



Texas Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Officials International

Texas APCO Meeting Minutes

February 13th, 2025 1:07 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: Tamara Bell, Kristi Fogelman, Ayanna Hingle, Mandi Jones, Lauren Boozer, Alena Brown, Pam Faver, Shantelle Oliver

Absent: Greg Ballentine, Shawn Barnes

Call to Order

President Tamara Bell called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Minutes

Alena made a motion to approve January's minutes. Pam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Trying to wrap up 911 Goes to Austin. The TXNENA secretary Rosemary Contreras is trying to wrap some of that up instead of Lauren. The TX Public Safety Conference acct has \$186012.86 in Wells Fargo. The Cvent site shows total revenue \$223,900. JaCorey Glaude has purchased some items. No other purchase have been made. Alena advised Tish has been asked to place orders for speaker gifts.

Old Business



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911 Goes to Austin Kristi met with Representative Trent Ashby's office about increasing the 911 fee, and HB 2115 has been filed by him. TCs were not listed in that legislation. She also spoke about dispatch centers without 911 equipment. Ideas for next time – have some sort of training during the off year during the joint meeting with legislative updates. Lunch is not necessary the second day. Many people leave and don't eat. A hotel might not be necessary. CAPCOG would let us use their facilities, & attendees could register their own hotels.

Texas Public Safety Conference Registration numbers are low right now. Last year we had a profit of \$70K. Posting the session schedule will help registration numbers. Kristi will send out the hotel cut off dates.

TXAPCO Session Send out the class info on PS Connect and have publicity send the info out in the registration emails. We'll have 3 topics ready to discuss in a roundtable type discussion. The session will be titled TXAPCO Help Us Help You.

2nd VP Shantelle will share the opening on PS Connect. The voting will happen on Balloteer. The Policy Manual has specifications.

1st time attendee social It's TXAPCO's turn to host. Bingo was a hit at the Fall Symposium and it's low cost. We still have 38 Dave & Buster cards we can use for prizes. Ayanna will make the bingo cards.

Silent Auction Kristi has 2 light pink Stanley cups, a variety of dispatch stickers, 2 crocheted dumpster fires, a bag of body sprays, candles, hand sanitizers, & adult coloring books, Everyone bring self care type items.

TX Night Out Baltimore Ayanna will be helping Alena.

Fall Symposium Tulsi Patel has sent a few proposals. She is looking into free/low cost centers. The fall event would be best attended in a central more populated part of Texas due to the spring conference being held in McAllen. Amarillo could be a good option for fall of 2026.

911 Goes to Washington Tamara and Kristi will be going.

New Business

Board Vacancies The 2nd VP position will be open. Shantelle will post on PS Connect. Greg is finishing Jeremy Hill's term as Executive Council.



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Committee Reports

Communications Mandi presented the TXAPCO award winners. The agencies will be contacted and the awards will be ordered.

Education/Training Alena advised the January meeting was cancelled due to illness. They have a meeting at end of February. They have been working on two YouTube videos. They can be posted to regular social media also. The new VP will take over the training committee. The duties are listed in the policy manual. Peer support/mentor program- Alena let them know to loop her in when needed. She sent a follow up email last night and still hasn't heard anything.

Executive Council Greg sent an email with updates to Tamara. **9-1-1 Goes to Austin** – By most measures, the event was successful. While I couldn't attend, a couple of our board members were present and should be able to provide first-hand observations. As I previously reported, the planning process was unnecessarily disjointed and one-sided. If Texas APCO wishes to continue this joint venture, I recommend collaborating beforehand to develop a written framework, such as a memorandum of understanding or an event planning manual.

APCO Awards Programs – The annual APCO Emergency Communications Center Awards and Technology Leadership Awards are accepting nominations through April 1. While our primary focus is on state awards, we may want to promote the national awards to encourage Texas representation.

APCO International Leadership Updates – Jennifer Reese has submitted her paperwork to run for APCO International Second Vice President and has been certified as eligible by the Credentials Committee. Jennifer is an Assistant Director at The Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency in Beaverton, Oregon. Following the 2025 conference, Jack Varnado will advance to President, and Stephen Martini will become Immediate Past President. Mike O'Connor is seeking to move from Second Vice President to First Vice President.

CPE Class Graduates – The latest CPE class concluded in January with 17 graduates, including two from Texas:

- Tyler Brown – Hood County Sheriff's Office



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- Danielle DeCoudreaux – North Texas Emergency Communications Center

National Conference Registration – Flash Day, the biggest discount day for conference registration, is on April 1.

Historical The board agreed to digitize what could be digitized to store information. Pictures will be taken of the items and saved.

Technical, Steven Gorena – no update from Steven.

CCAM Pam was present, but had to leave the meeting before her time to speak.

Mandi made a motion to adjourn. Shantelle seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.