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President's Message

In March, I was fortunate to be able to travel to Kansas City for a meeting of APCO chapter Presidents. For a full day, we met with International APCO President Brent Lee and others to discuss...well, APCO, of course! One of the prevalent topics was the role of the Executive Board members from each state and how they serve their chapter as a communication bridge. Spanning the business of APCO International and the state chapter business is a position of great responsibility. Without this bridge, the organization fails to meet the needs of its members, whether it be education, professional support, leadership, or others. Our Ohio representative, Matt Franke, has served as our APCO Executive Board member for several years and provides that link to the larger organization. His updates at our quarterly chapter meetings provide us with a view of the "bigger picture" of APCO. Each state chapter across the country has similarities in organization and structure, while also having unique programs that serve the needs of their own states. This President to President meeting allowed us to do some comparing and sharing of successful programs and practices in each state, some of which we are already implementing and some sparked some interest for consideration. I appreciated the opportunity to represent Ohio at this meeting, and hope to use the information and networking opportunity for our chapter's benefit.

In April, I hope that everyone was able to celebrate their Communications staff for National Telecommunicator Week! I'm always amazed at the creative ways agencies find to provide special recognition, despite budget and schedule challenges. An enormous THANK YOU to all of you who provide outstanding service to your community and emergency responders!

Hope to see you at our May 11th meeting – the last one at Holiday Inn Worthington. Please check the Ohio APCO website for future meeting locations!

May Chapter Events

Ohio APCO Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday – May 11, 2016 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 11th, 2016 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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Secretary/Treasurer Report

Mike Banks, RPL
Wadsworth Police Dept.

February 24th, 2016

10:00 a.m. Vendor display: Zetron, Sound Communications, Tyler Technologies

12:00 p.m. Lunch provided by Motorola Solutions

1:00 p.m. Joint APCO and NENA Business Meeting

2:00 p.m. Open Networking Time

APCO/NENA Business Meeting

Pat Goldschmidt and Kelly Davidson opened the meeting at 1pm with Pat leading the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary & Treasurer Reports

Alan & Jay – waived reading of minutes
APCO Checking: \$18633.18; APCO Money Market: \$29054.46; Gold Star Checking: \$35270.86
Jay and Paul accepted treasurer's report.

APCO Executive Council/Directors Report

Matt Franke – No executive council meetings held, no minutes to report. See the APCO Bulletin for updates on Project 43, TERT committee reorganization, APCO/CALEA partnership, CPE program.

Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office Update

ESINet bringing a consultant onboard to create an RFP and funding model for NG911 statewide funding initiative. PSAP operations rules: JCARR identified 5 criteria that needed to be adjusted. Rules were revised and submitted back to JCARR last Friday. Public hearing on March 28th.

Statewide 9-1-1 symposium: APCO and NENA partnering with Ohio 911 program office to hold business meeting in conjunction with the symposium. Free of charge. Educational presentations, initial agreement with Don Tiebieri and Maria's Message program to conduct a presentation directed at the audience.

The state fair booth will hand out informational and promotional materials regarding 9-1-1 in Ohio.

Two interns from OSU college of education will work over the summer developing an educational curriculum for 9-1-1 directed at elementary age students.

AG opinion on virtual PSAPs and funding, review regarding funding for counties that deploy multiple PSAPs above/beyond the max PSAPs per county law.

Joint Conference Committee Update

April 9th-12 2017 – Looking for class suggestions and a keynote speaker, will be held at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Sandusky.

Gold Star Awards Committee Report

Alan Fish: Received 41 total nominations for 2015 for 83 total people. This far exceeds the 99 people recognized over the previous two year period. 11 solid gold nominees (get a list from Alan): Deputy John Knecht - Ottawa County SO
19 Double Gold nominees: Mansfield Division of Police awarded
Nominations are open for 2016 - awards will be given at the 2017 joint conference

APCO Committee Reports

● Frequency Advisory

Bob Bill: Filed amendment to 700Mhz frequency plan as mandated by the FCC covering how they would handle 24 former reserve channels and new air-ground channels. Consulted technical subcommittee to add frequencies into the plan creating extra vehicular repeater frequencies and more frequencies in the general pool to be used around the state.

FCC contacted Bill on Feb. 9th – as of the 10th the plan would be posted for 30 day comment period and has been tentatively approved if no objections are received.

New VHF vehicular repeater frequencies are available. Frequency coordinators are accepting applications in the 173Mhz range.

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- **Commercial Advisory**

Chris Zigo thanked our lunch sponsor, Motorola Solutions, and the exhibitors for today's meeting. Chris has retired from Motorola and Ohio APCO is looking for a new commercial advisory representative. The goal is to fill the position by the end of the year.

- **Training**

Mercer County FREE in-service May 18th

- **Awards and Scholarship**

Lynne Feller: Have met several times and conducted research on how other chapters are administering their scholarship programs. A survey/spreadsheet was handed out at the meeting seeking input from chapter members on what Ohio APCO's scholarship program should look like.

Requested a budgetary figure and mechanism to fund the scholarship program. [Ohio APCO would dedicate 25% of membership dues to the scholarship fund based on the last year's dues received.] Goal to gather research, establish the criteria, and award scholarships during 2016.

Establish a database of member activity within Ohio APCO and APCO International in order to track who is participating in the chapter and nationally to track their contributions to our association for future chapter and national member recognition (Life memberships, Honorary Memberships, etc.)

- **Legislative**

- **HB 277**

Offered by Rep. Brenner (Delaware) – Delaware County has a 9-1-1 levy that has only taxed the real property within the boundaries of their service area. Dublin, Columbus, and Westerville have territory within DelCo and they have not collected from these areas. When DelCo recertified the levy the prosecutor discovered that area contiguous within county boundaries and cannot exclude the cities covered by other 9-1-1 systems.

Would allow counties to exclude areas not served by that county's 9-1-1 system, it would not require them to exclude, but would per miss them to do so.

Bill is on the house floor, no companion bill in the senate yet. Jay is seeking input from the membership on this bill. One potential issue: If a county chooses to exclude an area they don't serve, he cannot see anything in the law or the bill to allow another county to bill into an adjacent county. Will bring this up with the sponsor of the companion legislation when identified for their consideration.

HB 407 – Rep. Boyce and Grossman – started as mandatory body camera bill for LEO's. Revised and introduced and moved to committee as a bill requiring agencies that use cameras to have a policy, make it public, etc.

Concern over public records requests, retention of data, eliminating operational discretion as allowed by the Sunshine Laws.

Approached with Rep. Greta Johnson wanting to meet with us in regard to a bill called "Carrie's Law" plan on meeting March 7th to hear her ideas and where she wants to go with this. Has to deal with MLTS, require that 9-1-1 would connect to a PSAP without having to dial "9" first. Also requires notification that a 9-1-1 call has been made to a central location on site. Wanting to add language regarding MTLTS systems identifying themselves and their actual locations.

- **ESINet Steering Committee:**

Ohio Fire Chief's Association wish to appoint a new member to the PSAP operations subcommittee. Asst Chief Mike Grossman from MECC. Rep. Tony Berkely (?) was appointed to take the house republican slot on the ESINet steering committee

- **Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board**

APCO was asked to make a brief presentation at this board meeting in January. Urged members to familiarize themselves with this group (available online). Venturing into the area of settings standards for law enforcement agencies in Ohio. Concern from dispatcher communication issues surrounding the Tamir Rice shooting.

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They are interested in dispatching standards in Ohio and asked questions about this.

They voted unanimously to work on dispatching standards in Ohio. Asked for a presentation giving more detail on training standards for their April 18th meeting to review existing standards, proposed PSAP rules, available training, and national standards.

Jay will be building a group to meticulously work on gathering info on standards, policies, and training that affect our industry. When asked we would welcome standards as we consider this a profession. We are 100% behind the idea of standards, we are not in favor of mandates where we are told what our policies will be at our local PSAPs, how we operate, what questions will be asked and how the responses will be documented. Ideal standards would be similar to CALEA standards which tell you what you should achieve, but not how you should achieve it.

Implore members to educate your CEO about the collaborative, how it will affect them at the local agency level. Ohio APCO wants this done right, and we want to raise the bar, and if this can help us do it, we will do it.

Jay encouraged members, if available, to attend the April 18th meeting. The meeting is a minimum of 3 hours and plan on it going through lunch.

Jay thanked and acknowledged the crew from NRECC for putting together a group of dispatchers to help out Knox County on January 23rd for Officer Cottrell's funeral. NRECC provided an IDT response to take over their communications and allowed all of their dispatchers to attend this funeral. Jay reminded that we all need to work on our contingency plans if such an incident occurred.

- **Ohio APCO Nominating Committee**

Jay Somerville **nominating committee unanimously recommended the slate of candidates for the May meeting.....**

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Banks

Sartoru opened the floor for nominations – Paul moved to close, rose seconded. All in favor accepted

Good of the Order Announcements

Holly Wayt has lost her mind. Submitted her name to run for 2nd VP and has been approved by APCO credentials committee. She is running unopposed but is asking for our support. Has been active since 1995, thanked Lynne Feller for her support as she has mentored her through the years. Concerned about the future of communications in our industry.

Lynne Feller: Terry Hamilton is not here as he has been appointed to the board of governors for Shriners Children's Hospital. Very proud of Terry for his accomplishment as Shriners has been near and dear to his heart.

Would like quorum to ask Ohio APCO board to consider campaign fund donation from the Ohio Chapter in support of Holly Wayt. Travel, conference handouts, etc. Lynne/Rose motion passed with all in favor vote.

50/50 Drawing: \$77 to Anne Barr \$78 to gold star fund

Jay Somerville made the motion, seconded by Patrick Goldschmidt to adjourn the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30p.m.



NENA TRAINING

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ters at (800) 332-3911.***

Photos are from the meeting of APCO chapter presidents which took place in Kansas City.
Photos courtesy of Kelley Davidson



THANKS!

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

**Tyler Technologies
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Zetron**

The February lunch was provided by:

Motorola Solutions

For the May meeting we thank the following vendors:

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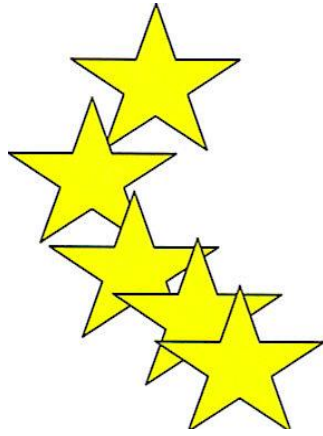
Stephen Campbell & Assoc, Inc.

Exhibitors:

**SunGard Public Sector
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The Chapters thank you all for supporting Ohio APCO and NENA

Any vendor wishing to participate at future meetings should contact Chris Zigo at cjzgo14@gmail.com for vendor/exhibit signup at \$100 or sponsoring lunch at \$1,200. Includes speaking opportunity and exhibiting.



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