

# **LOUISIANA APCO CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**

**January 10, 2019**

**Baton Rouge Marriott**

**Baton Rouge, LA**

President Tammy Armand called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees.

## **Minutes**

On a motion by Debra Hopkins, seconded by Dennis Darouse, the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

## **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Bill Vincent reported that there are currently 504 members of our chapter, and that one year prior it was 512.

Mr. Vincent reported that the chapter's two certificates of deposit have current values of \$20, 839.88 and \$25, 952.13. Regarding the checking accounts, he reported on the revenue and expenditures that have occurred since the prior chapter meeting resulting in a balance of \$34,207.26.

On a motion by Dennis Darouse, seconded by Sean Spansel, the Secretary/Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

## **Association Executive Council Representative's Report**

Jack Varnado reminded the members that the APCO International Conference will be held on August 11-14, 2019 in Baltimore. Flash day is April 1<sup>st</sup> on which discounted registrations and priority for hotels can be had, and our own Tracey Hilburn will be sworn in as President of APCO International at the end of the conference. He explained that APCO scholarships are available for members and that the details are online. He also advised the members that the various awards nomination deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Legislative Committee Report**

Tracey Hilburn gave an update on the telephone CPR law and the ongoing activities regarding Senate Resolution 161.

## **TERT Committee Report**

Tyrell Morris reported that Louisiana has been a trendsetter with its TERT Portal and that there has been national interest in duplicating it in other states. Mr. Morris said that he is finding that many prospective TERT participants, mostly with smaller agencies, are on hold because they lack basic telecommunicator certification. He also reported that he is engaging with the FBI about some kind of transferable across state lines NCIC certification. In conclusion, Mr. Morris advised that he is now on the TERT national board.

### **Symposium Committee Report**

Jack Varnado stated that the committee was looking at doing a post-conference C.T.O. course that will be free for LA APCO or LA NENA members. Only 40 students will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The number of students from the same agency will initially be limited to a maximum of 2.

### **Training Committee Report**

Jack Varnado reported that he will begin exploring having a Public Safety Telecommunicator Instructor class, probably this summer or fall, as the need for this has become clear. He said that more on this will be discussed at the next chapter meeting. That was followed by a general discussion of opening classes to students from other regions as well as opening them to other qualified instructors.

### **Technical Committee Report**

Anthony Summers reported that they are still working to try to resolve the issue with our old URL. He also reported that the website service has been renewed for another year with the same vendor, and that the fonts and layout have changed for a newer look.

### **Other Business**

President Armand reminded the members that, in accordance with the bylaws, nominations will be received by Second Vice President Steven Brignac via email ([steven.brignac@stjamessheriff.com](mailto:steven.brignac@stjamessheriff.com)) beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> and ending March 15<sup>th</sup> for the two chapter officer positions to be elected at our April 2019 meeting, which are Second Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the time of the meeting.

Tyrell Morris briefed those in attendance regarding the findings and ongoing activities related to the Orleans Parish Communication District's audit of 9-1-1 surcharge remittance in Orleans Parish. Discussion followed.

A presentation was then given by Kevin James, Assistant Deputy Director, Interoperability - Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

On behalf of the membership, Present Armand recognized and thanked Craig Lott for his many years of service to APCO upon the occasion of his upcoming retirement.

There being no further business to be conducted, upon being duly moved and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.