

April 2005 APCO Minutes

April 15th 2005, in Denver International Airport

Denver International Airport – Denver, CO

APCO MEETING 04/15/05 was held in Denver International Airport – Denver, CO

President Kristen Vondra brought the meeting to order at 10:24 hrs. There were approximately 80 in attendance. The attendance was high, as this was the annual awards luncheon and many persons were given awards in recognition of the annual National Telecommunicators Week. Kristen gave a short Welcome to all that attended and made a note that we even had members from Wyoming APCO Chapter in attendance!

Secretary - Doug Andrew

The minutes for February 2005 were approved as read and distributed through the Colorado APCO website.

Treasurer - Doug Andrew

There is currently \$6,845.99 in both accounts. As a side note, Alan Armitage had been working on reimbursement of monies due to the Colorado Chapter, for 2004 expenses they had paid for Alan and his committee members. After some extensive conversations, they are now NOT going to reimburse most of the monies, and will be explained at a later time.

Frequency Advisors Report – Emery Reynolds

Emery gave a short update on FAQ pending items. They are still working with Colorado Springs, CO on a pending issue, United Air Lines has applied for 3 new locations for towers and Littleton Police Dept has put in a request to move their Public Works Transmitter to a different location.

Executive Council – Jim Bradley

Jim had nothing, as there has been no Executive meeting since his last report in February.

NENA Minutes and Meeting – Collet Daubenspeck

NENA also welcomed all attendees and those from Wyoming. She gave a short update on the Public Education Commercial. She said that they will have both a male and female Voice over CD available by mid-May.

Jaci Marie Louise brought up that NENA was putting on a 1-day class on May 9th, 2005 on “Mastery in Call Taking” in Longmont. This will be just before the 2-day class already scheduled in Longmont on “The Exceptional Trainer” by Professional Pride Training.

Jaci then talked about the 2005 Vendor Technology Show in October. They are needing many volunteers in the setup of the stage. If interested contact Jaci ASAP.

2005 Annual Conference – Alan Armitage

Alan started off by reminding everyone that there is a website for the 2005 Conference, and you can view it by going to www.APCO2005.org to get all updates and current events that are planned. So far from the advanced registration, 29% of the Hotels have been booked and 76% of the Exhibitors are booked and 16 Sponsorships are sold with 5 still in negotiations. With your advanced registration, if you do register by 7/25 you can save \$50 off of the registration price.

Tom Ridge will be the opening keynote speaker. Some of the major events are Sunday with the Golf Tournament at Arrowhead Golf Club and Tuesday evening at Invesco Field with games and fun and the entertainment is the band Runaway Express. This year's program will include 16.25 hours of Exhibit time, 21 hours of class time and each session with 1.5 hours in length. There are also 3 Super Sessions during the week. On the website, there is now a "schedule builder" to assist everyone in building a schedule of classes that you would like to take during the conference and then you are able to print it.

As the fun continues during the week, for Monday evening there is going to be a Casino Night and there will be 3-4 buses to transport all of them to the Casino. 6 Flags Elitch Gardens will be selling day passes for \$20, which is 50% off the price at the door.

Volunteers are still needed. So far there are over 100 volunteers but many more are needed to run this conference, so if you are interested send an email to cfriend@douglas.co.us. There are going to be 4 PSAP tours for the conference and they are Arapahoe County, CSP Denver, Jefferson County and Denver Police Dept. APCO is still needing PSAP Profiles from every PSAP in Colorado, so make sure you get those to APCO as soon as possible.

Bob Strickland then spoke briefly on the Golf Tournament. He reminded everyone that it starts at 0730hrs on Sunday morning and there are a total of 144 spots to be filled. He wants to have the roster full, so tell everyone about it. The registration is \$95 and that includes fees, golf cart and prizes. You can view the golf course by going on line at www.rockymountaingolf.com

Other Business –

APCO PROJECT RETAINS Update – Mary Taylor, Univ. of Denver Research Institute

Mary gave a great power point presentation on the results of their very lengthy survey that was taken from across the United States. This survey included all sizes of departments. Basically the important statistics found was there is a 17% turnover rate, 24% of employees were retained from the previous year and 7% lost more than ½ of the employees in the first year. There will be a final draft presented at the APCO Convention this summer.

Emergency Dispatcher Program-Comm. College of Denver–Janel Highfill/Laronna Schroeter

Laronna gave a short presentation on a new Emergency Dispatcher Class that is going to be taught at CCD. The class will consist of 5 days of classroom training, and then 1 day of class participation in groups. All attendees will participate in numerous role-playing scenarios and then are given a certificate for attending the class. The class appears to cover all the basics to begin as a dispatcher or call taker.

Positron – Wade Sanstra and Shannon Morris

Wade gave a very brief overview on Mapping in CAD software by Positron. It was very informative and we appreciated their sponsorship of lunch for the meeting.

APCO, Int’l 2nd Vice President Candidate – Richard Mirgon of Douglas County, Nevada

Richard gave a brief explanation of who he is and what his goals are for the upcoming election for APCO, Int’l. He left brochures about himself and also left applications for absentee ballots, for anyone who may want to vote by mail.

Microphone – Heather McCarthy (absent)

Heather has asked that the deadline for the Microphone will be Friday May 6th, 2005. Any items for the Microphone need to be sent to Heather at hamztoy911@msn.com before the deadline date.

New Business:

President Kris Vondra asked if there was any new business and there was none.

The Business Section Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 hrs.

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At 12:15 hrs, after the business meeting, APCO and NENA presented awards for the “National Telecommunicators Week”.

Alan Armitage also presented Emery Reynolds as a nominee for Lifetime Membership Award. This will be Colorado’s first in history. To date, there are 133 members nationwide and only 99 members are still alive. Emery has been a member since 1980 and has represented Colorado APCO as Executive Council and Frequency Advisor Committee. More information will be coming in future meetings, on when he will be officially accepted as a member.

This section of the meeting was adjourned at 1235 hrs.

Lunch was then served to all attendees, and was sponsored by Positron.