



Texas Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Officials International

Texas APCO Meeting Minutes

November 13th, 2024 2:33 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 via Zoom, Tamara Bell, Ayanna Hingle, Mandi Jones, Pamela Faver, Greg Ballentine, Kristi Fogleman, Alena Brown, Shawn Barnes

Not Present: Lauren Boozer

Call to Order

President Tamara Bell called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm.

Minutes

Shantelle made a motion to approve July's minutes correcting Tamara's name from Tamara Bell Oliver to Tamara Bell under the Call to Order section. Alena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shantelle motion to approve September's minutes correcting Tamara's name from Tamara Bell Oliver to Tamara Bell under the Call to Order section. Alena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Lauren emailed the treasurer's report. \$12,000 came out of the TXAPCO account and was deposited into the conference account for the fall symposium. Let's DISH in Grand Prairie made \$1,180. TXAPCO will cover the lunch expense because the registration money went through our website. If that expense goes



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over \$1,180, TXNENA and TXAPCO will split that cost. Tamara advised CVENT was double paid. Lauren will update if the funds have been returned when she gets back.

Old Business

TX Public Safety Fall Symposium Debrief – Bingo was a hit. Several attendees gave positive feedback. The lowest attended session was the ENP bootcamp, but that is a very specific session. Board members need to make sure they are out in hallways between sessions meeting the membership. Board members also need to continue to support each other while presenting.

New Business

TXPSC – We do want to do a Get to Know TXAPCO session. Shantelle will send Tamara the information from past years. Right now, there are 24 submitted sessions. We are lacking tech/GIS sessions. TXAPCO Board likes schedule 1. The board approves of the t shirt design contest. The board agrees a \$30,000 Heart of Texas Sponsorship is too high. Increase to a \$25,000 instead. Shawn and Pam agree to do away with the dedicated meeting space. They would prefer a higher quality apparel item like hoodies or sweaters over t shirts. They also want to keep the lounge area. During the conference meeting on Friday, the IP Party budget boundaries need to be discussed. We should have tables promoting future sites like APCO Intl does.

2026 Waco/Amarillo – Waco's conference center had small meeting rooms. The hotels were not very close. Amarillo had a dated conference center but the session spaces were nice with high ceilings and good lighting. The hotels were in the area, but a few were a good walking distance. There was a good option for VIP space for IPs.

CCAM Committee - Shawn would like to create a CCAM committee to discuss topics affecting the industry partners and gather their input. The committee members would not be voting members. The committee would have 10-15 members. The board agreed this was a good committee. Shawn will create a document defining the committee and email it to the board. He hopes to have members appointed before the new year.

9-1-1 Goes to Austin - Feb 2-4th 2025. The hotel is Downright Austin. There is one \$5,000 sponsor currently. There was slight increase in registration to cover food and beverage cost.

9-1-1 goes to Washington - The budget was adjusted a few years ago to make room for 2 TXAPCO board members to attend. As long as Greg is on board, his agency will send him. Tamara's agency will also send her. Kristi will go as president-elect.



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Committee Reports

Communications, Mandi – The award nominations will be open December 10 – Jan 10. The winners will be presented at the February board meeting.

Membership, Mandi – Nothing new.

Education/Training, Alena – Alena opened up the committee for new members. 4 new members joined. Holiday infographics will be sent to Mandi. They're not getting much traction on YouTube with. Youtube doesn't have much following. Is it worth to continue YouTube videos vs posts on socials? They'll evaluate.

Executive Council - Greg advised Mel Maier sent an email advising APCO's Chief Council and Director of Government Relations Jeff Cohen submitted his resignation effective yesterday. He's been with APCO for 12 years. APCO pushed out solicitation for someone to serve as the national chair for San Antonio. The deadline is Dec 13th.

ECC Spotlight – Tamara will send out a spotlight of her own center, SWRCC. Then she will send one out weekly.

Technical – Steven Gorena no update.

Greg motioned to adjourn. Shantelle seconded it.
Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.