

APCO-Florida Chapter
Board of Officers Spring Business Meeting
May 04 and May 06, 2015

Participants: Ricky Rowell
Lynn Burnside
Tom Ciampi
Christine Hodges
Nancy Morris
Robin Schmidt
Fran Self
Margie Phipps

05/04/2015

President-Elect Fran Self opened the business meeting. She introduced Richard Pinsky and David Fifer, who represented the Chapter's interest in the legislative proposal for this year. They provided an overview of the 2015 legislative session and the challenges that occurred during the session. Richard advised that this legislative session was the least productive in recent history. Richard and David discussed what steps will be taken next year and the importance of continued involvement by the chapter's members.

Lynn Burnside, Secretary: Advised she had not received any corrections for the amended minutes for Board Conference Call on April 16. She reviewed the Executive Council report by Ricky Rowell that was amended. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Robin Schmidt, seconded by Ricky Rowell. Motion carried. Lynn advised she had nothing further to report.

President Morris reviewed the status of updating the Conference manual and the President's manual.

Debbie Gailbreath and Joann Brown, co-conference chairs of the 2016 APCO International Conference being held in Orlando, provided an overview of their duties, advised of the committees and their chairs, and the need of volunteers for a successful conference.

President Morris discussed that terms of President, and board of officers would be for two years due to the fact that a State conference would not be held in 2016. She reviewed the qualifications for a member to run for office.

President Morris advised the nomination committee: Natalie Duran, Lori Van Gilder Preuss and Debbie Gailbreath, The following positions are open: President-elect, treasurer and three board positions. Lori Van Gilder Preuss will chair the committee. She asked anyone seeking to run for these positions to contact one of the members of the nomination committee. The election will be held Wednesday during the business meeting.

Board and Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report: Robin Schmidt advised the status of the three accounts for the chapter:
Chapter account - \$64,794.00
Conference account-\$62,276
Visa account has an outstanding balance due of \$718.96.
She advised that these amounts will change during the conference as bills are paid.

PROChrt: Tom Ciampi, Board Oversight advised he did not have anything further to advise from the update provided by Richard Pinsky and David Fifer. He did advise that more committee members are needed.

TERT: Margie Phipps, Board Oversight Natalie Duran Chair advised the Basic TERT Class, IS144, is available on line, and the TERT Team Leader Class should be available on line soon. She, also, stated that both classes will still be taught in a classroom setting should an agency desire it.

Training Committee: Robin Schmidt, Board Oversight Natalie Heneks, Chair reported that the training committee has provided additional mock tests for the State Certification and also updated a few of the “learning games” which will be placed on the web site for members to use.

MORE: Nancy Morris and Debbie Gailbreath provided an overview of the new committee, and the desire to have more members join the committee and become regional ambassadors. Nancy has been giving presentations at the FDLE Regional work group meetings that have been received well.

Executive Council: Ricky Rowell introduced International CAC Chair, Dick Soley. Mr. Soley provided an overview of changes and expectations of the International office.

President Morris asked for any other matters for discussion.

Debbie Gailbreath advised she had been asked to provide the chapter with information concerning a candidate that is running for the 2nd Vice President position on the International Board of Officers, Martha Carter. Debbie gave a presentation outlining Martha’s qualifications and experience. Robin made a motion for the Florida APCO chapter to endorse Martha Carter as a candidate for the position of 2nd Vice President, motion seconded by Ricky Rowell. Motion carried.

President-elect Fran Self-advised that Executive Council member Ricky Rowell has the qualifications to apply for International Life Membership; Fran made a motion to recommend Ricky for International Life Membership, seconded by Tom Ciampi. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 12:10 by President Nancy Morris.

Business meeting reconvened at 15:30 on 05/06/2015 by President Nancy Morris

President Morris asked Election Committee Chair Lori Van Gilder Preuss for the report on the open positions for the chapter board. Lori advised following people were running for President-Elect: Jacqi Yeager; Treasurer: Robin Schmidt; and three board positions: Tom Ciampi, Clare Smith, Arleen Fernandez and Margie Phipps. She then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Lori made a motion to close the nominations, motion seconded by Ricky. Motion passed.

Each candidate for the three board positions gave an overview of their qualifications.

Lori Van Gilder Preuss made a motion for those positions running unopposed, President-elect, and Treasurer is seated by acclamation. Motion seconded by Ricky. Motion passed.

2016 Florida APCO Board: President Fran Self
President-elect Jacqi Yeager
Executive Council Ricky Rowell
Treasurer Robin Schmidt
Secretary Lynn Burnside
Board Officer Clare Smith
Board Officer Tom Ciampi
Board Officer Arleen Fernandez

Lori made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Chris. Motion passed.

Fran Self reviewed the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Robin made a motion to approve the By-Laws as written, seconded by Ricky. By-Laws were approved.

Ricky made a motion that nameplates be purchased for FL Apco past presidents and new board officers, he also stipulated that this practice remains each year. Robin seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Ricky will place the order.

Eddie Williams opened a discussion concerning comments from the Vendors, who suggested that we return to having the conference start on Monday and end on Friday. Discussion was held, no decision was made. Will be discussed further at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 16:30.