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Chapter Meeting Minutes
August 6th, 2023
APCO International Conference
Nashville, TN

CALL TO ORDER AND PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

President Katy called the meeting to order at 1305 hours and welcomed those in person and attending virtually.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were reminded to vote for the APCO International slate and that our Chapter had formally endorsed Mark Spross from Oregon for 2nd Vice President.

The WAN conference will be in Wentachee, October 17th through 20th. All were encouraged to contact their vendors and ask them to attend. The call for papers has been announced. President Katy is promoting submissions from members for inclusion in the Why & Wellness book. This book will include poetry, artwork, phrases and other expressions of why people are in this profession and how they practice self-care. The intent is to compile and present for sell prior to Telecommunicator Week and to support the Sunshine Fund.

A Chapter calendar is also being compiled. Send photos to photos@waapconena.org. There will be sponsors to help offset the costs and one will be sent to each PSAP. Individual orders will be accepted.

Please come to the ballroom at 5:30pm on Wednesday night so we can take a group photo in front of the APCO sign.

OFFICER REPORTS

Executive Council – Mary Sue Robey

Mary Sue attended her first Executive Council meeting as a member, previously had been a guest. The speaker was Johnny Crowder from Cope Notes Company. Take aways were the average amount of time for an employee to ask for mental health/coping help is 11 years. It is important that the entire management team of the organization remind employee of EAP and other resources available to them.

Mary Sue reported a change in leadership at APCO International. Derek Poarch is now CEO, and Mel Maier is Executive Director. Mel will shadow Derek for about a year and Derek will retire. The selection process included 100s of applications, to include ECC Directors.

Revenues for the Association are looking good, total assets are \$15mil. Wisconsin APCO is combining with NENA. New membership category to be voted on including students and educators to bring them in for a 1 year term to teach them and get involved in APCO. Need to have 51% to name the new executive committee and with three people running it is doubtful one candidate will get 51%. If a run-off election is needed, it will be Tuesday at the business meeting to have a hand ballot vote with the final two.

Mary Sue leads the Member Chapter Services newsletter and welcomes any submissions.

President Report – Katy Myers

Katy is approaching the end of her two-year term. She has enjoyed the time and encourages all members to get involved and be willing to step up and join committees and/or run for office.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Nominating – Jason Fritz

President Katy appointed a Nominating Committee on July 5th and it was confirmed by Executive Committee. The current membership rosters for APCO and NENA were reviewed. The offices open for election are Eastside Ambassador, Executive Council Rep, Commercial Member Rep, and Vice-President. Nominations are open through August 19th.

Engagement – Karen Crawford & Grace Meyers

They are attempting to identify a contact at each ECC to be the go-to-person who will disseminate information within their agency.

There will be a basket auction at the Fall Conference in support of the Chapter Sunshine Fund. Willing to arrange pick up and delivery. The 50/50 raffle will also be in support of the Sunshine Fund.

Engagement is sending out cards when there is a loss or LODD and will be reaching out to new members with a welcome packet to encourage involvement.

Marketing – Katy Myers

The Chapter is on Facebook, Linked In and Twitter.

PGAC – Wendy Hill

Currently watching the legislative pre-session. No major initiatives planned for this year's short session although there is a Tiger Team to address 911 funding in the 2025 session.

TERT – George Long

TERT program is back up and running. Free pre-conference class will be offered at the Fall Conference and Telecommunicators are welcome. Sign up via Moetivations.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Change – proposed changes to the bylaws were reviewed at the May 17th Chapter meeting and were sent out to members. Jason Fritz moved to adopt the new bylaw changes as presented, Dana Hanford 2nd. No discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1345 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Lora Ueland, Past-President
Chapter Secretary