. due to the concern over the economy. The Las Vegas APCO International Conference attendance was good.

President Pettingill discussed the report from the Gulf Coast Foundation and some of the inaccuracies contained therein. She advised that she had written a response to the report. After the conference she will have both items placed on the APCO Florida Chapter website.

Natalie Duran advised over twenty basic TERT classes held in Fl. Sixteen team leadership classes were held. Eleven states are TERT certified and deployable. Would like to see GA. join the TERT initiative.

Ricky Rowell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on Thursday Oct. 29, 2009. Motion seconded by Robin Schmidt. Meeting adjourned

Business Meeting reconvened at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009 by Sue Pettingill.

Nominating Committee representatives Randy Kerr and Matt Stillwell read off the nominations for offices of the Board. Asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Motion to close the ballot made by Ricky Rowell; seconded by Marie Keenum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ricky Rowell for those positions running unopposed be seated by acclimation. Seconded by Candi Nadeau. Motion carried.

Four people running for the board gave a short bio about themselves and why they want to serve. Eric Ferrari sent an email which was read by Jeff Ballard; Pat Ford-Thomas, Christine Hodges, and Robert Jeffrey.

Sue Pettingill gave an explanation for running for the APCO board...must be an active member; and must have documentation from their agency allowing them to participate on the board and give a 5 year commitment.

Nominating committee collected the ballots.

Special guest speaker, Julie Troutment, spoke about the training classes for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children including a CEO class offered in Alexandria to bring in top level personnel for implement call center guide lines and commitment from the Agency. There is also a train-the-trainer class available. She is willing to work with APCO to hold train-the-trainer classes statewide. Contact will be made with her after the conference to discuss a plan. Information on classes can be found on missingkids.com/911.

New Business:

Sue Pettingill made a suggestion for consideration that the Florida APCO Chapter pay for 1 year membership in APCO for the first certified telecommunicator in the state, Elaine Tracey. Ricky Rowell made a motion to that which was seconded by Robert Jeffrey. Motion passed.

Fran Self asked where the next conference will be held? The location has yet to be determined.

Nominating committee returned and introduced the new 2009/2010 APCO Board:

President: Ricky Rowell	Executive Council Representative: Debbie Gailbreath
President Elect: Joann Brown	Board Member: Eric Ferrari
Secretary: Lynn Burnside	Board Member: Robert Jeffrey
Treasurer: Robin Schmidt	Board Member: Christine Hodges
Immediate Past President: Sue Pettingill	

Motion to destroy ballots made by Robin Schmidt, seconded by Joann Brown Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Fall Business meeting made by Ricky Rowell, seconded by Mark Newman. Motion carried.

Fall Business meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.