

10/09/03
Sheraton Four Points
Merle Hay Rd
Des Moines, IA

Iowa Chapter APCO Fall business meeting

145 people attended the days meeting representing 79 agencies.

Jan Visser-Technology Services presented the morning session-Updates to the IOWA system.

Ellen Anderson-Southwest Ambulance-Phoenix, Arizona presented the afternoon session-"Never Say Just" and "Always Leave Them Laughing".

After lunch a presentation for chapter life membership was made. Eric Nevins, the Iowa Chapter Treasurer was this year's recipient.

President Seivert called the meeting to order at 1519.

A call for a motion to approve the agenda was called for

Dave Murray made a motion to approve the agenda.
2nd by Jan Visser.
All in favor. Motion carried.

A call for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Harry White made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
2nd by Dave Murray.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report. Operating fund balance prior to today's meeting \$16,979.98.
Joanne Perkins fund balance \$9,467.51.

Linda Saathoff made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as given.
2nd by Jackie Laire.
All approved. Motion carried.

New Business:

President Seivert gave a report on the national executive council meeting that was held in Indianapolis prior to the national convention. He stated it was very interesting. This is the second one he has attended. It is very formal, the 1st day being a discussion of the issues to be voted on and the 2nd day is voting. The meetings are getting longer and the first part of the 2nd day is a continuation of the discussion before voting can begin. It was

voted on at this meeting to increase dues. This had been discussed at the previous executive meeting and Iowa had voted against raising the fees. At this meeting majority voted for the increase and the new bills reflect this change.

The APCO executive director resigned and a search committee was formed. The Midwest representative is Kent Krueger from the Wisconsin chapter.

Life membership awards were determined.

Progress on committees was given.

Jackie Laire asked how much money comes back to the chapter from the dues. National sets this amount. It is a percentage and some states are more than others are and California was cited, as being one that is higher. A check with national to get exact numbers will have to be made. A report can be made at the next meeting in the Spring, and prior to that it can be listed in the next newsletter and also on our new web page.

The Iowa Chapter now has a web page. The address is iowaapco.org. Mark VanHooser from Buena Vista County set this up and we want to thank him for all his work. It is up and on line since the first of October. Any input on what everyone wants to see is welcome. This will be another source to access for various communications issues. It will get information out on the various awards and scholarships (telecommunicator of the year, Joanne Perkins scholarship).

Committee Reports:

In the days packets there was a form given to all members showing the various committees and those who are on the committees. There are some openings and those are listed as well. Anyone that is interested in being on one of the committees is urged to fill out the form and get it back to a chapter officer or executive member so that we can fill these spaces. There have been committees that have not been active and we would like to get that changed. We will provide reports at both the spring and fall meetings.

Activities and membership committee-chaired by the vice president and two other chapter members. To help reaching members and keeping members enrolled.

Resolutions and by-laws committee-National has made a change in theirs. The change is in the wording, not in how things are done. The Iowa Chapter will have to do the same and make a presentation at the spring meeting for a change to by-laws.

LEATAC- Terry Martinson was unable to attend today's meeting but gave a report to Nancy Brady to have her report. Meetings are every other month on the fourth Wednesday. Past activities include development of the state of Iowa telecommunications plan. Reviewing and monitoring frequency licensing, use and interference issues. Recent activities have revolved around the actual functions and authorities of LEATAC under the Iowa code chapter 15. Activities involving radio communications,

interoperability, E911, FCC licensing and frequency management. Terry stated that the committee serves a number of valuable functions and not many people realize it exists. His hopes are that APCO membership can help support the committee and it's work.

Telecommunicator of the year committee- Mo Warford was unable to be here. Marsha Southwick who has been active on this committee reported that this committee would be active in the next six months. Nominations for this award are sent to the chairperson who then distributes them to all the committee members. The vote is sent back to the chair. Information about nominations and deadlines are put in the Iowa intercom, on the Iowa system calendar, and in our newsletter. In the spring a presentation is made and all applicants and the winner are honored. There is a plaque that is displayed at ILEA showing all the past winners. Bob made the comment that it would be nice to see a name submitted from each agency.

Nominating committee-This committee consists of the immediate past president and if possible two additional past presidents as members. There is a vacancy now. Gary Stevens is retired now and not in the position to seek nominations. This will also be an area that will possibly need a by-laws change that should be presented to members at the spring meeting.

Historical committee-Nancy Brady gave a report. She brings things to the meeting that are kept at ILEA, the charter and the telecommunicator of the year plaque. She takes pictures and is having a hard time keeping up with it. She will continue taking pictures but would like to see if someone else is interested in taking over. She said she would like to get people together to ID some of the people in the past pictures.

Gary Stevens stated he has a repository of old APCO magazines from the 50's. There are several things that could be done with these, they could be sent to David Swan the national historian in Illinois. The college in Peoria, Illinois has an official set. Jan Visser felt they should go to David Swan but noted there would be a cost involved in getting them to him. Nancy Brady stated she would be going to Illinois at the end of the month and could take them if that is what everyone wanted. Nancy will follow through with contact with Swan on this and get back the executive council.

Jan Visser made a motion to donate the old APCO magazines that are in Gary Stevens possession to the National historian if they want them.

2nd by Dave Murray.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Frequency Advisory committee-Designated by the president-Rich Hester. Committee consists of the chairman (Rich Hester) and four members appointed by the president. The chairperson is the chapter frequency advisor, has the powers broad enough to make decisions due to normal time limitations.

Training Committee-Jackie Laire and Nancy Brady. Nothing to report at this time.

The committee is the liaison to the ILEA 2 members provide advise and make recommendations on training issues effecting membership, agencies and citizens of the state.

Bob noted that overall there was good training statewide.

IPERS committee-Gloria Isham was present and reported that in the next couple of months meetings need to be set to meet with legislators and respresentatives of the state to see how to go. The goal is to work towards early retirement. To reduce and look at disability, to get equal to law enforcement. On hold now due to the economy. The need for disability is a concern now. This is an open IPERS year, and a lot of people have shown interest in helping out. May not be ready to present this year. Need to get working on committees going around the state.

911 Council committee-Sandi Hutchcroft reported: The 911 council falls under the direction of Emergency Management/Homeland Security. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month. They travel 3 times a year. This month the meeting will be in Waverly. The purpose of the travel is to allow more exposure to others that are unable to travel to Des Moines for the monthly meetings. The 911 council and NENA will hold their fall conference October 28/29 at the Sheraton Four Points. The council is actively going towards an increase to \$1.00 on the wireless 911 surcharge. There are very enthusiastic people involved and more information will be provided at the conference. Information on training can be found on the state EMA web page, and they do send out a quarterly newsletter.

Legislative update-The use of wireless devices and the spending of the surcharge. Contact will be made to specific counties to see what is in reserve and what the monies will be used for. Information gathering to present a case changing how wireless surcharge is distributed. Bob made a proposal that APCO host/conduct a survey of Iowa. Hiring a poling agency to contact 600 Iowans will cost between \$5,000-\$10,000. If each county would call 50 people to ask 3 questions 1) Do you have a cellular phone. 2) Do you rely on your cellular phone for safety 3) When you call 911 on your cellular phone does the dispatcher know where you are at? After the survey an educational statement is given with the true facts. After the statement asking for the support of a 50cent increase to help fund showing your location. Sandi added this would be a random pick of people, opening the phone book and picking the names, at the end of the survey it would need to be validated.

Ellen Anderson (the afternoon speaker from Arizona) stated in the state of Arizona they set up at malls. Put up a sign saying 911 communications survey. In a very short time you can obtain more than 50 contacts.

Woodbury county is currently trying to raise their wireline surcharge and this would not be a good time for them to take part in this.

Jan Visser stated the higher the numbers the more this information would be taken seriously.

Dave Murray made a motion that Iowa APCO participate in conducting a random poll asking questions on wireless 911 and if there would be support to increase the current surcharge by 50 cents to assist in showing your location when you place a 911 call.

2nd by Andrea Schaffer

Discussion

Rob Koppert suggested a map showing totals and how this was done and setting a deadline.

South Central Iowa has 7 counties doing a survey at this time. Check with them to see what they are asking.

Will also need a letter from APCO that we would be willing to participate and then we would receive a packet.

Bob reminded that there was a motion and a 2nd on the floor. Asked that the motion be re-read.

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All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from ILEA-Nancy Brady advised ILEA had been approached by Iowa Central Community College to help facilitate training. Rod VanWyk, Karen Mosler, Andy Buffington and Nancy will go for training to develop a program generic for incident command. Will be getting funding from the National Fire academy in Maryland.

Kirkwood College in Cedar Rapids recently hosted a fire school. Very good training. A town called Abbottsville was set up and using matchbox cars people were put in various roles. Firefighters were Police, Police were dispatchers etc. She further stated that Jim Saunders LEIN coordinator was in the process.

A call for any new business from the floor. No new business.

A second check for any additional new business from the floor. No new business.

Old Business-Jackie Laire said thank you for the training. Because of the Joanne Perkins scholarship she had two people from her department that were awarded scholarships, because of this she was able to have herself and 3 others from her department attend. She encouraged the use of the Joanne Perkins scholarship.

Call for any other old business from the floor. No old business.

Bob said it was good to see so many people attend the business meeting. One goal is to try to get an APCO member in every county in Iowa

Second call for any other old business from the floor. No old business.

With no further business President Seivert adjourned the meeting at 1627.

Respectfully submitted,
Lora Phillips
Iowa Chapter APCO