
The 2022 Spring APCO business meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by President Angie Dobyns, Pottawattamie County. Chris Jasper, Muscom made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. Shanna Krogmeier, Descom seconded the motion, and the amended agenda was approved without opposition. The discussion and update from Advocacy Strategies will be moved up on the agenda and the minutes of the last meeting from Fall 2021 will be approved at the next Fall business meeting. They were not emailed out in the proper time frame to be approved now.

Nick Laning from Advocacy Strategies gave his update next. He explained that SF 2298 would come to the floor tomorrow. This is the controversial 911 legislation that authorizes local EMA to assume the duties of a joint 911 service board. Both the Iowa APCO and NENA membership has been split on supporting it. Therefore we are registered as undecided. There was some frustration and much discussion about this legislation. There have been some positive language changes and it is expected to pass. PSAPs that are run by local emergency management find this as a positive and those that don’t are against it. This cannot be accomplished without both boards being in agreement. HF 2436 has been passed by the House and the Senate and is a bill that changes the method for gathering costs and expenses on the annual PSAP expenditure report. It will now only require the reporting of direct costs. Lastly Laning highlighted a couple of other bills concerning an emergency supplies exemption for the August sales tax holiday and one that would raise the funding for the 911 Program. There will also be a slight increase in the ISICS funding through the RIIF funds. It was also noted that the APCO/NENA Day on the Hill was originally scheduled for March 16th. The decision was made to cancel it this year due to us not having a clear message to deliver and no legislation that we are strongly supportive of or against.

The next item on the agenda was the Treasurer’s report. The Treasurer’s report was presented by Treasurer Eric Nevins. Nevins presented the balances of the accounts and explained that he is using new software. The general fund for the period of calendar year 2021 began with a starting balance of $37,075.12. There were expenditures totaling $6,603.45 and revenue totaling $6,139.53 for a balance of $36,611.20. For calendar year 2022 to date there have been expenditures totaling $3,066.94 and revenue totaling $2,103.86 leaving us with a current balance of $35,648.12. The Joanne Perkins scholarship fund for calendar year 2021 started with a balance of $12,655.57 and had expenditures totaling $778.72 and revenue totaling $42.36 for a balance of $11,927.90. The Joanne Perkins scholarship fund for calendar year 2021 started with a balance of $12,655.57 and had expenditures totaling $778.72 and revenue totaling $42.36 for a balance of $11,927.90. For calendar year 2022 to date there has been revenue (interest) of $8.69 for a current calendar year balance of $11,927.90. The conference fund for the calendar year 2021 began with a balance of $20,462.34. There were expenditures totaling $29,751.96 and revenue totaling $9,825 for a balance of $535.38. For the calendar...
year 2022 to date there were expenditures totaling $3,647.06 and revenues totaling $19,508.64 for a current ending conference balance of $16,396.96. There is still a CD for $10,000 and our current assets total $64,473.12. Joe McCarville, Cedar Rapids Joint Communications made a motion to approve the financial report provided by Nevins. The motion was seconded by Shanna Krogmeier, Descom and approved unanimously.

The Executive Council report was next on the agenda. Eric Dau, Clinton County gave his report. There will be a push again for the 911 SAVES Act. All chapters continue to struggle with participation issues. They are also working on Compassionate Care Committees.

Activities & Membership – Mark Murphy, Dubuque County Communications had no report. The winners of the Spring Conference scholarships were Michelle Talley – Descom, Sarah Mefferd – Dickinson County SO, Melanie Huschka – Washington County Communications, and Marilyn Stayner – Worth County 911.

Historical – Amanda Pyle, Story County 911 advised she has been taking pictures of the conference and will forward them to Joe McCarville for Facebook. The goal is to put more up on the website.

Training – Angela Dobyns, Pottawattamie County advised that she is interested in ideas anyone may have for speakers.

Telecommunicator of the Year – Teresa Todd, Washington County Communications was absent and advised she wished to step away from being Chair of the committee. Chris Jasper, Muscom offered to take the position. Motion made by Joe McCarville, Cedar Rapids Joint Communications to approve the appointment. Eric Dau, Clinton County Communications seconded McCarville’s motion and it was approved without opposition.

Telecommunicator Training Board – Chris Jasper, Muscom advised they have only had one conference call and there was no report.

Iowa E911 Council – Cara Sorrells, Washington County Communications gave the following update:

- PSAP Leadership training was held February 23rd with 41 attendees. The training was posted online and there will be future trainings available.
- The results from the 2020 PSAP expenditure report show that 22% of funding comes from 911 surcharge. More information is available online or in the previous 911 Council minutes.
- The GeoMSAG and ALI 6.0 is currently on hold due to critical errors.
- There is $57,000 remaining in the training fund and they paid for our speaker for the conference.
- They are printing 911 activity coloring books in Spanish and English that will be available.
- They are looking for volunteers for the 34A Committee and the Baseline Knowledge committee.
- The next meeting will be April 14th, 2022, at 9 AM at the Dallas County Human Services Campus. They are available in-person, virtually, or after the fact on YouTube.

Legislative – Jason Hoffman, Carroll Communications Center had no report. It was discussed under the Advocacy Strategies discussion and update.
Corporate Advisory – Stacen Gross, Geo-Comm. Stacen reported that there are 23 vendors at the conference. There were 26 in 2019 and some of the decrease can be attributed to company mergers. It is good to be back in-person and the hotel accommodations at Prairie Meadows are always good. We need to remember to get the members in the vendor room. The more foot traffic and time spent there the better for the vendors. It makes it worth while to come here and support Iowa APCO/NENA.

Frequency Coordination – Jason Study, Pottawattamie County was absent.

Constitution and By-Laws – Shanna Krogmeier, DESCOM had no report.

Under new business was the acknowledgement of the resignation of Jordon Sanders as Co-Treasurer. Eric Nevins will continue to serve as the Chapter Treasurer. We are grateful for his willingness to serve and in the future will need to look for someone to train with Nevins for when he decides to retire again from the position.

Under discussion on the Fall 2022 Conference venue President Angela Dobyns, Pottawattamie County Communications advised they were exploring the pricing at a new venue at the Airport Holiday Inn. Chris Jasper, Muscom advised that NENA would like to explore a combined conference.

Mark Murphy, Dubuque County Communications made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bobbie Wells, Sac County 911 seconded Murphy’s motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara L. Sorrells, Iowa APCO Secretary
Washington County Communications