

04/16/03
Sheraton Four Points
Merle Hay Rd
Des Moines, IA

Iowa Chapter APCO Spring business meeting

113 people attended today's meeting representing 60 agencies.

Brant Keeney presented the day's program "Crafting of a dispatcher"

After lunch the telecommunicator of the year award was presented. Nine nominations were received. This year's Iowa Chapter winner was Jackie Laire of Montgomery County for her 26 years of dedication and service. Jackie was presented a plaque and certificate. The other nominees received a certificate.

Vice President (acting president) David Murray called the business meeting to order at 1558.

Gary Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
2nd by Terry Martinson.
All in favor.
Motion carried.

Old Business:

Since the fall meeting we have not had a president, so the vice president has been taking over that role. Bob Seivert of Shelby County came forward and has the approval of his department to take the position. Dave Murray called for any other nominations.

Motion by Terry Martinson to nominate Bob Seivert
2nd by Jill Randolph

Original motion withdrawn and replaced with motion to make unanimous ballot for Bob Seivert for Chapter President
2nd by Linda Saathoff
All in Favor
Motion carried

New Business:

Treasurers report. Treasurer unable to attend today no reports available.

Report from national Executive meeting. Dave and Bob attended the meeting. They are doing a budget restructure and want to raise the dues. Member from \$45 to \$60, Active from \$60 to \$80 and Corporate from \$100 to \$135. They polled the executive council for backing on this, Iowa Chapter voted no. This will be brought up again at the

national conference in Indianapolis. Those going to the convention should attend the business meeting a vote.

They are working on restructuring the APCO institute.

Since the executive council meeting, President Thera Bradshaw has resigned. Vinnie Stiles has stepped up to president for the next year and a half.

Terry Martinson gave a LEATAC report. They are working on updated by-laws to correctly ID members and duties. And an evaluation process has been started on the state of Iowa Telecommunications plan last updated in 1994.

Bob Seivert gave a report on the 911 Council. There is a retreat tomorrow and they plan on working on strategy for next year since things did not go through this year on raising the wireless surcharge. There is a need to restructure the current surcharge and how it is being spent. We should bring money back to the PSAP. There is a need to push legislatures, boards of supervisors, fire departments, associations, and auditors to list a few. The support is there but could not get past one hurdle. Pressure needs to be put on the wireless carriers.

With no other business, VP Murray asked if there were any suggestions for future meetings. The Fall meeting date has been set for Thursday October 9th, at the Sheraton Four Points, Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines, with a hospitality on the evening of the 8th.

All in attendance of the business meeting had been asked to remove their nametags and they were put into a basket for a drawing for a night's stay at the motel. Speaker Brant Keeney drew the winner. Winner Lisa Knutson of Plymouth County.

Motion by Terry Martinson to adjourn
2nd by Butch Gibbs
All in favor
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Phillips
Secretary, Iowa Chapter