

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership numbers for December are:

Active 8300

Member 3871

Commercial 1524

TOTAL 13,695

Total amount of members that have not renewed as of today = **3,748**

Chapters are urged to make an effort to welcome new members to their chapter and remind all current members to renew early as they receive their membership notices

APCO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS

The membership renewal process has been underway since October, and 3,748 members remain to renew membership.

In January, 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 December. 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 Announced***

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.

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 in 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.

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