

## Availability of Candidacy for APCO International Regional Representative – Gulf Coast Region

Robert W. “Bill” Keller

Texas Executive Council Representative

The selection of two (2) Regional Representatives from each Region is both exciting and important. Exciting, in that this will be historical as we choose the first Council members to serve in this capacity and important to select individuals who are not only committed to APCO Intl but to the members of the organization as well. Our selections will not only affect the health of APCO but will frame the future of public safety communications across our nation and industry.

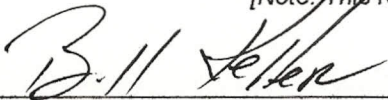
Those who have served with me on Council for the past 3 years know that I am member driven and am always looking to promote our members and the profession they so proudly represent. Having served as Chairman of the Data Usability Task Force for two years and implementing on-line registration for our membership gave me unparalleled insight into the technical workings of our organization.

As the immediate Past President of the Texas Chapter, I am very proud of our growth and the accomplishments we have achieved. We have reached across state lines to several of our neighboring Chapters to join forces for the common good. We recently became very innovative and partnered with the Radio Club of America to bring specialized and needed training to our technical members at a very reasonable cost so that they could advance their careers in the changing IP based environment. Our efforts to improve our state conference not only paid dividends for our members but has shored up our financial status as a Chapter.

If selected, I will bring this innovative thinking, flexibility and leadership to the position and will tirelessly strive to improve APCO and Public Safety Communications for all those who serve.

**APPENDIX II**  
**EMPLOYER'S CONCURRENCE OF CANDIDACY**  
**Regional Representative to the APCO Board of Directors**

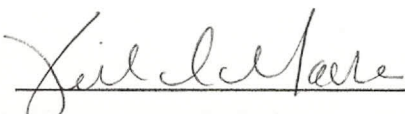
*[Note: This requirement is waived for a retired member.]*

 has discussed the desire to seek election as Regional Representative to the Board of Directors of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. (APCO). During our discussion, we reviewed the Expectations of Service and understand the support the employer may be required to provide from time to time to support this candidate's effective service as a Regional Representative to the APCO Board of Directors.

As the candidate's employer, I recognize the mutual benefits of service to one's profession and pledge my support of the candidate's Board service, which may include, but may not be limited to, the following:

1. Service for typically a two-year term with the option for one renewal term.
2. Attendance at minimally four meetings per fiscal year of typically one day's duration for which two or more may require out-of-state travel that is fully reimbursable by APCO. Such meetings are typically scheduled months in advance, though special meetings may be called on shorter notice. The opportunity to participate in any meeting by web conference or through toll-free phone access will always be an option, though when scheduled as a face-to-face gathering, attendance at the meeting in person is preferable.
3. Investment of modest amounts of time on an ongoing basis to stay current with APCO activities and to communicate with representatives of APCO chapters in the region.
4. Access to email, telephone, facsimile, mail and Internet services at the workplace during normal work hours with APCO prepared to reimburse any use for Association business as needed.
5. Access to an e-mail account during normal work hours that allows for incoming messages with attachments to be delivered to the candidate individually.
6. During Board deliberations, the candidate is obliged to put the professional interests of APCO first and represent all chapters of the region equally well and to show appropriate loyalty and fidelity to decisions arrived at by the Board without regard to employer views or interests.
7. Notwithstanding the commitments noted above, APCO understands that certain responsibilities of the candidate to his/her employer may need to take precedence and APCO will provide reasonable assistance in supporting such arrangements.

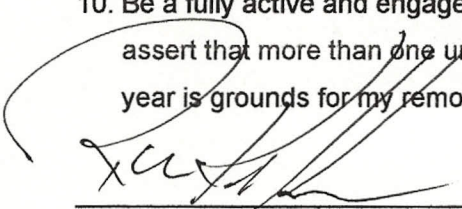
**I hereby agree to provide the above support of my employee if elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc.**

SIGNED:  DATE: 7-8-09  
PRINTED NAME OF SUPERVISOR: VICTORIA MACHA  
EMPLOYER NAME: TEXAS Dept. of Public Safety

**APPENDIX I**  
**EXPECTATIONS OF SERVICE TO THE APCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**I, the undersigned, as a Regional Representative to the APCO Board of Directors will:**

1. Secure the written approval of my employer (see Appendix II) to enable me to faithfully discharge my responsibilities [Note: This requirement is waived for a retired member.];
2. Commit to carry out my full term of service and participate in all scheduled meetings, either in person or by teleconference;
3. Schedule routine teleconferences to discuss concerns/issues with individual Chapter representatives in my Region;
4. Develop a communications strategy to solicit the views of the Chapters in my Region prior to Board meetings and to push information back out to the Chapters following Board action;
5. Give strong deference to each and every Chapter of my Region as the conduit on the Board to all Chapters in my Region, not just my own, and represent those Chapters and their issues as appropriate; and in concert with what is best for APCO International;
6. Be intellectually flexible enough to take a stand for my Region during deliberations, but ultimately support the consensus of the Board so as not to undermine the Association's position or create needless confusion;
7. Pay special heed to carry forward the concerns of individual Chapters in my Region that convey a disparate impact over a matter before the Board;
8. Review all supporting documents in advance so as to be well informed and actively engaged in Board meetings;
9. Handle sensitive issues/discussions as confidential and/or proprietary to not violate the Board's trust; and
10. Be a fully active and engaged participant of the Board of Directors and so committed as to assert that more than one unexcused absence from a scheduled Board meeting during the year is grounds for my removal.

  
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Signature of Nominee

  
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Date