

MINUTES

Associated Public-Safety Communications Officers, Inc.
Wyoming Chapter

May 7th, 2002

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Dan Perko, President
Bill Smith, First Vice President
Patty Bauer, Second Vice President
Alli Flores, Secretary-Treasurer
Kelly Hamilton, Chapter Web Master
Bill Gordan

President Dan Perko called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with the above members present.

I. Approve Minutes of the January 31st Meeting

Minutes from the January 31st meeting were moved by Bauer and approved by the board.

II. Treasurers Report

The treasurers report was given by Flores, who noted the chapter balance of \$7762.49 including the 700 MHz monies. Chapter dues totaled \$1347.00 with expenditures of \$184.33 for post master expenses, conference expenses, and miscellaneous items.

III. Old Business

A. A. Chapter Awards Program-Update

Gordan distributed a draft for the telecommunication employee of the year based on Montana's protocol. Bauer suggested the telecommunication and technician be given at the same time yet stressing the difference between "telecommunication of the year" and "outstanding event". Smith added that it was up to our board to establish criteria for these awards. Bauer thought we need to make sure that what is expected is clearly advertised and that this year is possibly too soon to begin with the awards. However, we could concentrate on getting the awards program in order and take the step next year at our annual state conference. It was suggested that we have one stable award but to also have other options for other things such as "outstanding event" that we are not locked into giving every year. Bauer also stressed the importance of structure so that every year we have concrete criteria and guidelines year after

year. Perko said it would be a good idea to advertise for telecommunicator and technician and not advertise for the “outstanding event” but to have those options available to us if the situation arose. This could be done simply by stating on the application “awards committee may instill a special award for recognition as they see appropriate”. Bauer said the application should also state that the winner of the award will be nominated for the national award as well and that the winner need not be an APCO member. Gordon suggested that a cover letter be sent with the application informing of all requirements. Gordon and Smith will be working on the technician of the year criteria and suggestions for what the award should be were tossed around the table.

B. B. Membership/Commercial

Perko totaled our chapter membership at 55 which is very good. Fleming is still currently working on recruiting for membership as Wyoming has not had a very good commercial membership so Fleming is going a very good job of getting APCO out to perspective commercial members.

C. C. Public Safety Mobile Communications/Project Update

Smith said the Governor sent out an email on the 13th and some of his people will be discussing the counter-terrorism effort. Smith will also be working on a plan for a communications van for major incidents as a secondary communication source after a critical incident. Perko reminded that there are still meetings to take place and the Governor continues to support public safety communications. The other issue was that it was suggested that we provide information of the issues to all the candidates for governor. Hamilton thought we should visit some of the candidates to keep the issue alive and Smith did a presentation to WAM about communications.

D. D. Website Update

Hamilton distributed a handout about the APCO website which stated that he has spoken to Terry D. Diehl who is the current coordinator for the National APCO Website. Diehl told Hamilton that APCO will very soon be contracting out the management of their website to a private organization and that they will have little control of the day-to-day operation of the website. This means that if we want to have a WY-Chapter site then we need to go outside the APCO website. Hamilton is able to set up a web page for our minutes or we could get an actual site if we found a web server which would cost about \$30 a month. Another option would be to have a link to another page for special events. Hamilton asked if he could post the minutes and update the information. Perko entertained the motion, Bauer made the motion and Gordon seconded the motion for Hamilton to set up the linkage.

New Business

A. A. Fall Conference Planning

Perko stated that due to the success of last years meeting, we should continue to use Caper as the location. Perko and Bauer will be working together for establishments and details for the fall conference including the theme. Bauer proposed the 13th or 20th of November and she will check with the hotel for openings. Smith thought it might be a good idea to have a vendor evening at the same as the ice breaker during the manager reception. Gordon suggested a critical incident presentation for dispatch and other ideas were discussed.

B. B. 700 MHz Update

Smith informed the board that there was nothing new as we are waiting for more information and then we will start finishing off the plan. Hamilton added that the US Marshals are using 900 MHz in an effort to bring everyone closer together.

C. C. National Conference

The national conference will be held August 11th-15th in Nashville TN and Perko handed out a flyer for levels of interoperability just for information.

Meeting adjourned.