

**FLORIDA APCO
MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL
MARCH 16, 2006**

Present:

Eddie Williams

Lori VanGilder

Ricky Rowell

Clara Woody-Redmon

Randy Kerr

Tom Sorley

Cary Sargent

Lori Piatt

Erica Bell

Shannon Bell

Robin Schmidt

Debbie Gailbreath

Absent:

Matt Stillwell

Sue Pettingill

Executive Council Report – Tom

Still waiting on a decision for the selection of the Executive Director. Final two candidates have been selected; both are good choices.

Treasurer's Report – Randy

Chapter Account: \$18,901 (includes some annual membership monies received)

Conference Account: \$4,382

Savings Account: \$5,222

Hurricane/Disaster Account: Received \$14,671 and spent \$10,406 = Balance \$4,265

Secretary's Report - Debbie

All meeting notes and monthly conference call notes have been distributed. There are two corrections made to previous notes: #1 - last month's conference call notes regarding complaints made about the training committee; Clara had received one complaint and addressed the problem immediately. Correction made to the July workshop notes: MOU for the Trainers was completed and has now been reviewed and approved by Eddie (see attached). Eddie asked that the Board officially approve the minutes during our next call.

Nancy Dzoba suggested (via Debbie) that the Chapter start a membership contest to award a prize to the 1000th Florida APCO member. A member of the Board could present a gift to that member and the member would be recognized at the next conference. Suggested we post a "counting system" on the webpage and track our membership numbers (we're currently at 869). The Board agreed that this is a good idea. Eddie to coordinate with Eric F. about the website. Also, discussion regarding sending all new members a "welcome letter" from the Chapter..Eddie agreed to do that.

Disaster Committee – Ricky

APCO International has selected Natalie's class the Florida Disaster plan for presentation at the Orlando conference. Committee Meeting to be held at Hutchinson Island (see schedule below).

Training Committee – Lori Piatt/Cary Sargent

“Documentation & Evaluation” and “How to Be a More Effective Trainer” training classes held in Seminole County on 2/28. “911 & the Elderly” class to be held in Seminole County on 3/26. “Exceptional Public Safety Service” and “Telecommunicator’s Role in Responder Safety” to be held at FL NENA conference on 5/1. “Crisis Call Incident Management” and “Terrorism/HazMat Incidents” classes to be held in Melbourne 6/20 & 6/27.

Training committee workshop to be held at Hutchison Island (see below).

Public Affairs Committee: Roundup – Erica;

Working with Dick on the next edition and should be ready for distribution on the next couple of weeks.

Chapter Booth will be at Hutchison Island.

Standards & Certification Task Force – Shannon

Shannon, Margaret Hamrick and Bob Finney attend the Georgia APCO conference to meet with Georgia staff regarding their Certification/Standards (implemented in 1995). The GA training center provides the classes with agencies paying the costs. Current employees were grandfathered in. Additional info to be provided at workshop at Hutchison Island (see schedule below).

Retirement Committee – Robin

Robin and Barry collected information for the League of Counties and provided cost analysis. The League finds anything costing over \$5 million unfavorable so we are just trying to keep it out of their main stream so they don't fight it. If it looks like it will cost a lot of money then they may not recommend if favorably. Our estimates are under \$5 million. House Bill #9 now has 6 co-sponsors. Senate Bill 354 was written by Senator from Palm Beach County and has also had some support. There may another Bill out there proposing 2% increase for all regular risk retirement and be retroactive. Everyone encouraged to continue sending letters and make phone calls to their Representatives. Thanks to Matt for the meeting he had in his area.

2007 State Conference – Ricky

Ricky to contact Eric Conklin and Gulf Coast regarding vendor area. Doral supposed to be providing a blue print. Tom would like a copy of this once we receive it. Vendor area should accommodate approx. 80 vendors.

Hutchison Island Schedule:

4/28: 0800-1200 / Standards Task Force

4/28: 1300-1700 / Disaster Committee

4/29: 0800- 1700 / Training Committee

4/30: 0800-1700 / Training Committee

5/1: 0800-1300 / Standards Task Force