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President's Message

This edition of CALLSIGN will be the last time you will be stuck reading my "President's Message" as my second term serving you and this great association will come to an end at the May meeting. Since being *drafted* in 1999 to chair the Northcentral regional conference, and my election to the officer ranks in that same year, serving this organization has been an honor. I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to acknowledge, and thank "Mom" Lynne Feller. Without her wisdom and guidance this chapter would be rudderless. It is very easy to be president when you have Lynne available at a moment's notice to help give you direction and perspective.

We have made much progress towards improving 9-1-1 in Ohio. Much work is left to do. First, congratulations to Rob Jackson on his retirement from the Highway Patrol, and on his appointment to be Ohio's first 9-1-1 Administrator. I hope each and every one of you take the time to introduce yourself to Rob when you see him at a chapter meeting, conference or other public safety event. When you do, you will see the energy, passion and drive he has to carry out the goals of the ESINet Steering Committee and ensure 9-1-1 service here in Ohio is the best in the nation. Please give him all of the support you can, as this is a total team effort.

I also want to specifically thank Rose Chambers and her conference committee team. We have almost taken for granted that each of our conferences will be a success. Rose and her team delivered an excellent conference yet again this year. Even more incredible is how easy they make it look! Their efforts are much appreciated and I applaud each and every one of you for your hard work.

To those of you that earned Gold Star Awards for 2013 and 2014, congratulations! It was my honor to read the incredible accomplishments of more than 80 telecommunications professionals who are truly making a difference in their communities every day. Thanks for all that you do! And a big thank you to Alan Fish, Gold Star Committee Chair. The hours of work behind the scenes culminated in an incredible afternoon of honoring our heroes.

I wish Kelley Davidson all the best in her term as President! I am confident that she will lead the chapter effectively and successfully through the issues we will face in the months and years to come. In the next few weeks, Kelley will be looking for people to serve on committees and to get involved with chapter activities. GET INVOLVED! My participation in APCO and the Ohio Chapter has been, by far, the best thing I have ever done to enhance my career and improve my knowledge and performance in the profession.

Thanks again for having me as your President. The honor has truly been all mine.

Until we meet next week, "keep 'em safe"!

Jay

May Chapter Events

Ohio APCO Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday – May 13th, 2015 8:30 AM

Holiday Inn, 7007 North High Street (RT23 Just south of I-270 in Worthington)

Ohio APCO/NENA Combined Chapter Business Meeting

Wednesday – May 13th, 2015 10:00 AM

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Vendor displays open at 10:00AM

Lunch at noon

Business meeting starts at 1:00 PM

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Secretary/Treasurer Report

Mike Banks, RPL
Wadsworth Police Dept.

Feb 25th, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. **Committee Meeting: APCO Executive Board**
- 10:00 a.m. **Vendor display: B&C Communications, Sound Communications, VPI, EmergiTech, General Dynamics IT, BIS Digital**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch provided by B&C Communications**
- 1:00 p.m. **Joint APCO and NENA Business Meeting**
- 2:00 p.m. **Open Networking Time**

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Pat Goldschmidt and **Jay Somerville** called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. thanking the vendors for their support of today's meeting. **Kelley Davidson** led the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary's Report:

Mike Banks advised that copies of the previous meetings minutes were available as handouts today and that copy is posted online. He asked to waive the reading of the minutes; **Matt Hannenkrath** made the motion, seconded by **Paul Mayer**. Motion carried with an all in favor vote.

Treasurer Report: **Mike Banks**: Activity in Gold Star checking picking up due to the conference, current balances: **Ohio APCO Checking: \$16083.82, APCO Money Market: \$29,039.94, Gold Star Checking: \$23,446.82.** Mike asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report, **Anne Barr** made the motion, seconded by **Kim Brandt**, motion passed with an all in favor vote.

Ohio APCO Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee represented by **Holly Wayt** (chairperson), **Lynne Feller**, and **Matt Franke**, recommends for the 2015-2016 term: President **Kelley Davidson**, 1st Vice President **Satoru Persons**, and 2nd Vice President **Lydia Frey**.

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Lynne Feller made a motion to approve the nominating committee recommendation, **Alan Fish** seconded the motion, motion passed with an all in favor vote.

Executive Council Report :

Matt Franke: APCO will be changing committee assignments at the national level to ensure continuity of membership while bringing in new members, allowing more opportunities for members to serve on committees. They are considering print vs. online only versions of Public Safety Communications magazine. Matt is interested in hearing if your agency is using the magazine for training purposes.

The APCO National Conference is being held later in August, in Washington D.C., conference info such as schedule, lodging, etc. will be out in March. Flash Day for reduced registration costs will be on April 1st. APCO is still considering setting a rotation of four cities to rotate between for conferences, with a different city every 5th year.

Joint Conference Committee:

Rose Chambers: Conference committee held this morning, conference April 12-15 at the Kalahari in Sandusky. Information is available on the APCO and NENA websites. Welcome reception is Monday evening with a DJ and photo booth. There will be a fitness challenge contest during the conference for attendees to compete for prizes based on the most physical activity, taking advantage of the size of the venue to encourage walking, etc. Vendor show is on Tuesday - we still need vendors to register booth space, members are encouraged to reach out to their vendors to show up and represent themselves at our conference. They are still looking for Bronze level sponsors. The late signup fee for vendors will be suspended through the month of March. Hotel rooms \$104/night including 4 water-park passes.

Gold Star Awards Committee:

Alan Fish - thanked his boss, **Holly Wayt**, and committee members **Thomas Paige**, **Kadey Pinkston**, **Chris Zigo** for their support with the Gold Star Awards Committee. There were 7 double gold (24), 10 solid gold, 15 GSC, and 2 gold ribbon award nominations submitted for 2014.

The Gold Star Selection committee met this morning: Solid Gold Winner - Ashland County SO Brook Massie - Double Gold - Ashland County Susan Kelly & Vickie Miller.

APCO Committee Reports:

- **SIEC: Matt Franke:** Additional time is being spent on national public safety broadband. Assessing the requirements/needs in Ohio prior to meeting with Firstnet representatives in June. A survey from Ohio Firstnet is circulating to Ohio agencies to collect point of contact information for each agency, check your emails or have your administrators check the emails for this survey.
- **700MHz/800MHz/AFC: Bob Bill:** On 800mhz, a notice of proposed rulemaking from the FCC to create interstitial offset channels in the 800 band. There will be a comment period to air concerns over this. Bob will be drafting a letter and is looking for feedback to send back to the FCC. MARCS built out their next generation platform, working on partnerships with various counties. Goal is to keep moving customers to the 7.x system from 3.5 to repurpose older 800 MHz frequencies to the new system to increase capacity.
- **RPC** - 700 MHz looking at doing a nationwide deployable frequency setup to enable deployable radios to be preprogrammed prior to going to another region
- **Commercial Advisory: Chris Zigo** thanked the vendors for their support for today's meeting.
- **Constitution and Bylaws: Jay Somerville** thanked **Lynne Feller** for her tedious work in recommending and making the changes to our governing documents.
- **Ohio ESINet update: Jay Somerville:** No announcement in reference to the State 911 administrator yet. An announcement should hopefully be made by the 1st ESInet meeting in March. PSAP Operational Standards were completed by the standards task force and have been adopted by the steering committee, as of last week have passed the Good Government in Business subcommittee. The standards should be sent to the schedulers this week to set up hearings for

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the rulemaking process. Jay urges PSAP managers to attend at least one of these rulemaking meetings. These standards will have a huge impact on Ohio PSAPs and many stakeholders/constituents will be present. Final copy (v9) is available on the ESINet steering committee website. Operating Standards will take effect two years after adoption, per the Ohio Revised Code.

Jay has fielded quite a few calls on county final plans. ORC 128.12 - HB 360 contained a clause affecting how a county final plan was changed - any change can now be voted on by the already established planning committee as opposed to achieving a majority vote of the subdivisions. Jay encourages our membership to review the final 911 plan to ensure it is current and up to date. The County Prosecutor is the sole authority for ruling on the compliance of the county plan with ORC 128, they should be familiar with the county plan and ORC 128.12 to ensure the county plan meets the requirements of the code.

Norberto Colon, Cuyahoga County, advised that they have posted a summary of legislative changes pertaining to 9-1-1 on their website.

Discussion of SMS to 9-1-1 - there are limited deployments in Ohio but regulation is being reviewed at the state level. Most counties that have adopted SMS to 9-1-1 have more problems with hangup calls than SMS calls. SMS did prove useful as a method to reply to 9-1-1 hang-ups inquiring on the nature of their call. They were seeing a better response to SMS inquiries as opposed to callbacks.

AT&T Outage: discussion on the phone outage that affected the telephone outage that affected 9-1-1 in Northeast Ohio. This outage affected more than just 9-1-1 systems and most Summit County area departments were aware a problem may occur

although it happened a lot sooner than expected. Summit County radio system was instrumental in providing point to point communication between PSAPs, hospitals, and other EOC personnel.

Location Accuracy Requirements: **Roger Hixson** - NENA Technical Director – gave a presentation covering the NENA and APCO carrier location accuracy roadmap. They are making an effort to change from plotting an X-Y location back to a civic address location, adding a Z axis for vertical reading, with quicker and more accurate location identification for 9-1-1 calls. The presentation further discussed the processes, methods, and timelines for improving 9-1-1 location accuracy from wireless devices. Cooperation between NENA/APCO memberships, the FCC, and wireless carriers is crucial to cultivate further advancements in this area.

For the Good of the Order:

Lin Malott: Thanked **Mike Banks** for the Public Safety Communications magazine article on Mary Jo Graves highlighting her efforts in organizing the Sea of Blue law enforcement support rally in Cleveland.

Jay Somerville: Ohio APCO executive committee on 1/27/15 approved to submit an application to APCO HQ to nominate past chapter president, past chapter executive council representative, and current APCO Board of Directors Northwest Region representative Holly Wayt for APCO Life Membership. If approved, Holly will be the third Life Member from the Ohio Chapter. After passing the credentials committee, the APCO quorum will have an opportunity to vote for Holly's Life Membership status at the August national conference.

50/50 Drawing Winner: **Matt Franke** \$112

Jay Somerville made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pat Goldschmidt, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



THANKS!

Both Ohio APCO and NENA Chapters want to express our gratitude to the following exhibitors for sponsoring the February meeting:

- VPI, Voice Print International**
- Sound Communications**
- EmergiTech**
- General Dynamics IT**

The February lunch was provided by:

B&C Communications

For the May meeting we thank the following vendors:

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Sponsor Needed

Exhibitors:

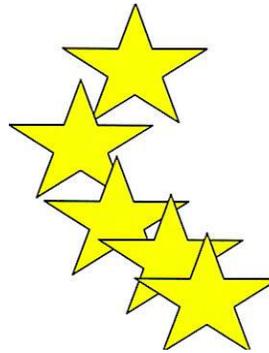
- Future Technologies Venture, LLC**
- Sound Communications**
- Motorola Emergency CallWorks**

The Chapters thank you all for supporting Ohio APCO and NENA

Any vendor wishing to participate at future meetings should contact Chris Zigo at

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for vendor/exhibit signup at \$100 or sponsoring lunch at \$1,200 includes speaking opportunity and exhibiting.



**OHIO
GOLD
STAR
AWARDS
PROGRAM**

Congratulations

**2014-Telecommunicator of
the year**

Brooke Massie

Ashland County Sheriff's Office

2014-Team Award

Susan Kelly/Vickie Miller

Ashland County Sheriff's Office