



Meeting held in conjunction with Ohio 9-1-1 Symposium at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy

APCO/NENA Business Meeting

- Welcome Remarks

Meeting began at 10:00am. **Kelley Davidson** and **Lin Malott** welcomed attendees to the meeting. Both thanked the Rob Jackson and the attendees for allowing the business meeting to take place during the 9-1-1 Symposium.

- Secretary & Treasurer Reports

Secretary **Michael Banks** announced that minutes were published online and in the newsletter, requested that the minutes be waived. Anne Barr made the motion to waive the minutes seconded by Jay Somerville, the motion passed with an all in favor vote.

Treasurer report, current balance for APCO Checking \$16,135.50, APCO Money Market \$29,563.04, and Gold Star Checking \$34,878.00. Anne Barr made the motion to accept the report, seconded by Patrick Brandt, motion passed with all in favor vote.

- Conference & Gold Star Award Committee Reports

Alan Fish reported only 1 nomination has been received so far. He encouraged the attendees to keep an eye on what's going on at their center and what's going on around them to find more telecommunicators worthy of being nominated. Anyone wishing to help with the Gold Star Awards or send nominations are encouraged to contact Alan Fish by email: alan.fish@westerville.org

Rose Chambers reminded attendees that the dates for the upcoming conference are April 9th thru April 12th. The theme for the conference will be "9-1-1 the REAL Superheroes". Monday night welcome reception will include a costume contest and encouraged attendees to dress up as their favorite super heroes.

There are limited rooms available for Saturday night at the Kalahari for \$199/room. Rooms for the conference will be released on March 13th, attendees need to make their reservations prior to that date to secure the reduced conference rate. Conference registration fee is \$100, the Gold Star will cost extra with the exception of Gold Star nominees and nominators. The vendor show will be on Tuesday.

Kelley Davidson reminded attendees that future chapter meetings will be held at the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency. Lunch will be provided. Kelley also announced to the audience that Ohio Chapter member, Holly Wayt was elected as the 2nd Vice President for APCO International. Matt Franke, also from the Ohio Chapter, was appointed to the Board of Directors as one of the North Central regional directors. Finally, Jay Somerville was appointed as the Executive Committee representative for the Ohio Chapter. Kelley stated we are very fortunate as a chapter to have so much representation from the Ohio Chapter.



- Awards and Scholarship Committee:

Lynne Feller introduced **Mindy Lane** as the chairperson of the committee. For the first year three \$600 scholarships will be offered. The application period will run from October 1st to November 30th. Anyone active in public safety for greater than two years are eligible for the scholarship. There will also be two random drawings for \$300 at the November and February meetings. Check the Ohio APCO website for information on the scholarships and the award process.

- Legislative Committee

Jay Somerville advised the Ohio Legislature has been inactive since May and until November. He wanted attendees to be aware of HB 110 - providing immunity for persons reporting overdoses up to two times during their lifetime. When a caller asks "Will I be arrested?" the telecommunicator must inform the caller about immunity for certain offenders up to two times. As this issue affects EVERY calltaker and dispatch center in Ohio the important take home advice is to keep it simple. Agency directors should make their staff aware the requirement only kicks in when the caller asks "Will I be arrested?" Dispatchers should be given a standardized, scripted, response to provide when asked the question that complies with the language of HB 110. Rob Jackson advised that the 2 hour in service training planned by the 9-1-1 Program Office will likely include training on HB 110.

APCO has a call to action put out to the APCO membership regarding the job classification of telecommunicators. APCO's position is that all telecommunicators are in a protected class. APCO needs help communicating this to the Department of Labor. A link for a draft letter is available on the Ohio Chapter website.

Jay Somerville congratulated Matt Franke on his appointment to the Board of Directors and Holly Wayt's successful election as APCO's 2nd Vice-President. Jay spoke on behalf of Holly advising she regrets she could not attend today. She had to attend a meeting for APCO at their headquarters in Daytona Beach, FL.

- Region 33 RPC Meeting

Bob Bill reminded attendees that the Region 33 RPC meeting will be held before lunch at today's meeting.

With no further business to attend to Patrick Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Rose Chambers. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.