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President's Message By OHIO APCO President Johnna Sells

I cannot believe how fast two years can go! I have been absolutely honored to serve as your President and I hope I have shown that to you all through my work and communications. I know that Cheryl will keep things moving forward, and she is ready to hit the ground running.

We have stood up our TERT team through the leadership of some of your amazing members who have shared a vision for a long time. We have continued to work with our local reps to develop HB 445 and now SB 50 so that we can finally bring NG911 to Ohio. The Compassionate Care Committee has begun providing support and resources for Communications Centers who have been through some of the worse days. There is still so much work to do! I plan on still staying active and keeping the fight going for reclassification and doing all I can to bring attention to the work that you all do each and every day. I am one of those weird people who loves what they do- and part of that is because of all of you and your dedication.

Once again, I thank you for your trust and support – I have found so much joy in serving you all.

Johnna

May Chapter Events

Ohio APCO/Ohio NENA Combined Membership Meeting

Wednesday May 17th, 2023
4200 Surface Rd., Columbus, OH. 43228
1000-1100 Ohio APCO/NENA Joint Meeting
1100-1200 Lunch/Networking
1200 Dispatcher Information
Liaison (ILO) Training
Register at www.ohioapco.org

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**Secretary/Treasurer Report
February 15th, 2023**

Welcome Remarks – Steve Shaner & Johnna Gonzalez Sells

The meeting began at 10:02 am with Ohio NENA President Steve Shaner and Ohio APCO President Johnna Gonzalez Sells welcoming attendees. Matt Franke led meeting attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joint Conference Committee Report - Rose Chambers

The 2023 Min-Conference will be held September 6-7 at the Doubletree on Hutchinson Ave. Class all day long on Thursday, hoping to get Ricardo Martinez as a speaker, and lunch will be provided, afternoon a cocktail hour with vendors, dinner on your own. Next morning will be a legislative update with the Gold Star Luncheon at noon. The fees will be \$75 for the conference only, \$30 for Gold Star only, or \$100 for both.

Gold Star Committee Report – Brian MacMurdo

Nominations were due by January 31st but have been extended to March 31st for 2022 nominees. The link is on the Ohio APCO and NENA websites.

Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office Update – Rob Jackson

Continuing education announcement coming out shortly, CISA will be doing a 2-hour cyber-security webinar - will be held live and recording will be made available. PSAPs have an additional 6 hours to provide for their own.

Support and compliance update; 2023 cycle started, February submissions due next Friday. For 6 hours CE requirement, please identify topic of each training and how many hours are afforded to each topic.




Thanks!
To our sponsors past, present and future.

For sponsorship opportunities at future meetings, please contact Norberto Colon.

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Wireless Government Assistance Fund reconciliation forms will be going out soon and they would appreciate getting those turned back in by the deadline to aid in compliance reporting requirements.

FCC and National 911 office surveys will also be coming out shortly. 911 Program Office will answer what they can in their office, additional questions will be sent out to the counties to answer. Deadlines are set so that there is adequate time to compile and submit reports back to the Federal 9-1-1 Program Office.

NexGen 9-1-1 funding:

Governor DeWine proposed executive budget includes funding for initial build out and support of NG 911 in Ohio. SB 50 was introduced recently in the State Senate. Sen. Wilson and Sen. Smith are the co-sponsors. The process for public hearings

will begin soon. If SB 50 passed today, it would take 90 days to become law and 6 months for taxation to start collection and get funding in. If the governor's budget passes, we can start July 1st at beginning of fiscal year. If the legislature approves DeWine's' budget there is funding for NG 911 to start July 1st, it also provides funding for initial buildout and non-recurring costs. The process to approve distribution is up to the ESInet steering committee to determine. SB 50 is separate to address long term and sustainable funding. Next opportunity to hear from legislators would be at the February 27th ESInet steering committee meeting.

Ohio MARCS – Rick Schmahl

The governor's budget proposal also talked about the elimination of MARCS subscriber fees, there is very little information on how this will affect tiered partners, there's a lot more to be determined and hashed out. More information will be coming, the MARCS steering committee has been re-established quarterly meetings to help navigate this process. Rick will be retiring after 43 years of public service on March 30th, it was a pleasure serving Ohio's first responder community.

Jim Sullivan - several projects ongoing, Defiance County building tower in Hicksville, Portage County has 3 towers, MARCS supplying gear, Champagne County looking to add tower, in addition to Scioto and Trumbull counties.

Committee Updates • APCO Committee Updates:

- Nominating Committee – Kelley Davidson

The nominating committee has received Erica Walsh for the position of the 2nd Vice President of Ohio APCO. A vote will occur at the next chapter meeting.

- Secretary/Treasurer – Mike Banks

The November 2022 chapter meeting minutes were distributed online, and copies are available for meeting attendees. Cody

Post made the motion to waive the reading of meeting minutes, seconded by Erica Walsh, motion passed with all in favor.

Copies of the treasury report were available at the meeting and disseminated at the meeting. Chapter Treasury report, Ohio APCO Checking balance: \$22,008.62; Ohio APCO Money Market balance: \$76,242.91; Ohio Gold Star and Conference Checking: \$20,711.32. Lydia Frey made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Adrienne Scheffer, the motion passed with all in favor.

- Frequency Advisory Committee – Bob Bill

FCC issued a new order regarding 4.9 Ghz band, it hasn't been highly used throughout the country. They're trying to encourage wider use of this band. They will open the band up for some non-public safety to be determined by new coordination procedures. Under this plan public safety would have priority and preemption if it is opened up for other users. This band is probably used more in Ohio than some of the other states. Some counties it for point-to-point links between tower sites and dispatch and video use. If you have any 4.9 Ghz use in your county, please monitor this issue for further developments. Bob requested that attendees check all their licenses to make sure that they have up to date contact information for their licenses. If you do have licenses up for renewal that aren't being utilized anymore those should be canceled to open the spectrum for other users around the state.

- Executive Council and Legislative – Matt Franke & Jay Somerville

Jay Somerville – the board of directors and executive committee met January 13th through 15th at the APCO Headquarters. Director Derek Poarch announced his intention to retire effective in August 2024. Director Poarch's contributions to APCO have been invaluable, he's been an incredible Executive Director who will be difficult to replace. The search is

on already, 4 past national presidents have been appointed to the search committee. Holy Wayt, Cheryl Greathouse, Margie Moulin, and Martha Carter. There will be one board of directors' representative from each region on the search committee, Mike O'Connor will handle that task for the north central region.

Matt Franke (Ohio Chapter), Maureen Will (Atlantic Chapter), and Mark Spross (Oregon Chapter) have announced candidacy for APCO International President. Per the APCO Policy manual, to be elected 2nd VP you must receive simple majority of the vote. Consulting Roberts Rules of Orders, to win a 3-way election it's been determined that a simple majority must earn 50% of the vote plus 1. It's extremely critical that every chapter member casts a vote. If nobody of the 3 candidates gets the simple majority, there will be a vote taken of the quorum at the national conference business meeting. Mr. Somerville encouraged every chapter member at the conference to show up to vote at the business meeting, which will be critical to Mr. Franke's effort to be elected 2nd Vice-President.

There are 2 quorum resolutions. First, when you enter a business session you are certified the sergeant at arms as a voting member. The sergeant at arms is typically filled by past APCO international past presidents but there have been less in attendance in recent meetings. The resolution will allow the current president will be able to deputize other APCO members to serve in this capacity.

The other resolution is to create a new membership classification of Student Educator. This would allow educators providing APCO Institute education that are not otherwise affiliated with a public safety organization the opportunity to utilize other APCO member resources.

The State of APCO is very strong with 45,000 members. The Board of Directors approved the capital improvements budget. This will allow the association to replace the association management software platform. They will seek a consultant to find a product that can tie both the association membership and APCO institute student information into one system. This has been something membership has been requesting for quite some time.

The National conference is in Nashville at the Music City Convention Center. Flash Day for registration is set for April 13th. Be sure to take advantage of discounts being offered by registering on Flash Day.

- Legislative – Matt Franke

HB 445 didn't make it through the legislature before the session ended. SB 50 is now out and referred to Financial Institutions and Technology committee which is chaired by Senator Wilson who is co-sponsor and sits on the ESInet Steering Committee. Sen Smith is also a co-sponsor and ranking member on the committee. We have the support of the Governor's office which will no doubt help keep the legislative effort for NG 911 in Ohio on track. There are a few items in SB 50 that needs to be addressed, such as the proposed surcharge is listed as \$0.25/device which was considered a mistake that will be adjusted in future hearings. Mr. Franke encouraged all county coordinators to stay on top of what the costs of NG 911 implementation will be at their county, each county's needs will be different depending on their needs to address gaps in infrastructure, equipment, software, and personnel preparedness. Make sure that you can explain the difference between radio costs and 9-1-1 costs as many elected officials and leaders may confuse the impact of MARCS user fees in relation to 9-1-1 funding. Some counties

are paying for MARCS infrastructure costs in lieu of user fees or have tier partnerships with MARCS affected by the MARCS decision. Stay tuned for updates out of the legislature and from Mr. Franke and Mr. Somerville as they may need chapter members to act quickly to help support our efforts in Columbus.

- Constitution & Bylaws – Cody Post

2nd Vice-President Post introduced the following by-law amendments.

Motion to Amend the following:

Article IX Sections 1.2, 1.2.2. & 1.3

Amended statements to read.

Expenses for the designated chapter representatives shall be paid via reimbursement for rooms and airfare. Meals shall be paid at the federal per-diem from departure to the time of return or at the beginning and conclusion of Association business to be determined by the association treasurer.

By-law Amendment 1 – motion to accept: Erica Walsh seconded: Cheryl Pratt, motion passed with all in favor.

Article VIII Sections 1.1

Amended statements to read.

The Standing Committees of Ohio APCO shall be Constitution and Bylaws, Training, Awards & Scholarships, Legislative, Nominating, 9-1-1 & Communications Center Management, Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT), and Frequency Advisory, Regional Representatives & Compassionate Care.

By-law Amendment 2 – motion to accept: Mike Banks seconded: Lydia Frey, motion passed with all in favor.

Article IV Section 6.8

Amended statements to read.

The Commercial Advisor shall be two (2) persons appointed by the President with a single vote on the Chapter Executive Committee.

By-law Amendment 3 – motion to accept: Adrienne Scheffer seconded: Bob Bill, motion passed with all in favor.

- Commercial Advisory – Norberto Colon

Mr. Colon thanked the vendor community for their support of Ohio APCO and Ohio NENA this year and previous years. He would also like to echo his support for the by-law change adding another commercial advisory member to the chapter. With yearly events the timing is good to rethink the level of participation of the vendors as there will be more opportunities for sponsorship and more help will be needed to manage that. Mr. Colon intends to slowly transition out of the CCAM role and would appreciate a chance to get another vendor community member in place to help ease the transition. Mr. Colon Motorola Solutions for their sponsorship today.

- Training Committee – Lydia Frey

Training will be held after lunch today for 9-1-1/988 interoperability and then OHLEG/BCI training at 2pm. A survey will be sent out to attendees to assess their wishes for future training and gather feedback on the day's training.

Compassionate Care – Holly Lampton

Holly Lampton and Scott Brown delivering a tote of hope to Cincinnati's PSAP in response to the untimely passing of an officer.

Tom Donahue sent a letter as he couldn't be here. This quarter 10 cards were sent out, 2 totes delivered to Wyandot County and Cleveland Fire Dispatch.

They are still looking for volunteers to build and deliver totes. Reach out if you know of a center experiencing a crisis or an emergency.

- TERT Update – Cody Post

Contact Cody if you have reached out to be a member of the TERT committee and haven't heard back yet. Looking forward to creating a training plan for those that plan on being members in 2023/2024. July and October Franklin County is looking for INTD and INCM classes.

- Good of the Order and Announcements

President Sells announce that State Homeland Security will be at the next meeting for dispatchers in the Information Liaison Officer (ILO) program. Encouraged attendees to join the Ohio Public Safety Training campus online to register their accounts and get necessary clearances.

President Sells will be proudly representing Ohio at 9-1-1 Goes to Washington and will represent Ohio NENA as well as she enjoys membership in both organizations.

National committee signup for APCO is available now until April 1st. Also, APCO scholarships are available until April 15th.

Bob Bill thanked Norberto Colon for all the support he provided to our chapter and to our vendor community. Norberto was key to making sure we had access to our vendors at every chapter event and that they had access to us. Our conferences and meetings would not be as successful as they are without his help.

- Adjournment

Cheryl Pratt made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Lydia Frey. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



Keep up to date on the Ohio Gold Star Program at:

<https://www.ohionena.org/ohio-gold-star-award-program>

or contact Chairman Brian Macmurdo

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