

January 2, 2008

To: The Iowa Chapter of APCO Officers
From: Nancy Brady
Re: Chapter Life Membership Nomination

It is with great pride that I nominate Jackie Laire of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for Iowa Chapter Life Membership to be voted on by our membership at the March 2008 business meeting. Jackie's dedication and commitment over the course of her membership in Iowa APCO far exceeds the requirements of this award. She is long overdue in receiving this honor.

Jackie has been an Active member of our chapter since 1988. Immediately after she joined, Chapter President Kenny Mead recruited her to chair a committee for the North Central Regional Conference to be held in Des Moines in 1991. This was a completely new experience for Jackie, but she quickly rose to the task. The year prior to the Regional Conference, 1990, Jackie voluntarily began her service as our chapter secretary with the untimely passing of her friend, Chapter Secretary JoAnne Perkins. From that year forward, Jackie was elected secretary until she chose to retire from that office at the end of 1996. During those years, she also served on our chapter executive committee.

Jackie was instrumental in the planning and implementation our North Central Regional Conferences held in Des Moines in 1991 and 1996. She made many trips to Des Moines, both in her capacity as secretary, and for Regional conference preparations. She also drove to the 1995 APCO International Conference in San Antonio to work in a booth to promote our 1996 conference. It was those two Regional conferences that built the Iowa Chapter treasury to the highest amount it had never been. Our past leaders, Marion Wissler, Kenny Mead, and Gary Stevens, all attribute our chapter treasury to our Regional Conferences; and Jackie Laire was one of the catalysts who helped to make that all happen.

As chapter secretary and chapter executive committee member, Jackie always actively participated in planning of our spring and fall meetings. She worked with others to bring in the very best instructors to Iowa. Jackie sent out the mailings and took registrations for all conferences. She would want me to add that her good friend Ev Younts was always right there helping with registrations.

Jackie never missed a hospitality evening. She always mingled and stayed throughout hospitality to meet, greet, and get to know everyone. The following morning which was Iowa APCO training day, Jackie was always downstairs at the registration table at 6:30 in the morning before every spring and fall conference. She was ready to go before most people were up and moving after the evening hospitality festivities.

Jackie has never been one to be out there in front, standing up in front of the crowd; she was always content to sit at the registration table and to take minutes at our meetings. But during her years on the board and as secretary, Jackie knew everyone by their first name and what agency they worked for. And likewise, everyone knew her.

During the 1990s when our chapter was at its busiest because we held the two Regional Conferences, Jackie Laire was one of our most active and greatest leaders. During these years since, even though she has not held office, Jackie has always continued to be a quiet leader amongst our membership, one of great integrity, who has always supported the mission of the organization. No Iowa Chapter member has contributed more to the good of our profession, or is more deserving of the Iowa Chapter Life Membership than Montgomery County Communications Supervisor Jackie Laire.

I ask that the Iowa Chapter Board include this nomination on the spring 2008 meeting agenda to be voted on by our membership.

Sincerely,

(Signed letter to follow)

Nancy Brady
Member 70707A
Since 1988