

APCO-Florida Chapter
Board of Officers Winter Business Meeting
February 18 and 19, 2009

Participants: Sue Pettingill
Lynn Burnside
Debbie Gailbreath
JoAnn Brown
Ricky Rowell
Richard Pinsky(2/19/09)
Robert Jeffrey
Priscilla Nieves
Christine Hodges
Sharon Falcone
Bill Carrow(APCO International First Vice President) 2/18/09

02/18/2009 1:00 p.m.

Treasurer's report: Randy Kerr via email to Sue Pettingill
\$5600.78 in Chapter account (includes \$500.00 deposit from Orange County, \$4870.13
Jan APCO membership dues deposit)
\$4917.12 Conference account
We still need to watch our expenditures as we should be keeping roughly \$4000.00 in the
Chapter account for Hurricane Relief Fund.

Public Affairs: Sue Pettingill as Eric Ferrari was unable to attend
Sue advised that she would hopefully have access to make changes to the web site shortly
so she can assist Eric with changes. Discussion was held about the round-up.
Robert Jeffrey will take on the responsibility of doing the Round up. Discussion was held
about having a chapter historian; Sharon Falcone volunteered to take the responsibility.
Sue Pettingill will be the oversight.

Training Committee: Debbie Gailbreath will be the new oversight for the committee. It
was discussed that it was important that the same information is given out at
informational meetings, training meetings reference the certification requirements, and
process of applying for certification and what is being worked on. Sharon Falcone is
having an informational meeting at her agency on Feb. 25th. Sue is going to try and
attend.

Conference Committee: Christine Hodges presented draft copies of the vendor
registration form with an explanation of the sponsorship levels and the pricing for the
booths. Sue requested the advertisement for the conference be changed to include Florida
Apco and Nena's new logo. Christine advised the monthly conference call with APCO
and NENA regarding the conference would be Feb. 25 at 10 am. Sue asked if the Florida
Apco conference manual had been given to Christine, she stated she had received a CD

only. Ricky Rowell is to contact Shannon or Margaret to get the updated manual. A suggestion was made to expand the awards for the conference to include trainer of the year. Discussion was held. Joann Brown made the motion that we have a trainer of the year, Ricky Rowell seconded, motion carried. Sue will contact Nancy Dzoba.

Secretary Report: Lynn Burnside

Minutes from telephone conference call on Jan. 8, 2009 approved with a motion from Ricky Rowell, seconded by Robert Jeffrey. Sue asked that the letterhead be updated with Pricilla's new information, and sent to the Board.

Executive Council: Debbie Gailbreath gave a brief overview of Legislation for the International Charter. She said the Board is holding off on making a decision on where the 2016 conference will be held due to the current economic situation. A decision was made not to increase the membership dues. The PSAP manager initiative is almost completed. Debbie introduced Bill Carrow, APCO International First Vice President who spoke about a new task force that is being looked at to be set up, that would last no more than 2 years, to study FLSA issues, certification and retirement.

Legislation: Sue briefly reviewed HB 769 which is not an APCO sponsored bill. She suggested that further discussion be held on Feb. 19 when Richard Pinsky would be in attendance. She advised that notification was received that the first batch of 911 emergency dispatcher certifications had been received and processed. Discussion was held on whether a decision has been made from the 9-1-1 board on funding the certification. Roundtable discussion with everyone on what they are doing with the certification in each respective agency.

Meeting was adjourned for 2/18/09 at 1700 hrs with starting again on 2/19/09 at 0900 hrs with Legislation.

2/19/2009 0900

Meeting started with Richard Pinsky discussing HB 769. The bill is sponsored by Senator Nancy Detert. HB 769 is not an APCO bill; it came from the Gulf Coast Foundation. There are implications that will affect our submitting the amendments to our bill which is due by next Friday. The suggested changes to our bill is a name change from emergency dispatcher to 9-1-1 public safety telecommunicator; changing the fee schedule to \$100.00 for initial application for certification from \$75.00, and renewal fee to \$75.00 instead of \$100.00, and changing the wording for existing special risk personnel used in Communication Centers. He feels with the new bills beginning presented we might have an issue with getting ours through. Richard said he has tried to meet with Senator Detert to discuss their bill. The biggest issue is in HB 769 is setting the date of mandatory certification by 2012, which is a goal but further down the road. Discussion was held about the long term monetary issues that are causing the Chiefs association to oppose the mandatory certification. The initial voluntary certification was to be used to determine

the numbers of communication personnel that would have to be certified for mandatory certification.

Gulf Coast Foundation was suppose to be doing a survey reference the certification for Communications personnel. It is unknown at this time if they are still going to do the survey now that the HB 769 was presented. Sue sent a letter to the Gulf Coast Foundation withdrawing APCO Florida Chapters appearance of any involvement with their combined organizations and efforts. Richard suggests that we do not submit any changes to our bill at this time due to the conflict with the bills already presented. Discussion of this ensued. He suggested we work with Gulf Coast, Senator Detert and Rep. Roberson to change their bill, especially the mandatory clause. If they don't want to agree, then we need to ensure that everyone is aware that APCO is not apart of HB 769 nor do we support it. He suggested that this response is posted on the Web Site.

The special risk designation was discussed and how we can fit it in with our bill. It is up to the Department on whether an officer or firefighter keeps their special risk designation upon not being able to perform their duties and reassigned to another position. Richard asked that we come up with wording or something to introduce special risk for our bill. We need to define how special risk personnel work in Communications Centers; whether it is part time, 20 hrs. month, etc. We might have to put in the bill a definition of a PSAP manager to get special risk in. Our current bill already includes managers. How do we get new people who are already special risk? Down the road we want to say that all communication personnel qualify for special risk because of someone is special risk in a communication center now.

- Things to be completed:
- 1) special risk wording needs to be determined.
 - 2) What Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Sheriffs Associations are president this year, and who works for them. Then who is going to meet with them to explain our goals on the bill.
 - 3) Need to stress the name change from emergency dispatcher to 9-1-1 public safety dispatcher.
 - 4) Whose communication Centers are in Senator Detert and Rep. Robersons district?
Sarasota, North Port, Charlotte County need to reach out as Lay personnel not as lobbyists.

Definitely need a standard response in regards to our stance on HB 769 also need to be on web site. The letter that Sue sent to Gulf Coast Foundation will be sent out to with a cover sheet to Sens. Dave Aaronberg, Nancy Detert, Charlie Dean, Steve Oelich; Reps. Sandy Adams, Ken Roberson, Bill Snyder, Paige Kreegel; Fl. Sheriffs Assoc, Fl. Police Chiefs Assoc, Fl. Fire Chiefs Assoc, Fl. League of Cities, Fl. Assoc of Counties, Police and Fire Unions, APCO International, and NENA-FL Chapter. Also, need to contact each person involved with these people one on one to stress our position and what we are trying to do, i.e. funding. Stress we are not seeking mandatory certification at this time. We need their help to assist in staying on our path, without the roadblock being presented by HB 769.

Ricky Rowell to find who the presidents are for the various associations with contact info and will send it to the board.

Debbie suggested that a letter be sent following the meetings with the presidents of the associations to reiterate our position, etc.

Robert to make contact with Shannon to see if she is still interested and can commit to being the Chairperson of the Legislative committee. Shannon needs be brought into the loop regarding everything occurring in the legislature so everyone is saying the same thing. If she can't do it at this time she needs to stop down, she could always do it again at a later time.

New Business: Next conference call is March 26, 2009. Info to follow. Sue will look into having a summer board meeting in June, possibly at Sanibel. She will send out an email.

02/19/2009 meeting adjourned at 12:15 hours.