

## **2014 First General Business Session**

### **APCO International 80th Conference and Exposition**

New Orleans Convention Center – New Orleans, Louisiana

Great Hall B

Sunday, August 3, 2014

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

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### **Convene**

President Gigi Smith called the First General Business Session of the 80th Association of Public Safety Communications Official-International to order at 3:50 p.m. Sunday, August 3, 2014 CDT. The Sergeant-at-Arms oversaw the seating of voters and confirmed that only voting-eligible members were seated in the voting area.

### **Opening Remarks**

President Gigi Smith welcomed the Membership Quorum to the 2014 APCO International Conference. The Executive Committee was introduced at this time: First Vice President John Wright, Second Vice President Brent Lee and Immediate Past President Terry Hall. The Board of Directors were introduced as well: East Coast Regional Representatives Richard Boettcher and James McFarland; Gulf Coast Regional Representatives Martha Carter and Matthew Stillwell; North Central Regional Representatives Robin Tieman and Holly Wayt; Western Regional Representatives Kimberly Burdick and Peggy Fouts, and Commercial Advisory Council Representative Richard Solie.

President Gigi Smith acknowledged re-elected members James McFarland of the Pennsylvania Chapter, Robin Tieman of the Missouri Chapter, Matthew Stillwell of the Oklahoma Chapter, and Kimberly Burdick of the Montana Chapter, who will be sworn in prior to close of the Annual Conference on Wednesday August 6.

### **Life Member Voting**

President Gigi Smith requested the 2014 Life Member Nominees who were in attendance to please leave the room while the Quorum voted.

#### *2014 Life Member Nominees:*

- Jim Acosta of the CPRA Chapter
- Kimberly Burdick of the Montana Chapter
- Martha Carter of the Louisiana Chapter
- Peggy Fouts of the Washington Chapter
- Margie Moulin of the Oregon Chapter
- Rich Rybicki of the Michigan Chapter
- Joe Yurman of the Atlantic Chapter

Barry Woodward of the Georgia Chapter *motioned* to affirm the elevation of membership to Life Member for Jim Acosta, Kimberly Burdick, Martha Carter, Peggy Fouts, Margie Moulin, Rich Rybicki and Joe Yurman. Linda Ford of the North Carolina Chapter *seconded* the motion.

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

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

## **Regulatory Update**

Robert Gurss, APCO's Senior Regulatory Counsel, provided an update on regulatory affairs.

## **Quorum Resolutions**

During this time Immediate Past President Terry Hall reviewed the parliamentary procedures.

### Quorum Resolution 1

First Vice President John Wright conducted the first reading of Resolution 1 to adopt various modifications identified by corporate counsel and proposed by the Board of Directors to refine certain Bylaws provisions to better conform to current practices. Chief of Staff Mark Cannon provided background on Resolution 1.

Richard Granado of the CPRA Chapter asked for clarification on Section 7.2 as it does not explicitly state Directors are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors after serving two consecutive terms. Jim Acosta of the CPRA Chapter offered to propose an amendment clarifying that previous Directors are eligible to run for office one year after reaching their term limit.

Angela Bowen of the Georgia Chapter pointed to two amendments recommended by the Executive Council; conforming amendment to Section 4.2 to modify the list of chapters by region to include the expanded Caribbean Chapter and an amendment to Subsection 8.6 C to remove the word "elected" so as not to exclude appointed chapter officials.

The Quorum will vote during the Second General Business Session.

### Quorum Resolution 2

First Vice President John Wright conducted the first reading of Resolution 2 to adopt recommendations of a Membership Subcommittee of the Commercial Advisory Council retitling a group membership category and instituting a stratified dues structure for a commercial group option. CAC Chair Kevin Kearns and Nate McClure of the Illinois, Michigan and Virginia Chapters provided background on Resolution 2.

Gary Gray of the CPRA Chapter pointed out that earlier in APCO's history there was a commercial group membership option; Mr. Gray is pleased this membership level has been reinstated. Richard Mirgon of the Nevada and Louisiana Chapters questioned what type of fiscal impact the resolution would have on APCO International. It was explained to the Quorum that this resolution enables commercial members selecting the group option to each designate the primary chapter of their choice, thus ensuring commercial dues revenues received by chapters remain whole.

Brent Finster of the International Chapter pointed out the EC's adoption of the motion to expand the

Caribbean Chapter boundaries to encompass all of its island countries including Bahamas and Bermuda, results in a recommendation to amend Policy Manual Section 4.12 to strike “in the United States” thus making proposed dues modifications apply to all APCO International chapters equally.

The Quorum will vote during the Second General Business Session.

### **Second Vice Presidential Candidate Addresses**

Candidate Cheryl Greathouse of the Georgia Chapter and Mike Jeffres of the Nebraska Chapter addressed the members.

### **Other Business**

President Gigi Smith announced online voting will be in effect until 1:50 P.M. CDT on Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

### **Conference Highlights**

President Gigi Smith previewed highlights of APCO 2014, including:

- Opening Session Keynote Speaker Archie Manning – Monday, August 4, 2014 at 8:30 AM
- Distinguished Achievers Breakfast, Captain Richard Phillips – Tuesday, August 5
- Food For Thought Luncheon, Chef Jeff Henderson – Wednesday, August 6
- President’s Dinner featuring Comedian James Gregory – Wednesday, August 5
- Raffle Tickets were handed out for a chance to win a \$250 Visa gift card at the end of the Second General Business Session

### **Recess**

The First General Business Meeting of the 80th Annual Conference & Exposition recessed at 4:50 p.m. CDT and will reconvene for the Second General Business Session at the same time on Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

### **Respectfully submitted,**

Derek K. Poarch  
Executive Director

The First General Business Meeting agenda will be part and parcel of the formal record of the 80th Annual APCO International Conference and Exposition to be retained at headquarters.

## **2014 Second General Business Session**

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### **Year In Review**

President Gigi Smith addressed the Quorum regarding the Year in Review for APCO activities, including:

- Participated in the White House Data Jam and Data Palooza
- Global Alliance - agreed to shift to an informal relationship
- Testified at U.S. Senate Hearing on IP Transition
- Signed a TERT process agreement with NENA President Buster Brown
- Continued the Past Presidents Reflections column in the Public Safety Communications magazine
- President Smith thanked Immediate Past President Terry Hall for his dedication to APCO
- Presented an APCO International brick to Board of Directors

### **State of the Association**

APCO Executive Director Derek Poarch gave an overview of the 2014 Annual Report to the Quorum, touching on some of APCO International's notable accomplishments for the year:

- APCO set the following new records this year – over 21,000 members as of 7/21/2014, dues topped \$1 million
- Net income - \$621K, conference revenues up \$230K from past year and external marketing expenses down %50
- Staff continues to work on goals aligned with the LRSP using the Balanced Scorecard method and backed up by APSTAT (APCO Statistics), to help stay on track through a monthly review
- Institute – 52% growth in training recertification, continuing to expand customer base
- Standards – published three new standards during the past year
- APPComm – tripled number of apps to 180
- First dedicated CIP effort at APCO with APCO HQ renovations underway

### **Address by Federal Partners**

Admiral David Simpson, Chief of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for the Federal Communications Commission addressed the Quorum.

Ronald Hewitt, Deputy Director of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications addressed the Quorum.

John Merrill, Deputy Director for the Office for Interoperability and Compatibility addressed the Quorum.

### **Quorum Resolution 1 and Voting**

Richard Granado of the CPRA Chapter *motioned* to adopt Quorum Resolution 1. Jim Acosta of the CPRA Chapter *seconded* the motion.

#### 4.2 Conforming Change and 8.6 Officer Eligibility

Bill Keller of the Texas Chapter *motioned* to amend Sections 4.2 to include the Caribbean Chapter in the modified list of chapters by region and 8.6 to remove the word “elected” as discussed during General Business Session 1. Nonie McCandless of the Nevada Chapter *seconded* the motion.

A verbal vote was taken and the *amendment passed* with no opposition.

#### 8.6 C Officer Eligibility

Richard Mirgon of the Nevada and Louisiana Chapters *motioned* to strike Subsection 8.6 C with recommendation that it be moved to policy under the new KSA point system. Past President Joe Hanna *seconded* the motion.

A verbal vote was taken and the *amendment passed* with no opposition.

#### 7.2 Terms

Jim Acosta of the CPRA Chapter *motioned* to amend Section 7.2 to add “upon reaching this limit, such Directors need to sit out at least one year to regain eligibility to serve in the same capacity on the Board of Directors.” Richard Granado of the CPRA Chapter *seconded* the motion.

A verbal vote was taken and the *amendment passed* with no opposition.

First Vice President John Wright called for a verbal vote on the main motion as amended.

The *motion passed* with no opposition.

### **Quorum Resolution 2 and Voting**

Nate McClure of the Illinois, Michigan and Virginia Chapters *motioned* to adopt Quorum Resolution 2. Kevin Kearns of the Washington Chapter *seconded* the motion.

#### 4.12 Conforming Change

Brent Finster of the International Chapter ***motioned*** to amend Section 4.12 as discussed during General Business Session 1 to strike “in the United States.” Jim Acosta of the CPRA Chapter ***seconded*** the motion.

A verbal vote was taken and the ***amendment passed*** with no opposition.

First Vice President John Wright called for verbal vote on the main motion as amended.

The ***motion passed*** with no opposition.

#### **Other Business**

Past President Joe Hanna ***motioned*** to suspend the rules of Subsection 3.5.1 related to reporting the ballot count to the Quorum. Richard Mirgon of the Nevada and Louisiana Chapters ***seconded*** the motion.

Votes For - 152 and Votes Against – 184 \*2/3 majority vote required to pass

The ***motioned failed***.

#### **Announcement of Election Results**

President Gigi Smith received the election results from the Sergeant-at-Arms, and announced the voting results for each candidate.

##### First Vice President Results:

Brent Lee – 1057 Yes and 57 No Votes

Consequently, Brent Lee was officially elected to the position of First Vice President.

##### Second Vice President Results:

Cheryl Greathouse – 837 Votes

Mike Jeffres – 297 Votes

Cheryl Greathouse was officially elected to the position of Second Vice President.

The 2014–15 Executive Committee of the Board of Directors were introduced to the Quorum:

President John Wright, First Vice President Brent Lee, Second Vice President Cheryl Greathouse, and Immediate Past President Gigi Smith.

#### **Special Presentation**

At this time British APCO Immediate Past President Sue Lampard presented a gift of appreciation to President Gigi Smith.

**Recess**

The Second General Business Meeting of the 80th Annual Conference & Exposition recessed at 5:20 p.m. CDT and will be adjourned following the conclusion of the President's dinner on Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Derek K. Poarch  
Executive Director

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