



Texas Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Officials International

Texas APCO Meeting Minutes

June 13th, 2024 1:04 pm

Zoom

President: Tamara Bell
President Elect: Kristi Fogleman
1st Vice President: Ayanna Hingle
2nd Vice President: Alena Brown
Treasurer: Lauren Boozer
Secretary: Amanda "Mandi" Jones
Executive Council: Greg Ballentine
CCAM 1: Shawn Barnes
CCAM 2: Pamela Faver
Immediate Past President: Shantelle Oliver

Present: Shantelle Oliver, Tamara Bell, Ayanna Hingle, Lauren Boozer, Mandi Jones, Pamela Faver

Absent: Shawn Barnes, Alena Brown

Call to Order

President Tamara Bell Oliver called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Minutes

Alena made a motion to approve June's minutes. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Conference payments are still on-going. Lauren cannot write checks, and has requested Rosemary pay the conference. There are a few things to work out before each association can be paid. The profit will roughly be \$60,000 each.

We have not received a check from the spring conference proceeds as of yet. \$70,428.49 will be TXAPCO's part of the proceeds. That's after assigning \$50,000 to spring 2025 & \$10,000 to the fall 2024



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symposium. We are also getting a check for \$1941.50 for proceeds from silent auction. That is TXAPCO's half.

Old Business

- I. Regina Cochran Update: There is no update at this time.
- II. Questionnaire Survey – Tamara checked the answers for getting to know your center. There are 4 replies currently. Tamara will send info to Mandi to send to communication committee to come up with a creative way to share that information.
- III. Tamara spoke with Shawn reference the IP Hall survey. He had not sent out a survey; he said the conference chair and co-chairs take care of it. He will be in attendance tomorrow at the joint TXAPCO/TXNENA meeting. He can be asked about the IP Hall survey tomorrow. Pam advised the two nights of reception was confusing for the vendors. Kristi suggested having a QR code on the back of the badges instead of the actual schedule for last minute changes to be correct.
- IV. Spring conference review – The awards luncheon was not good. The food was not correct. The service was not on par. Pam suggested charging a low attendance fee so people are committed to attend, and we have a better idea of attendance numbers.
- V. Past president description – Shantelle was looking through bylaws and policy manual. There is no responsibilities listed for the immediate past president. Tamara reached out to other presidents, and only Georgia responded so far. Shantelle advised it is in policy manual, just not in the bylaws. If we add to the bylaws, we have to put it to the membership to vote on. Shantelle recommends adding the past president description to the bylaws. The information has to be put out 30 days prior to the next general meeting which will be the fall symposium. Mandi will add it to the bylaws and will share the information.
- VI. Fall symposium – Ayanna advised call for papers went out on Monday. CVENT will most likely do the registration, so registration is not open yet. Lisa has been taking care of hotels. We will try to get a discounted rate, not hotel blocks. She has 3 hotels and is working on a fourth. Jacorey still has not had a reply from Tina Buneta. Robbie McCormick has confirmed. The board agreed that Jacorey should cease communication if Tina does not reply to his last attempt. The deadline for call for papers is August 20th. Notification will be made by August 30th.
- VII. Spring conference 2025 – Kristi is willing to mentor someone on hotels. Alena will be on the education committee. Mandi will be on the sponsor committee. NENA is not going to pay for the hotels for their winners anymore. They are going to cover their full registration for the conference. The cost will be about the same. The award announcement needs to be specific to



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the winner. We need to speak with the awards committee to make sure the winner introductions are specific to each winner and not generic.

- VIII. Leadership – Tamara wants TXAPCO to put more out there for leadership. Tamara attended a leadership summit Georgia put on. It was free, but each attendee had to pay for their own hotel. Topics that might need to be included technical, staff retention, hiring processes.

New Business

- I. Fall Symposium: Jacorey Glaude has not been able to contact Tina Buneta. The board discussed keeping the fall symposium a training focused symposium as well as if any speaker's travel would be covered. Jacorey had stated he would get a sponsor to cover \$1,000. There had been discussion in the fall symposium planning meetings to bring in Tina Buneta and Robbie McCormick. Shantelle made a motion to approve up to \$500 to an instructor to teach at the fall symposium for a minimum of 4 hours. Ayanna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- II. Joint Meeting Agenda: Send Tamara suggestions for the agenda. A rep from CVENT will attend to present the product & answer questions, and talk on pricing. Shantelle will not be able to make it.
- III. Spotlight on PSAP: Tamara will hold off on spotlighting PSAPS until she gets momentum from replies to the survey. Mandi suggested Tamara highlight her own agency to get the process started. Hopefully more agencies will join in once a few are highlighted.
- IV. Spring Conference 2025: The days reserved at the hotels don't line up correctly. The dates need to be April 4, 5, 6th, 2025. Pre-conference courses will be on the 3rd. Committee members, and board members will come in early and stay later. Tamara will reach out to Roderick for contact information for the event planner. The marketing material that was shared during the 2024 spring conference had the wrong dates. Mandi will reach out to Leticia Truex to have the dates on social media corrected.
- V. Mentor Program: Tamara would like to start a mentor program in TXAPCO. She learned of programs in other states during her president to president meeting. Tamara will speak with Alena to see if she will be interested in forming the committee. Lauren is a member of the Young Adult Committee with APCO Intl. The committee put together a white paper on mentorship. If approved, it will come out in August.



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Committee Reports

Communications, Mandi – The socials are up and running.

Membership, Mandi – Nothing new.

Education/Training, Alena – No update.

Historical, Roderick Jackson – No update.

Executive Council, Greg Ballentine - Standards reassessment is being pushed. They're trying to get members to join. 1,907 people are signed up for the conference so far. Hotels are 90 percent full. They will have a 5k run. Hoping to have exec council meeting agenda by the in-person meeting next month.

Technical – Steven Gorena sent Tamara an email referencing hardware topics IP-KVMs and Corsair/Elgato on their Streamdeck product line. He also referenced AI transcription. Reach out to him for any questions. SGorena@nct911.org

Shantelle motioned to adjourn. Mandi seconded it.
Meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm.