

Business Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2003

The Business meeting of the Texas Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials – International, Inc. was held during the spring conference at the Radisson, Wichita Falls. President-Elect Becky Stewart chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. President Jeff Haislet was not present due to surgery.

Introduction of the board and executive council was made. Past President Krista Roberts recognized Joe Hanna, Past President of Texas Chapter and APCO International. Mary Messamore of Kansas, serves on national committee, was also recognized.

Copies of the previous minutes were made available to members present. After a brief discussion of the minutes, a motion was made by Bill Keller to dispense with the reading of the minutes as written and seconded by Ken Yoder. The motion passed.

Treasury Report was unavailable due to audit. Report to be given at the fall conference.

**Committee Reports**

**Executive Council**

Wanda McCarley

- Council writing a policy statement on position of: tele-matic and automatic crash notification; working with telecommunication industry on this issue
- 9-1-1 funds collected must go to 9-1-1 as public at risk if used elsewhere
- Budget restructure: management system, data base availability, statistics, analysis
- Revitalization of Virtual Institute – 1<sup>st</sup> provider of Public Safety training
- Task force looking at options of bringing attorney on staff to lobby in Washington
- Regional Conference manual – realignment gone. There are four regions - Texas is in the Gulf Coast Region

**Frequency Coordination**

Ken Yoder

The first of the year the FCC issued a Report and Order setting set dates for narrowband operation. These requirements take affect six months after published in the Federal Register. Well on July 17, 2003 the order was published. This means that as of January 17, 2004 the following happens:

1. The major decisions adopted in the Order are as follows. The Order:

A. Prohibits the filing of applications for new operations using 25 kHz channels, beginning six months after publication of the Order in the Federal Register.

B. Prohibits any modification applications that expand the authorized contour of an existing station if the bandwidth for transmissions specified in the modification application is greater than 12.5 kHz, beginning six months after publication of the Order in the Federal Register.

C. Prohibits the certification of any equipment capable of operating at one voice path per 25 kHz of spectrum, i.e. equipment that includes a 25 kHz mode, beginning January 1, 2005.

D. Prohibits the manufacture and importation of any 150-174 MHz and 421-512 MHz band equipment that can operate on a 25 kHz bandwidth, beginning January 1, 2008.

E. Imposes deadlines for migration to 12.5 kHz technology for PLMRS systems operating in the 150-174 MHz and 421-512 MHz bands. The deadlines are: January 1, 2013 for non-public safety systems, and January 1, 2018 for public safety systems.

What this means in a nut shell is, that the FCC will not accept any application for wideband operations, and that if you wish to expand your system, you will not be able to exceed you present contour coverage. The FCC will not type accept any wideband equipment after January 1, 2005. In addition they prohibit the manufacture and importation of any VHF and UHF equipment operating on 25 kHz after January 1, 2008. Can you as a public safety agency remain on wideband operations? Yes, until January 1, 2018. However, you will continue to have your present equipment and operational area.

Fall conference to be held at the Four Points Sheraton Riverwalk, San Antonio, October 12 through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will be accepted.

Motion made by Keith Bickley and Ken Yoder. Meeting adjourned.