

Colorado APCO Chapter Meeting
October 12, 2007
Longmont Radisson Hotel
Longmont, Colorado

Meeting was brought to order at 0811 hours by chapter President Cindy Cline. There were approximately 35 members in attendance.

June and August minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Currently showing \$59,353.40 in both accounts. Vendor show brought in \$28,487 to date. The Colorado State Conference is one of the least expensive vendor shows in the nation for the participants. Until this year we have not raised the vendor costs, and this year there was only a slight raise in cost to the vendor for the booth spaces.

After expenses, the Chapter is expecting to see \$9,000.

The books need to be audited. It has been at least 4 years since this was done the last time. Doug will solicit a list of auditors/Certified CPAs that we can choose from at the December meeting for this audit.

WESTERN REGIONAL REPORT:

At the August meeting, it was discussed that to have the Western Regional Conference during the dates we have selected, we needed a special "blessing" from the APCO, International Executive Board. A letter was sent to Director George Rice. Communication was received stating that the Board would consider our request. Approximately 2 weeks after we returned from Baltimore we still did not have any word on the status. An email was sent to Director Rice asking the status. In a return email, Director Rice advised that the Board had approved our request for the move of dates for the 2010 Western Regional Conference. We are still waiting for a letter from the Board stating that this is alright. Cindy will follow up with the Board to see when we can expect this letter.

We are still in the process of setting up committees for the conference. The committees need to be in place by the first of the year as they will need to go to the 2008 Western Regional conference in Albuquerque to shadow the New Mexico Committee. This will be our only chance to see how a regional conference is done prior to 2010 as there will not be a Western Regional Conference in 2009.

Doug Andrew (Chapter Secretary) has volunteered to be the Conference Chair. Darrell Pratt (Chaffee County) is heading up the Communications Committee. Carla Milne (Jefferson County) is chairing the Programs Committee. We still need volunteers to chair the Registration and "Local Flavor" Committees.

We have received commitments from members of the Utah, Kansas and Montana chapters to assist with committees.

Host Hotel is the Hyatt Convention Hotel. They have guaranteed 100% of the rooms at the 2007 Government rate, they are comping some of the meeting rooms and giving us a discount on the food.

OTHER BUSINESS:

National will start two new awards for the positions of IT and Training within agencies. The Colorado Chapter has decided to also award these during our annual awards ceremony in April during National Telecommunicator Week. It is not too early to get your nominations in for ANY of the categories. Submit them to any board member or to the chapter post office box.

As a reminder these awards are:

- Telecommunicator of the Year
- Supervisor of the Year
- Manager/Director of the Year
- Radio Technician of the Year
- Communication Center of the Year
- Communication Training Officer/Coordinator of the Year
- Communication Supervisor of the Year

Next year meetings will be in February, April, June, August, October and December. Delta has volunteered to do the June meeting. We are discussing making this an all day affair with training included to draw more attendance. The August meeting will be in Kansas City at the National Conference and the October meeting at the State conference in Longmont. Mary Kyler advised we need to watch the dates we choose for the 2008 meetings so they do not conflict with the BWA/BED meetings. She will provide a schedule of the BWA/BED meetings for the December chapter meeting. The December meeting will be December 7 at Jefferson County. Lee Johnson of Department of Homeland Security Operations Unit will be a guest speaker and will be speaking on the GETS/WPS Cards available to law enforcement operations.

NENA BUSINESS;

Announcement of new officers:

Carl Simpson, Director of Denver 911 Operations is the new vice president
Jay Willett, Boulder County Sheriff's Office is the 2nd vice president.
Pam Monsees, Director of Morgan County Communications is the new NENA Chapter President.

NENA National Conference is scheduled for Tampa in June. Jaci will get the dates so we don't conflict with the conference when we are scheduling our June meeting.

NENA is still taking HOWL Awards. Get all nominations in digital format to Jaci Louise for submission.

NEW APCO BUSINESS:

Ballots were dispersed to the Active Membership for the APCO Chapter officer election. Cory Friend, Douglas County, agreed to accept the nomination of 2nd Vice President. Kevin Garcia, Jefferson County (non-voting member) and Jaci Louise, 911 Solutions (commercial member/NENA President) counted the ballots. The 2008 Colorado APCO Board will be:

President-Darrell Pratt, Chaffee County
1st Vice President-Mary Kyler, Colorado State Patrol
2nd Vice President-Cory Friend, Douglas County
Secretary/Treasurer-Doug Andrew (Commercial Member)
Executive Council Representative-John Kyler
Immediate Past President-Cindy Cline, Jefferson County

Ballots were immediately destroyed.

During the counting of the ballots, discussion was held regarding where to host the State Conference in future years. Jim Anderson, El Paso/Teller 9-1-1 had suggested at last years conference moving the conference in even years north and odd years south. We have not actively pursued this, but while Kathy Imel was looking at venues for the Western Regional, we found that the costs in Colorado Springs may be prohibitive. Jim Anderson advised that he felt the Antlers or the Doubletree in Colorado Springs could more than adequately house/host what we were looking at doing. Cindy Cline and Jaci Louise agreed to look further into the possibility of facilities in the Colorado Springs/Pueblo area for future State Conferences.

Heather McCarthy will be sending out electronic evaluations to all who have provided their e-mail addresses to the conference. She will gather this information and report back to the Chapter at the December or February meeting. There has already been discussion on contracting Valerie Van Brocklin as a keynote speaker for next years conference. There has also been discussion not having "vendor specific" presentations during our educational tracks.

There was a motion for adjournment at 0846.