

**2010 First General Business Session
APCO International 76th Conference and Exposition
George R. Brown Convention Center– Houston, Texas
General Assembly Theater
Sunday, August 1, 2010**

MEETING MINUTES

Convene

President Richard Mirgon called the First General Business Session of the 76th Association of Public Safety Communications Official-International to order at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, August 1, 2010 CDT. The Sergeant-at-Arms oversaw the seating of voters. Past President Steve Proctor confirmed that only voting-eligible members were seated in the voting area.

Opening Remarks

President Richard Mirgon welcomed the Membership Quorum to the 2010 APCO International Conference. The Executive Committee was introduced at this time: President-Elect Bill Carrow, First Vice President Gregory Riddle, Second Vice President Terry Hall, and Immediate Past President Chris Fischer. The Board of Directors was introduced at this time: East Coast Regional Representatives Dave Clemons and Jay Groce; Gulf Coast Regional Representatives Woody Glover and Pat Hall; North Central Regional Representatives Lynne Feller and Julie Righter; Western Regional Representatives Richard Granado and Gigi Smith, and Commercial Advisory Council Representative Don Whitney.

Parliamentary Procedures

First Vice President Gregory Riddle reviewed Parliamentary Procedures at this time.

Life Member Voting

President Elect Bill Carrow asked the 2010 Life Member Nominees who were in attendance to please leave the room while the Quorum voted.

2010 Life Member Nominees:

- John Johnson of the Tennessee Chapter
- Matt Stillwell of the Oklahoma Chapter
- Richard Mirgon, President, APCO International

Past President John Powell ***motioned*** to affirm the elevation of membership to Life Member for John Johnson, Matt Stillwell, and Richard Mirgon. Past President Nate McClure ***seconded*** the motion.

A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion ***carried***.

The new life members were welcomed back into the room to a standing ovation.

BAPCO Presentation

Kevin Robson, Director of BAPCO, presented President Richard Mirgon a special recognition gift of a traditional London Coppers helmet, signifying President Mirgon's work and dedication on the Executive Committee as APCO International's President.

OEC Presentation

Chris Essid of the Office of Emergency Communications for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security presented a brief update on the activities of his office. President Richard Mirgon thanked Chris Essid for his dedication to APCO International.

Regulatory Presentation

Robert Gurss, APCO's Regulatory Counsel, provided an update on regulatory affairs to the Quorum.

Government and Federal Relation Presentation

Sean Kirkendall, APCO's Legislative Consultant with Cardinal Point, provided an update on APCO's significant activities this year on Capitol Hill. D-Block allocation for Public Safety Broadband and legislation, H.R. 5081 and S. 3625, were reviewed. The website (www.psafirst.org) has talking points and templates to facilitate APCO Members contacting their congressional delegations on the issue.

Historical Committee Presentation

President Richard Mirgon welcomed Rich Rybicki, Chair of the Historical Committee, to the podium. A photo of the first APCO Conference held in St. Louis in 1935 was presented to President Richard Mirgon and the Executive Committee. The photo will be displayed in APCO International Headquarters and in the APCO International Virginia Office. The photos were funded by the APCO Michigan Chapter.

Quorum Resolution

President-Elect Bill Carrow conducted the first readings of each Quorum Resolution.

Resolution 1 – The intent is to adopt various recommendations of the Membership Task Force to re-title certain membership categories and expand the offering of a group membership. The maker is the Board of Directors. The Executive Council voted to recommend Resolution 1 on July 31, 2010.

First Vice President Greg Riddle asked for discussion. There was no discussion at this time on Resolution 1.

Resolution 2 – The intent is to adopt various recommendations of the Awards and Recognition Task Force to define in more detail the APCO senior and life membership qualifications to encourage the future leaders of the Association to strive toward meeting the requirements of the senior and life member designations. The maker is the Awards and Recognition Task Force. The Executive Council voted to recommend Resolution 1 on July 31, 2010.

First Vice President Greg Riddle asked for discussion.

Proposed Amendment

Jim Acosta of the Southern California Chapter read the proposed 2010 Quorum Resolution 2 Amendment:

2010 Quorum Resolution 2 Amendment

It is proposed that we leave Section 1.3.2.98 as is.

1.3.2.98 Served as the Chair of a Regional Conference, or as Chair of a Regional Conference Standing Committee as delineated by the Regional Conference Manual;

Charles Taylor of the CPRA Chapter spoke in favor of the amendment that was just read. He suggested that perhaps the subcommittee chairs be rearranged so some carry more weight than others, but to throw them out categorically will result in the selection of only bureaucrats for higher recognition.

Gary Gray, APCO International Past President and CPRA Chapter member, has had the pleasure of attending APCO International Conferences since the 1974 conference in San Diego. Past President Gary Gray spoke in support of retaining these important positions, and thanked the Executive Committee and the Quorum for their consideration. He referenced rationale available from the Regional Conference Manual, which states that ten Subcommittees are required to produce a successful Regional Conference. All duties are performed by the Host Chapter.

- Conference Chair
- Program Chair
- General Arrangements
- Registration
- Finance
- Exhibits
- Security
- Entertainment
- Publicity/PR
- Family Program
- Transportation

From the Annual International Conference Manual it states that three Subcommittees are required to produce a successful International Conference. The rest of the duties are performed by APCO Headquarters professional conference staff and/or contractors.

- Host Chapter Conference Committee Chair
- Volunteer Services
- Local Flavor
- Communications Services

John Wright of the CPRA Chapter spoke in favor of the amendment that was just read. Mr. Wright thinks that it is important that APCO should keep recognizing regional conference committee chairs in this way.

Note Regarding the Election of the Executive Committee

President Richard Mirgon stated in accordance with the reforms enacted under SGI that, when President-Elect Bill Carrow advances to the position of President later during this Annual Conference, the position

of President-Elect is being retired. The current occupants of the offices of First Vice President and Second Vice President happen to be running unopposed and, if elected by the Quorum at the Second Business Session they will serve another year in their current offices. Going forward, the office of First Vice President will be the position regarded as a heartbeat away from the President.

Conference Highlights

President Richard Mirgon reviewed some elements of the 76th Annual APCO International Conference and Exposition:

- Opening Session – Keynote Speaker Jim Lovell
- Several Federal Presentations to include an FCC Regulatory Panel followed by a FCC Town Hall
- Attendee Welcome Reception
- Attendees were encouraged to sign petitions urging Congress to pass legislation that will allocate D-Block to Public Safety and to secure federal funding to build out and sustain the nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network.

Recess

The First General Business Meeting of the 76th Annual Conference & Exposition recessed at 2:00 p.m. CDT and will be adjourned following the conclusion of the SuperSession on Wednesday, August 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

George S. Rice, Jr.
Executive Director

The First General Business Meeting Agenda and Minutes will be part and parcel of the formal record of the 76th Annual APCO International Conference and Exposition and will be retained at APCO International Headquarters.

**2010 Second General Business Session
APCO International 76th Conference and Exposition
George R. Brown Convention Center– Houston, Texas
General Assembly Theater
Tuesday, August 3, 2010**

MEETING MINUTES

Convene

President Richard Mirgon called the Second General Business Session of the 76th Association of Public Safety Communications Official-International to order at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 3, 2010 CDT. The Sergeant-at-Arms oversaw the seating of voters. Past President Joe Hanna Past confirmed that only voting-eligible members were seated in the voting area..

Presentations

President Richard Mirgon Addressed the Quorum regarding the Year in Review for APCO activities.

- Multi-faceted federal policy agenda.
- APCO has been supporting the FCC's establishment of ERIC, the Emergency Response Interoperability Center, to ensure interoperability in public safety for the future.
- APCO led the way in creating a plan to reestablish communications after the devastating Haitian earthquake in January.
- Pro-CHRT-Task Force Report.
- Support the D-Block reallocation to public safety by signing a petition and encouraging others to sign and become involved. Don't forget to also make a quick phone call to your congressional representative and senator. For more information, see www.psafirst.org.
- APCO's Long Range Strategic Plan is critical to clarifying our goals and our priorities. With the additional input the Executive Committee has received from the Executive Council this past week, the Board of Directors will be ready to take action on this important blue print at its September meeting. Watch for much news about this plan, our goals and our priorities.

State of the Association

APCO Executive Director George Rice presented his State of the Association to the Quorum, touching on some of APCO International's notable program and initiatives for the year:

- APCO's training and professional development offerings continue to be at the forefront of the field; APCO's leadership in advocacy has become even more influential in Washington, D.C.; and APCO's conferences, symposiums, and events are consistently at

the top of the field in attendance and value added content.

- AFC experienced an exceptional year in 2010 in terms of frequency coordination, and licensing and engineering services. AFC's core business function-frequency coordination steadily increased in 2010 due to activity in narrowbanding, deployment of 700-MHz systems across the country, the availability of additional 800-MHz channels, and the completion of rebanding in several regions across the country.
- The Institute is the only nonprofit educational entity that serves the unique needs of the public safety communications industry. In 2010, the APCO Institute conducted over 1,700 courses both online and in person, teaching over 15,000 public safety communications students from around the world.
- *Public Safety Communications*, the monthly magazine published by APCO International, offered up-to-date information and continuing education articles in 2010 to help readers stay current on the latest in public safety communications operating procedures and technology by offering real-world examples of communications work in action.
- APCO International has increased the level of standards activities occurring concurrently. This year APCO began its first APCO American National Standards revisions process.
- The *APCO Project RETAINS Toolkit 2.0* was launched at this conference.
- APCO International continues as a strong and leading partner in the APCO Global Alliance, working with APCO Canada, BAPCO, and APCO Australasia to share valuable insights on public safety communications issues around the globe.
- In 2010 APCO International established the Public Safety Alliance (PSA). At the close of FY 2010, the PSA was successful in securing the introduction of H.R. 5081, the Broadband for First Responders Act of 2010, and S. 3625, the First Responders Protection Act of 2010, both of which would allocate spectrum directly to public safety, and the latter of which also provides initial funding.
- APCO International offers a wide array of online tools for members who may not be able to attend events, including a member discussion forum, a presence on social networking platforms-including Facebook and Twitter-a National Public Safety Telecommunications Week blog, and an online member directory, job board and buyer's guide.
- In 2010, APCO International launched PSConnect, the first and only professional networking platform dedicated specifically to public safety communications professionals and their needs.
- APCO International is planning to offer group memberships so entire public safety agencies can experience the benefits of APCO International membership. In addition, APCO International is considering options for online-only membership for interested professionals with limited resources.
- The APCO World Congress will be an international showcase of public safety communications offerings hosted by the APCO Global Alliance and will be held in Dubai in June of 2011. Exhibitors from around the globe will showcase groundbreaking technologies and trends to a rapidly expanding Gulf-region audience.
- The Public Safety Foundation of America established the Public Safety Fellows Program to recognize individuals for their leadership in research activities and service to local government, while acting as a resource to planners and managers on emerging technology issues.

President Richard Mirgon stated that let there be no doubt in anyone's mind that APCO International is the premier public safety association not only in America but the world. APCO has never been financially stronger than it is today. The word "APCO" has not only been heard through countless offices in the halls of Congress but throughout DHS and even the White House, and never before has this association been stronger or better known in Washington, D.C. It is due to the hard work of George Rice, Mark Cannon, and their team. Thank you.

Quorum Resolutions and Voting

The Second Reading of the Quorum Resolutions was conducted by President Elect Bill Carrow.

Resolution 1

The intent is to adopt various recommendations of the Membership Task Force to re-title certain membership categories and expand the offering of a group membership. The maker is the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors voted to recommend Resolution 1 on July 30, 2010. The Executive Council voted to recommend Resolution 1 on July 31, 2010.

First Vice President Gregory Riddle asked for a motion.

Jim Acosta of the Southern California Chapter ***motioned*** to adopt Resolution 1. Art Rios of the New Mexico Chapter ***seconded*** the motion.

A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion was ***adopted***.

Resolution 2

The intent is to adopt various recommendations of the Awards and Recognition Task Force to define in more detail the APCO senior and life membership qualifications to bring forward and encourage the future leaders of the association to strive toward meeting the requirements of the senior and life member designations. The make is the Awards and Recognition task Force. The Board of Directors voted to recommend Resolution 2 on July 30 2010. The Executive Council voted to recommend Resolution 2 on July 31, 2010.

First Vice President Gregory Riddle asked for a motion.

Kathleen Seeley of the Washington Chapter ***motioned*** to adopt Resolution 2. Matt Stillwell of the Oklahoma Chapter ***seconded*** the motion.

Jim Acosta of the Southern California Chapter introduced a ***motion to amend*** Resolution 2, proposing to leave Section 1.3.2.98 as is. Gary Gray, Past President and member of the CPRA Chapter, ***seconded*** the motion to amend Resolution 2.

John Wright of the CPRA Chapter spoke in support of the proposed amendment. Mr. Wright feels that as an association APCO should keep the ability for members to achieve this level of stature.

Charles Taylor of the CPRA Chapter spoke in support of the amendment. Anyone who has worked on a conference committee knows how difficult it is and to wipe that entire opportunity out he believes is unreasonable so he would like to speak in support of the amendment.

John Powell, Past President and Northern California Chapter member, stated having been Chair of two regional conference standing committees the amount of work that goes into a regional conference is tremendous. He also speaks in support of this amendment.

John Johnson, President of the Tennessee Chapter, stated the Tennessee Chapter has hosted two regional conferences in 1992 and again in 2007, as well as the International conference in 2002. Mr. Johnson spoke in favor of this amendment.

A verbal vote was taken on the amendment as proposed with no opposition and the amendment *carried*.

First Vice President Gregory Riddle asked for further discussion on Resolution 2 as amended. There was none.

A verbal vote was taken on Resolution 2 as amended with two oppositions and the motion was *adopted*.

Election of the Board of Officers

President Richard Mirgon called for a voice vote on the election of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for First Vice President and Second Vice President. The candidates for these offices are running unopposed. As such, a verbal vote of affirmation by voting eligible members of the Association is sufficient.

First Vice President Gregory Riddle: A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*. Gregory Riddle was officially elected to the position of First Vice President.

Second Vice President Terry Hall: A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*. Terry Hall was officially elected to the position of Second Vice President.

The 2010-2011 Executive Committee of the Board of Directors were introduced to the Quorum: President Bill Carrow, First Vice President Gregory Riddle, Second Vice President Terry Hall, and Immediate Past President Richard Mirgon.

Other Business

Kathleen Seeley of the Washington Chapter announced that the Washington Chapter is making a \$1,500 donation to the RPL scholarship program and challenged the other Chapters to meet or match their donation. The Washington Chapter believes the RPL program is a worthwhile program and it is worthy of people becoming the leaders in our association.

Recess

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Respectfully submitted,

George S. Rice, Jr.
Executive Director

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