

Here are the results of our monthly committee conference call held today, February 20. Chapter officers are asked to distribute this information to their members.

APCO 2007 International Conference Baltimore, MD August 5-9

****Chapter Officers - Please present this information to your chapter members electronically and at meeting presentations****

Supersaver registration for the 73rd Annual Conference is now available through March 2 on-line and via flyers that were recently mailed to APCO members.

The 2007 Conference is going to truly be a conference of change, with **several events being moved to different days/times and locations from conferences in the past, so please pay particular attention to the proposed schedule of events.**

To assist your members in their preliminary conference planning, here is a list of major events with changes highlighted:

Sunday, August 5

Annual Golf Tournament @ Beechtree 7:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Chapter Officer Training & Mentoring Course - (To Be Determined)

Committee Meetings 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

First General Business Session - 5:00 - 6:30 *THIS IS A CHANGE FROM TUESDAY MORNING, SO PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY TO PARTICIPATE*****

Attendee Welcome Reception - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Power Plant Live at Inner Harbor, featuring food, fun and entertainment

Monday, August 6

Opening General Session and Keynote Address - 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Exhibit Hall Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - 9:45 - 10:00 a.m.

Exhibit Hall Hours - 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Featured Presentation FCC Regulatory Panel - 1:15 - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 7

SUPERSESSION - 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Exhibit Hall Hours - 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday Night Event "TAILGATE TUESDAY" @ Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Home of the Baltimore Orioles - 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Join friends and colleagues for a night out at historic Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Enjoy great baseball in the reserved APCO Bullpen as well as some of the best ballpark food. The bullpen will be hosting APCO guests all night with a bird's eye view from centerfield, interactive entertainment and much more.

Plan to join everyone at 6:30 p.m. for some pre-game activities with first pitch taking place at 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday, August 8

SUPERSESSION - 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Exhibit Hall Hours - 9:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Prize walk - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Second General Business Session - 2:45 - 4:15 p.m.

Annual Blue and White Gala Pre-Dinner Reception - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

*****CHANGE FROM THURSDAY NIGHT*****

Annual Blue and White Gala Dinner, Speeches and Presentations - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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Thursday, August 9

Featured Presentation - 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Closing SUPERSESSION - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Conference Closing Reception - To Be Determined

Please present this information to your chapter members and get them excited about attending this year's conference!

CHAPTER COMMERCIAL ADVISOR MEMBERS (CCAM) -- * (4 Chapters Left to Name CCAM) *****

Recently, North Carolina added a CCAM, so since July West Virginia, Arkansas, North Dakota, Indiana, Iowa and North Carolina have named CCAM members to their boards. There are currently **(4) chapters that do not have a CCAM identified on the official Chapter Officer List**. A Commercial Advisor can assist your chapter by:

- *Interacting with other commercial members within your chapter
- *Act as a great resource to obtain vendor support for meetings and conferences
- *Act as a liaison to assist with conference planning and implementation
- *Through vendor support, can provide financial assistance to the Chapter for meetings and conferences

Please review the list below and if your chapter is identified please advise by reply E-mail who your CCAM is and their contact information.

If you don't have a commercial advisor, you need to talk to a few of the commercial members in your chapter and you will probably find at least one that is willing to serve as your Chapter Commercial Advisory Member (CCAM).

CHAPTERS THAT DO NOT HAVE A CCAM IDENTIFIED

Louisiana - *SPECIAL NOTE: They may now have a CCAM Identified, please confirm*****

Mississippi

Pacific

South Dakota

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership numbers for January are:

Active 8,447

Member 4,031

Commercial 1,563

TOTAL 14,041

Total amount of members that have not renewed as of today = **2,540**

Chapters are urged to make an effort to welcome new members to their chapter and remind those members that have not renewed of the benefits derived from remaining a member of APCO International.

APCO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS

The membership renewal process has been underway since October, and 2,540 members remain to renew membership.

In February and March additional attempts will be performed monthly to remind those that have not renewed of the importance of doing so and the benefits they receive for their membership. Chapters have been provided listings of those members that have not renewed as of the end of January. Another round of invoices will go out, and those that are not renewing are being directed to an exit survey to determine why they are not renewing membership. Final dump of membership will take place on March 30 for those that still have not renewed membership.

Membership cards will now be mailed within six weeks of receipt of renewals or new membership status. This is a huge step forward compared to previous years.

APCO AWARDS - *NEW AWARD CATEGORY*****

APCO International is seeking nominees for this year's awards. In the past we have presented awards to the Telecommunicator, Technician, Line Supervisor and Communication Center Director. **This year APCO has split the Technician's award into two categories, one for RF (radio frequency) Technologist and one for Information Technologist of the Year.** This year APCO will seek to present an award in each of the five categories.

The deadline for nominations is April 1. Nominees must have been employed in the applicable category by a public safety agency at any time between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007. Nominees do not have to be members of APCO International. For additional information pertaining to each of the awards, please go to the APCO web site under the APCO Policy Manual, Article XIII.

The nominating person must provide written information about the nominee relating to various criteria of job performance and other attributes. All nominations must use the Nomination Packet provided via APCO's Web site (MS Word document) or call the Membership Department at (888) APCO-911 to have the packet faxed.

It is preferred that nominations be submitted electronically via e-mail to membership@apcointl.org. They can also be sent via USPS to Public Safety Awards Program (PSAP), Attention: Membership, 351 N. Williamson Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32114-1112.

Nomination packets must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than April 1.

Selecting a Winner

The Awards Committee of APCO International will select a winner in each category by May 1 and the awards will be presented at the 73rd Annual Conference & Exposition in Baltimore, MD. One winner in each category will receive a fully paid trip to the Annual Conference & Exposition, including registration, travel expenses and hotel accommodations. For more information, call us toll-free at (888) APCO-911, or e-mail membership@apcointl.org.

HONOR YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH APCO SENIOR OR LIFE MEMBER STATUS

The APCO Policy Manual outlines specific criteria to be used in making recommendation for a member to be considered for Senior Member or Life Member status.

Senior Member base criteria is membership for a minimum of 10 years and the member must have made 3 major accomplishments to APCO, 1 at the Association level. Nominations for this category can be submitted at any time during the year once approved by the Chapter's Board of Officers.

APCO Life Member base criteria is membership for a minimum of 15 years and at least 5 major accomplishments that contributed to APCO.

Nominations for this category must be received no later than April 1 by APCO Headquarters in order to be considered for the honor to be bestowed at the annual conference in Baltimore.

Nomination forms are available in the APCO Policy Manual, and nomination criteria may be found as follows:

Senior Member - By-Laws Section 3.2.2

Life Member - By-Laws Section 3.1.3.2

Chapter officers should canvas their membership rolls and solicit members that feel they meet the qualifications to work jointly with their Board on a nomination.

SIGN UP NOW FOR AN APCO COMMITTEE

Chapter Officers - please encourage your members to sign up to be on an APCO International committee.

Much of the critical work of our association is carried out by our various committees. Nominations are now being accepted for APCO committee appointments for the '07-08 committee year, which begins in July. You can register for up to (3) committees.

Even if you are currently on a committee, you must resubmit your interest electronically during the nomination period to be considered to remain on the committee.

To register interest in a committee, click on the link from the APCO International website main page.

APCO INSTITUTE NEWS

APCO Scholarships Available

The APCO International scholarship period begins March 1, with an application deadline of May 1st, with award notifications being made by July 1. Two scholarships are available to current APCO International members - the Silent Key Scholarship and the Corporate Advisory Committee Scholarship - with only one application needed to qualify for either scholarship. These scholarships can be used toward attending APCO Institute classes, the APCO Virtual College and the APCO International Conference. For more information or to download the application form visit the APCO Institute website at www.apcoinstitute.org and select "Forms and Information" tab.

APCO CALENDAR UPDATES

Please keep APCO HQ informed of your meetings, training and other activities by posting them to the APCO on-line calendar. Please send updates to Ann Russo at russoa@apco911.org

Until next month, stay safe and plan now to attend the 2007 Annual Conference in Baltimore.