

Strategic Positioning

Planning for the next 6 Years

Current Executive Committee members, committee chairpersons and those running for office this year participated in a strategic positioning exercise designed to identify trends, scenarios, and actions that the chapter will encounter in the next 1-6 years. This exercise was conducted at CENCOM in Bremerton and resulted in an action plan for Washington APCO/NENA designed to guide our chapter plans for the future. This valuable exercise was facilitated by De Hicks and the end result will be a document and plan that will be used by current and future leaders of the chapter to make sure we are responding appropriately to the changing needs of our membership.

Washington State Passes 911 Modernization Bill

This session's passage of the 9-1-1 modernization bill (SB6846) was welcome news for all. To summarize: as a result of the 2010 legislative session, RCW 82.14B was modified to allow local governments to increase the local 9-1-1 excise tax rate from the current \$.50 per month, to \$.70 per month, and authorizes the collection of the same rate from interconnected voice over internet protocol service effective January 1, 2011. In addition, it requires remittance of the tax be made to the Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR) who will distribute it to counties. A modification to the each County's Code will be necessary to increase the local telephone excise tax on wireline and wireless (radio access line) subscribers from \$.50 per month to \$.70 per month; and to extend the collection and remittance of \$.70 per month from VoIP subscribers. Counties must contract with DOR for the administration and collection of the tax by October 15, 2010, and provide DOR notification of the imposition of the tax no later than 75 days before the effective date of the imposition of the tax. Should a County choose not to increase to the \$.70 local tax rate, and extend the tax to interconnected VoIP subscribers, current local revenues will be reduced as the county will no longer be eligible for State 9-1-1 assistance related to 9-1-1 network, database, operations contract and/or coordinator professional development. The state tax will also increase from \$.20 to \$.25. As a reminder, revenue from this 9-1-1 tax can only be utilized for WAC defined eligible 9-1-1 expenditures, and the WAC is being updated as a result of the passage of this bill. Kudos to our Legislative Committee and the members of the legislature who supported this needed bill.

Absentee Ballot Process Implemented

Based on the interest of the membership, the chapter developed and implemented an absentee ballot process to allow non-conference attendees to vote for chapter officers. This process will be used this year as the chapter elects a President Elect, APCO Treasurer, Secretary, and Westside Member at Large.

Members who are attending the conference in June will be able to vote for these positions as well as the bylaws revision at the chapter meeting.

As of this report, 25 members have requested absentee ballots.

2008 & 2009

Awards

APCO Life Member

09—Cory Ahrens

Telecommunicator of the Year

08-Loanne Travess, Grays Harbor Communications E9-1-1

09-Stacey Unglesby, Yakima Public Safety

Telecommunicator of the Year Exemplary Handling of a Critical Incident

08-Cenci Miner, WSP-Bremerton

09-Helen Terry, MACC

Technician of the Year-Sustained Superior Performance

08-Scott Sipe, Grays Harbor Communications E9-1-1

09-Dean Hane, MACC

Telecommunicator of the Year Team Award

08-Maria Schuh, Shan Olsen, Chris Koehler, Michele Sims, Cowlitz County 911

09-Cori Crofts, Peter Dequina, Davina Clardy, Stephanie Scott, Bob Cournoyer, Leilani Erechar, Michelle Hensley, Scott Hamal, Misty Barclay, Chey Fritch, Cammy Larivier, LESA



Chapter Services Report

Members of the Chapter Services Committee visited 3 agencies during the past year: WhatComm, Skagit County 911, and Benton County. Information about these agencies was shared in the chapter newsletter. Our membership has enjoyed these “virtual visits” to other communications centers around the state.

Two APCO/NENA sponsored training classes were held during the year. In October, the membership was invited to Kennewick for “5 Principals of Leadership”. In March, the membership gathered on the other side of the state in Poulsbo for “Turning Conflict into Productivity”. Chapter meetings and dinners were held in conjunction with both training events. 2 Scholarships were granted from the Duncan Stewart Fund for members to attend the Summer Training Conference.

We now recognize members of the chapter who are in active service. If you know of members who are serving, please notify Jackie Jones (chairperson of the chapter services committee) at jjones@rivercom911.org.

NEW MEMBERS

WA APCO/NENA HAS
63 NEW MEMBERS
SINCE JULY 1, 2009.
DO YOU KNOW OF
PEOPLE IN THE
INDUSTRY WHO AREN'T
MEMBERS?
REFER THEM!

Flowers were sent for the following:

- Cowlitz County-Laurie Masse-passing of her husband
- Seattle PD—line of duty death of Timothy Q. Brenton
- MACC Dispatch-passing of Admin Assistant Sherri Carnacho
- Memorial—Howard Fordice, Past APCO President
- LESA—line of duty death of Officers Tina Griswold, Ronald Owens, Greg Richards, and Sergeant Mark Rinninger
- CRESA-death of Firefighter Rick Streissguth while picking up antique fire engine
- CAPCOM—death of Firefighter Greg Thompson
- Pierce County Sheriff's Office-line of duty death of Deputy Kent Mundell
- Grant County Sheriff's Office-passing of Deputy John Bernard

The partnership agreement between WA APCO and WA NENA continues to be supported with the revision to the combined WA APCO/NENA By-laws. The vote will occur at our June Summer Training Conference in Wenatchee. Both remain distinct organizations with the partnership dictating the joining of the **leadership** of the 2 organizations.

Final State Chapter Conference to be held in Wenatchee Conference moves to Tri-Cities in 2011

Wenatchee, WA will host the 2010 Summer Training Conference. Registration is ongoing and training tracks look to be outstanding including full MSAG, Radio Technician, Telecommunicator, and Management Training. The opening keynote speaker will be Al Hayes (United flight 212 Captain who landed his aircraft in Sioux City, Iowa saving 185 out of the 297 on board). A chapter dinner and meeting will be held at Saint Laurent Winery the night before the conference starts.

In June, 2011, the state conference will move to Tri-Cities, WA. This new location will feature great opportunities for the membership to explore another area of our state and encourage participation in another region.

Chapter keeps members up to date on FaceBook & Twitter

Led by the interest in keeping the membership informed about the legislative committee's efforts on the 9-1-1 Modernization Bill, WA APCO/NENA is now communicating through the use of FaceBook and Twitter. As of this report, the WA APCO/NENA FaceBook site has 134 “friends” and the twitter feed