



Texas Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Officials International

Texas APCO Meeting Minutes

October 8th, 2024 5:00 pm

Texas Fall Public Safety Symposium

Bryan, Texas

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, Alena Brown, Lauren Boozer, Mandi Jones, Pamela Faver, Greg Ballentine, Shantelle Oliver

Absent: Shawn Barnes

Call to Order

President Tamara Bell Oliver called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Minutes

Members and attendees were provided a copy of April 2024's meeting minutes. Brittany Burros made motion to accept the minutes. Kelle Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Lauren advised recently she has been handling the expenses from national APCO in Orlando. All of the Fall Symposium expenses have been paid. \$12,000 will need to be withdrawn from the TXAPCO account and deposited into the conference acct for items that were paid before the conference made the switch to CVENT. All the sponsorships were deposited into the TXAPCO account. No funds have been received from Regina Cochran.



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New Business

- I. Spring Conference (McAllen) – April 2nd – 6th, 2025

Committee Reports

Communications, Mandi – All socials continue to be productive. Please send ideas, trainings, memes, anything you can think of to be shared to Mandi. National APCO has the Teammates in Action program. The program information has been pushed out on our TXAPCO socials. Anyone can be recognized. The Totes of Love program continues to be successful. If you hear of an agency struggling please let any member of the TXAPCO board know. Mandi will make sure a tote gets deployed.

Membership MOD Squad, Mandi – Request to join the MOD Squad focusing on membership and development separate from social media will go out on PS Connect.

Education/Training, Alena – Need new members. Contact Alena if interested in joining. Information has gone out on proficiency certificates and licensing. A CTO Tips and Tricks video went out. Stress, health and wellness information was shared. A Leadership graphic went out on social media. Please send any ideas to Alena.

RFPs for future conferences, Kristi and the RFP team have been working on RFPs for 2026, 2027, 2028. This ensures board members of TXAPCO and TXNENA that will be in leadership roles those years have some input on the decisions. Venues are more likely to offer discounts and locked in rates if the decisions are made earlier on. Currently Denton, Waco, Dallas, and Amarillo are looking like the most cost-effective sites.

Executive Council, Greg Ballentine – APCO Intl continues to work with the Public Safety Next Generation Public Coalition on the federal funding for next generation, at least the proposal for that to be passed. There has not been any movement on that. APCO and NENA continue to represent us in those venues. Both organizations have asked both the Harris and Trump administrations to support NextGen funding. Neither have committed thus far. The FCC is reminding all licensees to update contact information with emails. Email will be how they send notifications in the future. APCO has 3 standards development committee processes open in which they're soliciting input. Please participate. The 3 are core competencies for operational factors and training for next generation technologies in the ECC, emergency communications common disposition codes for data exchange, and minimum operational



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standards for the use of TTY, TDD, or similar devices in the ECC. Call for papers for next conference is open for the next APCO national conference. The 911 Staffing Summit is in Ft Worth is Oct 22-24. There will be a 9-1-1 Goes to Austin this year. The dates have not been set yet.

CCAM, Pam Faver – National APCO is going to be Texas in 2026. We will have a future city table in 2025. Volunteers will be needed to man the table. Registration will be open to work the table before the conference. Shawn Barnes, 1st CCAM, is interested in increasing CCAM participation. Please give pam feedback about bringing other vendors to the table for membership and sponsorships.

Historical, Roderick Jackson – Roderick emailed his update to Tamara. During last month's meeting, members were assigned specific chapters to emphasize the importance of promoting the discovery and preservation of the APCO history, both at the association and chapter level, to boost engagement with the virtual museum. Roderick has been tasked with focusing on Colorado and Texas. The historical committee is working on updating the APCO historical committee primer with a deadline of March 31st, 2025. We are also planning to conduct a webinar for chapter leaders by June 15th, 2025 to review the roles and responsibilities of the chapter historian. Roderick is also looking for a location to actually store the historical artifacts. Lauren has the items currently.

Technical, Steven Gorena – Tamara read Steven's email. AI private versus public large language. The large language models are what we generally use day-to-day with chat gpt. Coal product or Gemini. These are available for public consumption and have large amounts of training data and the private large language models are kept away from the public use and are trained for specific functions within an organization, keeping their data private, and so they're going over pros and cons of having them both. In summary, private large language models offer better security control and customization, but are more expensive and resource intensive, while the public large language models provide cost effective and quick access to advanced.

New Business

Immediate Past President Description – Kelle Hall brought up discussion on an update for the description for Immediate Past President. That topic was edited off of the agenda for today's general session meeting as the topic did not come from the last general meeting.

Hurricane Relief – Tamara had reached out to Florida TERT. Colorado and Florida are working together to adopt-a-center for agencies affected by Hurricane Helene. Florida APCO's president is still waiting on contact info from North Carolina. As soon as they get contact information and a list of what is needed, she will pass that on.

Kelle Hall addressed the group in reference to a reminder of an agreement made in 2018 between TXAPCO and Florida APCO for the Tom Sorely scholarship in which a member of each state is given



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a state conference registration to the other. Shantelle advised that while Roderick was president, the board decided to let the agreement be in the past.

Kelle Hall motioned to adjourn. Ray Pharis seconded it.
Meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.