

February 2006 APCO Minutes

February 10, 2006 at Denver Police Department – District 3 Station

The APCO Meeting on 02/10/06 was held at the Denver Police Department District 3 Station in Denver, CO at University and I-25.

First Vice-president Cindy Cline brought the meeting to order at 10:15 hrs. There were 17 members in attendance.

Secretary - Doug Andrew

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

Treasurer - Doug Andrew

There is currently \$38,030.69 in both accounts. This amount does not include the check to be written to NENA for their half due from 2005 Forum Show in the amount of \$2,454.68. The treasurer's report was also approved as read.

Executive Council – Jim Bradley

Jim had just returned from the annual Executive Council Meeting in Orlando, FL on January 28th and 29th, 2006. Dues will now increase at the same rate as the Consumer Price Index and this was voted upon last year. Dues will increase to \$64 per year. The next mid-year Executive Council meeting will be in Jacksonville, 2008 will be back in Orlando. VOIP training was very good at this year's meeting. Reno, NV was selected for the 2013 Conference. Reno beat out Salt Lake City and Long Beach. Richard Mirgon was sworn in as the 2nd Vice President. Dianna Borasch stepped down several years ago and Rich will be the last board member to serve an 18-month term. APCO Int'l is financially better than they were last year, this due to the success of the Denver Conference. Denver brought in \$500,000 more than Montreal. Membership is up and there are approximately 17,500 members as of January 26th, 2006. Hard date for 700 MHz re-banding is 2/17/09, and is currently held up in Senate budget bill. APCO cast the lone vote against a statewide standard for phase 2 regulation. APCO wanted a local standard but the Network Reliability Interoperability Council (NRIC) refused. There have been 18 people that have been interviewed by phone, for executive director and there will possibly be 4-6 people that will get a face-to-face interview. A note to the Colorado chapter, the council was wondering why Colorado has not bid on a future Western Regional Conference. This can be discussed in a future chapter meeting.

Frequency Advisors Report – Dennis Kavales

Dennis discussed that there were several applications reviewed and all were approved. Some of the applications would include Grant County, Larimer County, South Ute Indian Reservation, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, and Hinsdale County Sheriff's Office.

Old Business

The website issue was brought up by Cindy Cline. She wanted to know if anyone had made any interest in taking over the APCO website. Kristen Vondra agreed to take this assignment. This decision was approved by the members.

Second, Cindy Cline has received a thank you from the four families that the Colorado chapter adopted from 911 Cares.

Third, the National Telecommunicator's Week is coming up in April. The chapter needs nominations for the following: Telecommunicator, Supervisor, Communications Center, Manager, and Radio Technician of the year. Deadline for nominations will be March 20th, 2006. Please send an email to Cindy Cline at ccline5514@aol.com or mail them to Colorado APCO P.O. Box 16264, Golden, CO 80402-6005. Cindy will also send out a blanket email to all members of APCO and NENA. The membership also agreed to use Diane Russell to do the plaques, as she did a great job last year. Cindy also brought up that the Colorado Chapter will present an award to Jefferson County Explorer Post 99, for all of their help last year at the 2005 APCO Conference here in Denver.

Fourth, the by-laws committee was brought up and was tabled until the next meeting. The by-laws committee members are John Kyler, Alan Armitage, and Carl Stephens.

Fifth, was a discussion about the membership committee. Cindy is asking for any ideas on how we can retain members. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Sixth, was a quick overview on the Colorado State Conference by Heather McCarthy. She has spoken to Kathy Imel and the deadline for RFP's for the conference building is February 20th, 2006. The top four RFP's will be brought to the committee for review. Heather also mentioned that the committee needs one more person. If anyone is interested, please send an email of interest to Heather at hamztoy911@comcast.net.

Seventh, were ideas on training for 2006. Cindy mentioned that she had found classes from First Contact 911. They have many classes, but she thought that maybe they could present a class on Incident Command Dispatch. Cindy will see how much it will cost and maybe bring them on the April 13th quarterly meeting. Cindy Cline is the only member on the training committee and asked if anyone was interested in helping her, to send an email of interest to ccline5514@aol.com.

Last was brought up by Heather McCarthy. The Microphone deadline is Monday February 13th, 2006. The current rates are \$25 for business card size, \$50 for half page and \$100 for full page. It was brought up that the chapter should check into prices of getting color print for the newsletter. She also brought up that we should consider sending the Microphone as an email in HTML or PDF form. IT was agreed to ask some questions in the next Microphone on what the chapter feels about this and other subjects pertaining to the Colorado Chapter.

New Business

Cindy Cline brought up that the Nominating Committee will be chaired by Kristen Vondra. Send all nominations for the awards for Telecommunicators Week to Kristen at her new email address of vndkrs1@msn.com.

Cindy Cline APCO 1st Vice President and Jaci Marie Louise NENA Colorado President both swore a person into their official office in their individual chapters. Cindy swore in Chris Benson as 2nd Vice President for APCO and Jaci Marie swore in Faith Mendoza as 2nd Vice President for NENA.

NENA Minutes and Meeting – Jaci Marie Louise – NENA Chapter President

Jaci Marie Louise discussed that NENA has 7,000 members nationwide. Their membership dispatcher rates are \$60 per year. She then mentioned that the NENA 911 goes to Washington Luncheon will be the first week of March, but the official date have not been set yet. She also mentioned that NENA National Conference would be in Pittsburg, PA this year. She also reminded anyone that has anything “funny that happened at their communications center,” should be forwarded to Jaci, as she is working on the annual “Howler Award” for the upcoming conference. Jaci also reminded everyone that NENA would be asking for 911 Hero Award nominations for the upcoming 2006 Conference in October. Finally, Jaci reminded us that NENA is putting together a Statewide Public Education Announcement and will have more details in upcoming meetings.

Quarterly Training – Peer Support for Dispatchers

Brian McGlawn from Denver Police Department Communications Center gave a 40-minute presentation on Civilian Peer Support and the reasons that every department should have some type of support. It was a great presentation and thanks again Brian for taking the time to show us more about who and what the group does for dispatchers.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:00 hrs.