



Texas Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Officials International

Texas APCO Meeting Minutes

December 14th, 2023 1:00 pm

Zoom

President: Shantelle Oliver
President Elect: Tamara Bell
1st Vice President: Kristi Fogleman
2nd Vice President: Ayanna Hingle
Treasurer: Lauren Boozer
Secretary: Amanda "Mandi" Jones
Executive Council: Greg Ballentin
CCAM 1: Dustin Alexander
CCAM 2: Shawn Barnes
Immediate Past President: Roderick Jackson

Present: Shantelle Oliver, Tamara Bell, Kristi Fogleman, Ayanna Hingle, Roderick Jackson, Lauren Boozer, Greg Ballentine, and Dustin Alexander

Call to Order

President Shantelle Oliver called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Minutes

Tamara made a motion to approve the November 9th meeting minutes. Tamara seconded. Greg abstained from voting (he was not present); meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Fall Symposium budget has not been finalized. Galveston budget for the most part has been finalized. Waiting on a check from TX NENA to cover expenses paid by TX APCO. Regina Cochran sent a payment for \$150 in November, nothing has been received for December thus far. Lauren cleaned up the 2024 budget and sent out to the Board for today's discussion. The board discussed the budget and made modifications. Roderick made a motion for Lauren to clean up the budget and vote for approval via email. Seconded by Tamara. Motion carried and approved.



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Old Business

Spring conference- Everything seems to be on track. Production Company 924 will be available to work with us for the conference. The price quote for the conference app will be the same as last year. The conference walk-through date changed from January 12th to February 9th. Waiting to receive contracts from Brian for registration and Calvin for audio/visual needs. We will be paying \$1,200 for the pre-conference course.

New business

Greg Ballentine, our New Executive Council had to drop off before we could officially welcome him back to the Board.

Award Committee – January 1 – 31 is the window that will be available for nomination submissions. The committee will grade the nominations for two weeks. Recommendations will be provided to the board and then awards will be ordered.

Committee Reports

Communications: (provided via email) The Communications committee is ending the year strong. All social media platforms are up and running well & engagement is “ok”. We’ll be focusing on the spring conference in the next few months. Our biggest part, aside from sharing what Tish puts out, will be our APCO awards. Notification went out yesterday via PSConnect for volunteers for the awards committee. We already have a handful of volunteers. Our IT guy – Jermaine- is working on a plan to have the ability to submit nominations via our website directly instead of having to print/save the form and email it back into us. Hopefully that will simplify our process a bit. Nominations will open Jan 1st and close Jan 31st. Winners should be selected by our Feb board meeting, and the awards be ordered shortly thereafter.

Training: Developed posts that will be pushing out holiday and certification related posts via the Communications Committee. Completed their first YouTube video.

Legislation: No update

Executive Council: No update

Historical: Roderick is waiting on a response from Heather on receiving the documents she has.

MOD Squad: MOD Squad has plans for virtual meet and greets. Our chair has her plate full right now with her real job, so we’re kind of waiting until after January.



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Totes of Love was deployed to Austin PD for the loss of two of their officers. Pam Frisk/TXNENA went in with TXAPCO for that deployment because that's Pam's place.

RFP (Texas Public Safety Conference): Roderick advised that he is waiting for McAllen's Convention & Visitor's Bureau to return the budget numbers to get final approval from each association's presidents.

Technical: Everything AI, it seems a lot of agencies are starting to dive in to AI whether its through participating vendors or venturing out directly with AWS. Some ongoing projects include 9-1-1 transcriptions, translations and the ability to have AI handle non-emergency calls to free up resources and tackle the staffing issues at agencies. Cloud is also a big topic still when it comes to resiliency. Places that are susceptible to weather events need the ability to move 9-1-1 services to other locations as contingency solutions become more readily available because of more cloud offerings.

Tamara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roderick seconded the motion.

President Shantelle Oliver adjourned the meeting at 2:26 pm.