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**President's Message**  
By OHIO APCO President  
Cheryl Pratt

**The Ohio APCO chapter held a “Mini conference” Wednesday September 6, 2023 thru Thursday September 7, 2023 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. The guest speaker on Wednesday was Ricardo Martinez host of “Within the Trenches” podcast. The two days concluded with the Goldstar Banquet honoring the 2022 Ohio Telecommunications awards.**

**Cheryl**

**November Chapter Events**  
**Ohio APCO/Ohio NENA Combined Membership Meeting**

Wednesday November 15th, 2023  
Veterans Memorial Building, 520 Conneaut Ave, Bowling Green, OH  
1000-1100 Ohio APCO/NENA Joint Meeting  
1100-1200 Lunch/Networking  
1230 BMV Investigations Training  
Register at [www.ohioapco.org](http://www.ohioapco.org)

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**Secretary/Treasurer Report  
September 6th, 2023**

The meeting began at 08:04 am at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, OH. President Pratt and Ohio NENA President Shaner welcomed attendees to the meeting.

**Secretary / Treasurers Report**

Mike Banks stated meeting minutes were posted online and copies were available in the room. Cody Post made a motion to waive reading of the minutes, seconded by Erica Walsh. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mike Banks summarized the Chapter Treasurers Report, APCO Checking balance: \$10,130.19; APCO Money Market account balance: 76,265.05; Gold Star and Conference Checking balance: \$25,805.24. Nick DiCicco made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Cody Post. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Conference Committee**

Rose Chambers, thanked the conference committee for all their help with today's conference and the membership for attending. The next full conference at the Kalahari next year will be 9/8 - 9/13. Enjoy today, have a great time.

**Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office - Patrick Brandt**

Mr. Brandt stated he's here to support and help any way he can. The NG-911 project is underway. There will roundtable tomorrow as part of the conference. They are working on identifying additional counties that will come on with the pilot project. During the third week of October we'll be going around state of Ohio to give an outline and overview of changes as a result of the changes to ORC 128 for all county coordinators and affiliated personnel.




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and future.**

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**APCO AFC - Bob Bill**

Please check with your FCC license holders (paging, siren activation, etc.), a lot of licenses are expiring around the state because the FCC is no longer sending out paper notifications. It's a real pain if your license expires, you have to start from scratch and spend money to correct things. Mr. Bill encouraged attendees to check the ULS for up to date contact information and highly recommended utilizing generic email addresses that will reach an actual person if the current point of contact retires prior to the license renewal period. Reach out to Bob if you need help searching for and updating licenses.

**Executive Council - Matt Franke**

Former Executive Council representation, regional representative for board of directors, and past chapter president Jay Somerville will be retiring tomorrow. Mr. Franke thanked Jay for his service to the

chapter and the association. Dublin PD will have an open house honoring Jay's retirement.

#### **Commercial Advisory - Mark Culbertson**

At APCO 2023 in Nashville, a last minute event was organized for an Ohio APCO night out. 30 agencies RSVP'd 40 people showed up. It was a big success, we'll be doing it again at upcoming events. This event paid for by Nice Public Safety, WSI Technologies, and Applied Digital Solutions.

#### **Training Committee - Lydia Frey**

October 11th is the Ohio Alerts Conference at OSHP Academy, registration is out there. 3 day CART training 10/24-10/26 - announcement will be going out soon. There is no cost for this training.

#### **Compassionate Care - Tom Donahue**

There were 3 deployments this quarter. We are still looking for volunteers. If you know of any centers experiencing a loss for a critical incident please let Cheryl, Johnna, or Tom know.

#### **TERT update - Cody Post**

- INCM class in October - INTD class was recently hosted,

#### **Good of the order**

- Next meeting is in Bowling Green - Veterans Park
- Who've app being used for the mini-conference and future events, looking for ways to approve in the future

Adjournment:

Patrick Brandt made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Cody Post. Meeting adjourned at 9:00a.m.



2023 Gold Star Award  
nominations will open  
on 12/1/2023 and  
close  
March 29th, 2024.

Links to nominate will  
be posted on the Ohio  
APCO and NENA  
websites as well as  
social media.

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

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