

Business Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2004

The Business meeting of the Texas Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials – International, Inc. was held during the spring conference at Sheraton Four Points, South Padre. President Becky Stewart chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Copies of the previous minutes were made available to members present. A motion was made by Ken Yoder to dispense with the reading of the minutes as written and seconded by Glenn Shoemaker. The motion passed.

Treasure report was submitted by Kim Killion. Motion made by Ken Yoder and second by Glenn Shoemaker for treasure report to be accepted. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Executive Council

Jeff Haislet

- Project Retains – To determine staffing and retention in the communications centers. Pilot survey done by the Western Coast.
- Legislation – appoint National Committee to watch coming out in order to get input from Communications. Board should appoint liaison to track and work with National
- Heritage Foundation – track history of APCO. Funded by APCO and private sources for archives. Texas should donate \$500 - \$1000 for seed money
- Silent Key – Chapters have been challenged by National to donate \$1 for each member
- Institute – Pilot program for Chapter to be training arm for APCO Instructors in order to train in their state
- Minutes of Executive Council will be posted on website
- National now has an office in Washington D.C.
- Financial good and sound

Frequency Coordination

Ken Yoder

- Met with AFC in January ref to new coordination system for FCC.
- FCC to stay on narrowband

- Audit letter from FCC – If you don't answer it by March 31,2004, the frequency is cancelled and assigned to others.

New Business

Challenge was made to be one of the first to donate to the Heritage Foundation. Carl Dolton made motion and Debra Turner second that Texas donates \$1000 seed money. Motion passed.

Silent Key Challenge made for \$575 to be sent in representing our members. Carl Dolton made the motion and Ken Yoder second. Motion passed.

James Dempsey made motion for consideration of the "George Murray Memorial Award". A plaque would be given for membership activity. Method and criteria to select winners would be written. We could ask Mrs. Murray present to present the award. Committee was formed with Ken Yoder as Chair, and Rebecca Rae, James Dempsey, and Laura Moore as committee members. Presentation could be made at the Fall Conference.

The Texas Chapter of APCO 2003 Telecommunicator of the Year is Kimberly Wheeler, San Antonio Police Department.

Plano Communications mourns the loss of a 22-year veteran dispatcher. A Cedar Park Police dispatcher is on life support.

Debbie Eskew of North Richland Hills Police Department is recognized for her hard work on the conference badges.

Keith Bickley challenges members to get a new member.

Robert Gunter advised that Homeland Security money did not go to comm. Centers. Senate Bill 1250 will allow us to apply on a PSAP level. Comm Centers need to write letters to support this. Over \$80 million earning interest daily. Contact local representatives to appropriate back so it can be given back to the local agencies.

The Fall Conference will be held in the Dallas Westin Park Central Hotel in October.

Motion was made and second by Glenn Shoemaker and Ken Yoder for meeting to adjourn.