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President's Message

This year is speeding by, and we're already beginning September! As the new Ohio APCO president, it is truly a pleasure and an honor to write my first message for the Ohio APCO newsletter. As with any new position, I have been in the process of learning from the excellent leadership before me as well as current leadership with APCO. I would like to thank **Jay Somerville** for his outstanding leadership as president of this chapter, and for his continued contribution to this profession. I would bet that most of you reading this have met Jay, worked with him on a committee, attended a meeting led by him, been trained by him in a class, read an article or letter penned by him, or in some way been positively impacted by his leadership and knowledge. His dedication to public safety communications is remarkable, and something we all depend upon and are thankful for - I look forward to the opportunity to continue working with him on initiatives that will benefit this membership and our profession.

As one of the many Telecommunicators trained by Mr. Somerville, I began working within this industry in March, 1991 when I started on relief shift as a Police & Fire Dispatcher. I had a lot to learn then too. After almost 25 years I realize that although the tools are different, the people 'behind the mic' are still committed, hard-working, caring professionals that above all, want to keep responders safe while providing excellent service to those who need our help. This is never an easy task, and something that often comes with sacrifice of, among many things, sleep, personal time, and/or peace of mind. As we work through challenges and toward the advancements available to us, one thing that remains constant is the dedication to public safety and the heart with which communications professionals do their jobs every day.

I hope you'll be able to attend our joint Ohio APCO/NENA quarterly chapter meeting this month (September 9th @ Worthington Holiday Inn) for an update on the most recent accomplishments, as well as news from the recent conference in D.C., and updates from around the state. Thank you for the opportunity to work with and for all of you through Ohio APCO!

Kelley Davidson

September Chapter Events

Ohio APCO Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday – Sep. 9th, 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 – Sept. 9th, 2015 10:00 AM

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

Vendor displays open at 10:00AM

Lunch at noon

Business meeting starts at 1:00 PM

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Commercial Advisory Committee

Chris Zigo
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Training

Patrick Goldschmidt
Shelby Co. Sheriff's Office



Secretary/Treasurer Report

Mike Banks, RPL
Wadsworth Police Dept.

May 13th, 2015

8:30 a.m. Committee Meeting: APCO Executive Board

10:00 a.m. Vendor display: Sound Communications, Motorola Emergency CallWorks, Future Technologies Venture, LLC

12:00 p.m. Lunch provided by Ohio APCO

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. Patrick Brandt led the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary & Treasurer Reports

Mike Banks advised that copies of the previous meeting minutes were available online and asked to waive a reading of the minutes. Holly Wayt made the motion, seconded by Paul Mayer. Motion carried with an all in favor vote.

Treasurer Report: Mike Banks - lots of Gold Star Checking activity due to the conference, taxes filed by Mockensturm and checks will be mailed out to pay them and the Ohio Attorney General Charitable Law Section this week. Current balances: **Ohio APCO Checking - \$17512.02**, **Ohio APCO Money Market - \$29043.48**, **Gold Star/Conference Checking - \$40619.31**. Mike asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Holly Wayt made the motion, seconded by Lynne Feller, motion passed with an all in favor vote.

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Ohio APCO Nominating Committee

Holly Wayt, nominating committee chair presented the slate of officers for 2015. The nomination period for Chapter Officers closed at the February meeting. With no further nominations made from the floor, **Jay Somerville** asked for a motion to commence with the election of the new board of officers for 2015/2016. Paul Mayer made the motion, seconded by Alan Fish, motion passed with an all in favor vote.

Jay Somerville administered the oath of office to President Kelley Davidson, 2nd Vice President Lydia Frey, and Secretary/Treasurer Mike Banks.

APCO Executive Council/Directors Report

Matt Franke – This year's APCO Conference will be in Washington DC August 16-19. Check out their website at <http://apco2015.org> – early bird registration and housing closes July 20th.

Two candidates are running for 2nd Vice President of APCO International, Martha Carter and JJ McFarland. Cheryl Greathouse is running unopposed for 1st Vice President. Voting will take place at the conference and online at <http://www.apcovotetoday.org> (beginning July 17th).

APCO has created a 4.9Ghz task force which will run from June 1 to August 31 to produce a white paper intended for submission to the FCC outlining current use cases and potential future uses of 4.9Ghz.

Elections will be held on bylaw changes that will be presented in an upcoming issue of Public Safety Communications Magazine. Send your thoughts on this to Matt.

Joint Conference Committee Report

Rose Chambers: Very happy to report the success of the conference in April 2015. Rose especially thanked the commercial and training committee for bringing in a wide array of exhibitors and training sessions. The conference committee will be looking for a venue for the April 2017 conference.

Gold Star Awards Committee Report

Alan Fish thought the luncheon was a great event, large crowd packed the room – thanked **Kadey Pinkston** for her assistance with the Gold Star committee, **Jay Somerville** for MC'ing the luncheon, two nominations have been received for 2015 already. If you see/hear anything about the good work of your or neighboring communications centers send it in to Alan or post it on the Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/ohiogoldstar>

APCO Committee Reports

- SIEC
 - Meets next Wednesday (5/20) 10am-12pm – National Public Safety Broadband (Firstnet) sub-committee will meet on the following Thursday (5/28). 6/11 will be the initial consultation with Firstnet in Ohio.

- 700/800 and AFC
 - Matt Franke – 700 mostly handling low power mobile requests. 700Mhz plan will need to be resubmitted to the FCC. Goal is to have them in place for the annual meeting in September. The first 4.9Ghz request was recently received. Paul Mayer – 800 mhz plan will have to be resubmitted to the FCC now that rebanding is completed.

 - 700/800Mhz RPC meeting will be held in conjunction with the Ohio APCO/NENA meeting on 9/13.

- Commercial Advisory
 - Chris Zigo thanked the vendors and commercial community for their support of the conference in April. Thanked Sound Communications, Motorola Emergency CallWorks, and Future Technologies Venture LLC for their support of today's meeting.

- Training – no report

- ESINet Steering Committee

Update – Kelley Davidson, introduced Rob Jackson, Ohio 9-1-1 Administrator conducted a presentation. OARNet will conduct a presentation at the July 9th ESINet Steering Committee. (Continued Next Page)

o Planning a PSA focusing on “Know your location when you call 9-1-1” – will provide a heads up to County 9-1-1 coordinators ahead of PSA broadcast. Looking at end for July for DHS-TAP training

- Good of the Order & Announcements

Lynne Feller reminded everybody to review the candidates for APCO 2nd VP – voting can be done online if you will not be at the conference. Candidate info will be available online and in the Public Safety Communications Magazine. Kelley Davidson thanked Jay Somerville for his leadership as the chapter president. Mercer County will hold a Free In-Service May 20th

50/50 drawing was held, Terry Hamilton, once again, wins \$60.

Adjourn Business Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jay Somerville, seconded by Matt Hannenkrath, meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

NENA TRAINING



See: WWW.NENA.ORG
For more information or course registration forms, please call NENA Headquarters at (800) 332-3911.



THANKS!

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

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

The May lunch was provided by:

Ohio APCO

For the September meeting we thank the following vendors:

Lunch Sponsor:

Motorola Emergency CallWorks

Exhibitors:

**General Dynamics Information Tech.
Sundance Systems
Zuercher Technologies
Western Reserve Technologies
Xybix**

The Chapters thank you all for supporting Ohio APCO and NENA

Any vendor wishing to participate at future meetings should contact Chris Zigo at Chris.Zigo@motorolasolutions.com for vendor/exhibit signup at \$100 or sponsoring lunch at \$1,200 includes speaking opportunity and exhibiting.

Executive Council Report

Matt Franke

Butler County Sheriff's Office

The following are some of the highlights and important issues from the annual conference. We had a contested race for Second Vice President and several quorum issues for the membership meeting. I attended the annual Executive Council meeting prior to the conference.

Martha Carter, from the Louisiana Chapter and current Gulf Coast Representative on the Board of Directors, was elected as Second Vice President. Martha was supported on an individual basis by your chapter officers because of her past work, past and present, and we believe she will serve APCO International well in the coming years.

Quorum Resolution #1 moved the rules regarding forming chapters from the Bylaws to the Policy Manual and clarified language authorizing the Executive Council to make changes. The need for this change became apparent last year when the Caribbean Chapter was formed. It gives oversight to the Executive Council which consists of chapter representatives. It was recommended by the Board of Directors and the Executive Council and passed by the Membership Quorum.

Quorum Resolution #2 expanded eligibility for election to the Board of Directors to those who have left Executive Council within the previous two years. This change accommodates the various ways that Chapters select their Executive Council Representatives which do not always coincide with Board election timetable. It was recommended by the Board of Directors and recommended with amendment by the Executive Council and passed as amended by the Membership Quorum.

Quorum Resolution #3 clarifies that filling an unexpired term of one year or more constitutes a full term for purposes of term limits for members of the Board of Directors. The Bylaws limits service on the Board to two terms (four years). This change will ensure that nobody can serve more

than five years. It was recommended by the Board of Directors and recommended with amendment by the Executive Council and passed as amended by the Membership Quorum.

Quorum Resolution #4 dispensed with elections for uncontested offices meaning if there is only one candidate for First Vice President or Second Vice President, voting will be dispensed with and the sole candidate would assume the office. The belief was that, with the new requirements that a candidate must meet to run, the single candidate election became a referendum of sorts and awkward for the organization. The argument against the issue was that it removed the right of the membership to vote. It was recommended by split vote of the Board of Directors and not recommended by a split vote of the Executive Council and failed by the vote of the Membership Quorum. Your Chapter Officers were in favor of the change believing that the proposed language was better than the existing language. I supported it at the Executive Council but it became obvious through the discussion and debate on the issue that the majority of the Executive Council, and ultimately the Membership Quorum, wanted different language; no amendment was offered, however, and the issue was defeated.

This being my second annual meeting of the Executive Council, I have come to the conclusion that APCO International is still struggling with the changes of the Strategic Governance Initiative (SGI). The Ohio Chapter supported SGI through the hard work of then Executive Council Representative Lynne Feller who would become an initial member of the Board of Directors. As Chapter President during this time period, I knew there were differing opinions but I thought that everything had been worked out and our differences put behind us. While I was somewhat surprised last year that this was not necessarily the case, I realize that it is really certain individuals that are having trouble with the new roles for the Executive Council and the Board of Directors. This became clear with the proposed quorum resolutions and the accompanying discourse. I can tell you that I do see this improving and expect us to continue moving forward;

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I was impressed with the newly appointed representatives that I met this year and the election of Martha Carter which reinforces my positive outlook for the future.

Saving the best for last, I am happy to report that our own Holly Wayt was elected to her second term on the Board of Directors by the Executive Council Representatives of the North Central Region. Holly succeeded Lynne in this position and has done an excellent job representing the region and appropriately gained unanimous approval for another term. Holly, as Lynne did before her, continues to make our chapter proud as Ohio maintains its leadership role in APCO international. If that wasn't enough, Holly also received her Life Membership in APCO at the conference. Nominated by our chapter, she was awarded this well-deserved honor for her body of work serving APCO. I was proud to support her nomination at the chapter level, on the Executive Council and at the General Membership Meeting. I know I speak for the entire Ohio Chapter when I offer Holly congratulations on this special occasion.



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