

Iowa Chapter of APCO Spring Business Meeting Minutes
Monday May 1st, 2023, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Airport Holiday Inn Conference Center
6111 Fleur Dr., Des Moines IA 50321

In attendance: Stacen Gross – GeoComm, Marcia DeBoer – Clinton County Communications, Angela Dobyms – Pottawattamie County Communications, Cara Sorrells – Washington County Communications, Todd Malone - SECC, Chris Jasper – Muscom, Mark Murphy – Dubuque County Communications, Shanna Krogmeier – DESCOM, Michelle Campbell – SECC, Eric Nevins – Lifetime Member (retired), Eric Dau – Clinton County Communications, Alicia Scott – Polk County SO, Amanda Pyle – Story County 911, Tony Keefe - LeeComm, Marsha Southwick – O’Brien County SO, Bobbie Wells – Sac County 911, Nick Laning – Advocacy Strategies, and Nic Briseno – Story County SO.

The 2023 Spring APCO business meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by President Alicia Scott, Polk County. Chris Jasper, Muscom made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bobbie Wells, Sac County 911 seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved without opposition. President Scott then asked for the members to review the 2022 Fall business meeting minutes from October 18th, 2022. They were not sent out in time to approve at this business meeting, but will be sent out for approval at the 2023 Fall business meeting, in addition to the meeting minutes from the 2023 Spring Conference.

Nick Laning from Advocacy Strategies gave his update next. He explained that the legislature was still in session and working on the budget and property tax reform bill. This session has seen a lot of in-fighting and national cultural war issues causing delays. There was no legislation that was detrimental to 911, so there was no need to play defense on anything. In the Governor’s reorganization bill, there is some shuffle, but HSEMD is in favor of it. Laning then asked for input from the members on how the bill tracking software was working for them.

The protected status bills in both the House and Senate did not proceed. There was push-back on the federal definition, and they need to investigate this further with other states that were successful in passing it, in addition to other agencies who do not fall into protected status. They have sponsor legislators, Representative Josh Meggers and Senator Annette Sweeney, for a future attempt. They would also like to identify the total number of dispatchers in Iowa and the number of dispatchers who are already included due to jailer duties. They will need to target state government chairs Jason Schultz from Denison and Jane Bloomingdale from Northwood. It will have to be reassigned for a chance to pass or come to a vote. They will work on a plan after this legislative session, and we will have to engage our leadership. Laning also touched on Lobby Day held on March 22nd, 2023.

EMA has a somewhat controversial 29C reform bill. It involves a change of structure to the EMA board as well as taxing authority of 35 cents per \$1,000 valuation. It is unsure if it will go or not. The Justice Systems and HSEMD funding are good, with ISICS funding up to 6.7 million from 4.3 million all from the state’s RIIF (Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund) funding.

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 them. The general fund for the period of calendar year 2022 began with a starting balance of \$36,611.20. There were expenditures totaling \$6,010.21 and revenue totaling \$5,739.27 for a balance of \$36,340.26. For calendar year 2023 to date there have been expenditures totaling \$1,145.04 and revenue totaling \$2,677.27 leaving us with a current balance of \$37,872.49. The Joanne Perkins scholarship fund for

calendar year 2022 started with a balance of \$11,919.21 and had expenditures totaling \$147.84 and revenue totaling \$45.05 for a balance of \$10,799.34. For calendar year 2023 to date there has been revenue (interest) of \$71.61 for a current calendar year balance of \$10,870.95. The conference fund for the calendar year 2022 began with a balance of \$535.38. There were expenditures totaling \$53,455.06 and revenue totaling \$58,367.61 for a balance of \$6,465.01. For the calendar year 2023 to date there were expenditures totaling \$687.50 and revenues totaling \$25,838.32 for a current ending conference balance of \$31,615.83. There is still a CD for \$10,000 and our current assets total \$98,234.53. Nevins also detailed the NENA pass through fund. The NENA fund for the calendar year 2022 started with a zero balance and had revenue totaling \$3,676.42 and expenditures of \$3,584.48 forwarded to NENA leaving a balance of \$91.94. For calendar year 2023 to date the fund began with the \$91.94 balance and has income of \$17,283.18 for a current balance of \$17,375.12. After the Spring conference the hotel bill will be divided, and the NENA portion paid out to Treasurer Amanda Pyle. Mark Murphy, Dubuque County Communications made a motion to approve the financial report provided by Nevins. The motion was seconded by Eric Dau, Clinton County Communications and approved unanimously.

The Executive Council report was next on the agenda. Eric Dau, Clinton County Communications gave his report. The National SAVES Act has been reintroduced; however, it doesn't have a lot of traction because it is combined with other stuff and that does not help. There is a drive to reach out to your Senators and Representatives. Representative Norma Torres is to let Nick Laning know if Iowa signs on. There is a meeting next week. There was also discussion on why APCO educational classes are not used more. There is not a lot of great feedback online, etc. The National conference is in Nashville this August.

Activities & Membership – Todd Malone, SECC reported that memberships were up to 493. This was due in part to group memberships. The winners of the Spring Conference scholarships were Laura Ruby, Henry County SO, Tony Keefe – LeeComm, Krista Druin and Samantha Kooiker – Sioux County SO.

Historical – Amanda Pyle, Story County 911 had nothing to report.

Training – Angela Dobyms, Pottawattamie County had no report and advised that she is still interested in ideas anyone may have for speakers. She keeps a spreadsheet to refer to for future conferences.

Telecommunicator of the Year – Chris Jasper, Muscom advised he had no report. Awards were given away this morning at the awards ceremony during breakfast.

Telecommunicator Training Board – Chris Jasper, Muscom and Angie Dobyms, Pottawattamie County Communications advised that ILEA sent out a survey in reference to the 40-hour training and they got back what they expected. The feedback was that there needs to be regional trainings held, as well as online classes, and more frequent classes. They are in a holding pattern due to the language in the Administrative Rules, and it would take legislative action to fix the code in the Administrative Rules. They have made recommendations but there is push back from the State and the Attorney General's office. The Telecommunicator Training Board is an advisory board, and the training is how they interpret it at ILEA and from the director of ILEA. The code speaks to jail and law enforcement training, but not to dispatch. The state feels that ILEA should be the only 40-hour training and it is a funding mechanism for them. The outside agencies holding their own in-house 40-hour training were given a six-month extension and they will have to resubmit that request for that agreement. Nick Laning from Advocacy Strategies has offered to assist with outreach to the Attorney General's office.

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

- Another PSAP Leadership training was held February 19th.
- Allie Bright is here at the conference and has an HSEMD booth in the vendor hall.
- Chris Maiers with CISA also has a booth and is available for questions/introductions.
- There is \$59,692 remaining in the training fund and they paid for our speaker for the conference.
- Interstate transfers with Minnesota and South Dakota are complete. Nebraska is in progress and Illinois is about 60 days out.
- This past month all 99 counties met the GIS benchmarks! The data submission deadline is moving from quarterly to monthly.
- The next meeting will be May 11th, 2023, at 9 AM at the Dallas County Human Services Campus. They are available in-person, virtually, or after the fact on YouTube.

Legislative – Michelle Campbell, SECC had no report. It was discussed under the Advocacy Strategies discussion and update.

Corporate Advisory – Stacen Gross, Geo-Comm. Stacen reported that we were down two vendors this conference. There were not as many silver sponsors. Dick Buss & Associates was able to upgrade and bring a vehicle onto the vendor floor. The accommodations here at the Airport Holiday Inn allow for that and it is a good attraction. We need to remember to get the members in the vendor hall. The more foot traffic and time spent there the better for the vendors. It makes it worthwhile to come here and support Iowa APCO/NENA.

Frequency Coordination – Nic Briseno, Story County SO had no report. He is still waiting for the official endorsement from National APCO and Eric Nevins is assisting with that.

Constitution and By-Laws – Shanna Krogmeier, DESCOM had no report. She needs a digital copy.

Joanne Perkins/Jan Visser Scholarship – Todd Malone, SECC reported that he received 5-6 applications and reported earlier on the winners. He would like to block off the rooms earlier for the next conference so that we can allow for more applications. A lot of centers did not know who they were sending in enough time to make the cut-off deadline on the application. Tony Keefe from LeeComm originally was not going to stay and need the one-night hotel accommodation but had a change of plans and will need reimbursed for the room.

Under new business was the discussion of the Advocacy Strategies contract/payment. The amount due is now \$12,000 per year and that is split between APCO and NENA. Eric Dau, Clinton County Communications made a motion to approve the APCO portion of the contract with Advocacy Strategies. Shanna Krogmeier, DESCOM seconded the motion and the motion carried with no opposition.

Lastly under new business was the update and discussion regarding the Fall 2023 Conference. After a brief discussion they will pursue continuing at the Airport Holiday Inn for Fall 2023 in October.

Mark Murphy, Dubuque County Communications made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie Dobyms, Pottawattamie County Communications seconded Murphy's motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara L. Sorrells, Iowa APCO Secretary
Washington County Communications