



## **Business Meeting October 23, 2019 Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 1 p.m. by President Kelle Hall.

**Minutes** from previous meeting approved with the correction on the spelling of Joe Hanna's name. Motion made for approval by Joe Hanna and seconded by Aubry Insko. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking account balance is \$125,436.88 (does not include Spring conference profits).

**Executive Council Report:** Greg shared information from the Executive Council meetings held in Baltimore during the international conference. He discussed the joint chapter initiative, which would prevent any further mergers between an APCO & NENA chapter on a state or regional level. He stated there was much discussion, some which was heated, and the final decision was a taskforce was created for further study and the topic was tabled to be addressed at a later time.

International members have increased. Online and Group Memberships are a large portion of the increase in numbers.

Nexus will be held in Washington, D.C. in May and will focus on Next Generation 9-1-1..

Baltimore venue concerns for 2025 contract. Contract was not cancelled with the city but was amended for hotel issues. Crime was an issue and not adequately addressed. Joe Hanna made a motion that Texas send a letter to APCO Executive Director Derek Poarch regarding our concern about having future conferences in Baltimore, and the motion was seconded by Charlesetta Malone. Motion passed unanimously.

Rotation cities for the APCO International conference include Baltimore, Orlando, San Antonio and Anaheim, with a fifth city being a "wildcard" and selected by the Annual Expo & Conference Committee. Atlanta has been selected as the 2028 site for the conference.

**Historical Overview:** Texas chapter is unable to locate the charter for our chapter. Research is underway, and it has been discovered that Texas was originally formed as Gulf Coast Chapter with AL, MS, and other states who we are not sure about. It is our belief that May 4, 1959 chartered as Texas chapter. Intent is to honor those who have left a legacy with our chapter and our history.

### **Proposed changes to the Bylaws:**

Resolution #1- Amend the Bylaws to separate the position of Secretary/Treasurer in two separate positions.

Resolution #2- Amend the Bylaws to include the Immediate Past President as a member of the Board of Officers.

Bylaw #3- Amend the Bylaws to change the term of office for the International Executive Council Representative to three years.

Bylaw #4- Amend the Bylaws to permit non-substantive changes to the bylaws.

Voting is done electronically on [www.balloteer.com](http://www.balloteer.com), and the election opened on September 25, 2019 and will close November 13, 2019.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Communications – Cindy Bridges

Beefing up our social media presence and updating the TX APCO website.

#### Training – Roderick Jackson

Seeking input regarding regional training across the state. Looking for host agencies with leadership, supervision, stress and active shooter topics. He is open to any other suggestions.

Members suggested various topics, which included:

- Video & text in the comm center, new technology involved;
- Legislative issues
- Raising mental health and dealing with public mental health (Charlesetta Malone suggested a few community initiatives regarding some free training, such as Mental Health First Aid).
- Drones for public safety needs (suggestion was to reach out to Genesis with Phil Burkes out of Tyler, TX);
- Successful or innovative hiring/recruiting practice training was suggested
- Liability issues.
- Incoming TNT president, Charlesetta Malone, suggested that APCO and TNT partner to identify and put together regional training for the state.

Joe Hanna suggested cross educating and helping develop what is needed that is usable with the vendors/private sector that are creating the technology. Also stressed for TX APCO to advise us of upcoming events so we can help advertise and support initiatives that advance the technological needs of our members.

#### Awards

Submissions for 2019 awards will be accepted until Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Committee will continue advertising so as many are aware and consider submitting.

#### Membership

Drive to start soon thru December. Open to any ideas for getting people invested in APCO and ways to express & educate what membership entails and gets them.

**9-1-1 Saves Act update:** Because Texas is the first state to designate public safety communications professionals as first responders, we need to help market the movement across the country. Joe Hanna suggested using legislative councils to help educate the need for this. He suggested the importance of having legislators visit a center to allow understanding about the issue. Currently tied to the National Defense Fiscal Act (HR 2500).

## **New Business:**

Frances Garcia recommended TX APCO and TX NENA join forces regarding legislative issues as our voices together are stronger.

Bill Behar suggested getting information about the state conference in the APCO newsletter. He also announced some upcoming training that Carbyne is sponsoring for PSTD. Dr. Lilly is the instructor, and it is being held at NCTCOG in Arlington.

San Antonio is the site for the 2021 APCO International conference (dates August 15-18). The CEC is looking for a conference chairperson, preferably from the Texas Chapter. Application is due by December 1, 2019 to Kim Ostin, CEC Chair.

**Motion to Adjourn** was made by Joe Hanna and seconded by Frances Garcia. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.