

# ILLINOIS CHAPTER of APCO CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

### SECTION 1

#### NAME

- 1.1 This organization shall be known as the ILLINOIS CHAPTER, ASSOCIATION of PUBLIC-SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS-INTERNATIONAL, Inc. (APCO International, Inc.). As authorized by its charter, issued the 12th day of June 1941 by the Association of Public-Safety Officials-International, Inc. (the Association), the geographical area included within this Chapter shall be the State of Illinois.
- 1.2 Membership in the Chapter shall be open to all persons of good character who meet the membership requirements of this Constitution and Bylaws adopted pursuant thereto. Its voting privileges shall be limited to certain membership classifications, which are hereinafter specified.

### SECTION 2

#### PURPOSE

The purposes of the Corporation as stated in its Certificate of Incorporation are as follows:

- 2.1 To act as the Illinois Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. To foster the development and progress of the art of Public-Safety Communication and inter-communication and to promote through example and active effort greater cooperation in the correlation of the work and activities of the several Town, City, County, State and Federal public-safety agencies in the State of Illinois and the communication units thereof, to the end that safety of human lives, the protection of property and the general welfare of all peoples concerned may be benefited to the highest degree;
- 2.2 To aid and assist in the development of methods, systems and all other media for the rapid and accurate collection, exchange and dissemination of information relating to crime and criminals, emergencies, and other vitally important information of public safety nature;

- 2.3 To lend support, create interest in, foster expansion of, the parent organization, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. (the Association); and to encourage and promote cooperation between this Chapter and other chapters of the Association, and all public-safety agencies and of the communications units thereof. To aid and assist said public safety agencies in matters pertaining to communications channels, methods, systems, and procedures;
- 2.4 To further, by active effort and example, the cooperation among and between this Chapter, the Illinois National Emergency Number Association, the Illinois Sheriff's Association, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the Illinois Emergency Management Association, the Illinois Fire Chief's Association, the Illinois Municipal League, all State and Federal Agencies, including the Federal Communications Commission and other appropriate agencies and associations;
- 2.5 To prepare, offer and to provide assistance to public safety agencies in the matter of their requirements relating to communication equipment and the operation thereof;
- 2.6 To cooperate with the appropriate public safety agencies and associations in the framing of legislation, regulatory rules and measures pertaining to public safety communication policy;
- 2.7 To provide for membership in the Chapter in accordance with the language of its Constitution and Bylaws now and which may later be provided and in effect. Memberships in this Chapter shall be of such classification and having such rights, requirements, privileges and restrictions so as to be in keeping with the purposes and intents of the Association;
- 2.8 To make formal petitions, by way of resolutions in the proper format, and following established requirements, at such time as it is felt that changes are needed in the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Association;
- 2.9 To conform to the provisions and requirements of the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Association;
- 2.10 The Corporation also has such powers as are now or may hereinafter be granted by the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois.

## **ARTICLE II OFFICES**

### SECTION 1 OFFICES

- 1.1 The Corporation shall have and continuously maintain in this state a registered office and registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, and may have other offices within or without the State of Illinois as the Executive Board may from time to time determine.

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

### SECTION 1 CLASSIFICATIONS

- 1.1 The membership of this Chapter shall be divided into the member classifications as set forth in the APCO International, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws, and other classifications as may be described here, as long as those other classifications do not conflict with the classifications set forth in the APCO International, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws.

### SECTION 2 CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 To be eligible for this honor, a member shall meet three (3) of the following qualifications:
- a. Held membership in any classification for more than ten (10) consecutive years.
  - b. Served as a member of the Executive Board for five (5) years.
  - c. Served as the head of a committee for either a regional or national conference.
  - d. Served as chairman of a Chapter committee for five (5) years.
  - e. Served as Chapter President for one (1) year.
- and, shall be a member in good standing at the time of the award.

- 2.2 The nomination shall be initiated at the Chapter level upon recommendation of one past Chapter President, approved by the Chapter Executive Board, and the Chapter Quorum.
- 2.3 The privileges of a Chapter Life member shall be determined by the class of membership for which the member would otherwise qualify.

### SECTION 3 MULTIPLE MEMBERSHIPS

- 3.1 A member of this Chapter may affiliate with other chapters of the Association, and this Chapter shall offer reciprocity to members of other chapters in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of APCO International, Inc. pertaining to this classification.

### SECTION 4 CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- 4.1 Should the status of any member change so as to affect their membership qualifications, they shall automatically have their membership classification changed to conform to their new qualifications.

### SECTION 5 SENIOR MEMBERSHIP GRADE

- 5.1 A descriptive grade of "SENIOR" may be added to any category of individual membership.
- 5.2 To be eligible for the honor, a member shall meet the following qualifications:
- a. Membership of ten (10) consecutive years or more.
  - b. Not less than three (3) significant contributions to APCO International, Inc. including one on an Association level. Such as; Chapter President, Executive Council Member - minimum of three (3) years, Regional or Annual Conference Chairperson, 800 MHz Regional Plan Chairperson, Frequency Advisor - minimum of three (3) years, or Association Standing Committee Chairperson.
  - c. Shall be a member in good standing at the time of the award.

5.3 The nomination shall be initiated upon the recommendation of any Illinois APCO member, of any class, and approved by the Chapter Executive Board, Chapter Quorum, and the Association Board of Officers.

## SECTION 6 DUES

6.1 The dues rate for each class of membership in the Association and this Chapter, and the policies pertaining thereto, are set forth in the Bylaws.

## SECTION 7 VOTING AND OFFICER RESTRICTIONS

7.1 The right to vote and to hold elected office at all levels and in all areas of this Chapter is a privilege of ACTIVE Class members only, provided other classes of membership may exercise voting privileges only in those specific standing or special committees on which they are permitted and appointed to serve.

# ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

## SECTION 1 DESIGNATION

1.1 The officers of this Chapter shall consist of the following: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Association Executive Council Member.

## SECTION 2 HOW ELECTED

2.1 The officers of this Chapter shall be elected by ballot in accordance with Article III of the Bylaws.

## SECTION 3 VACANCIES

3.1 Should the office of President or First Vice President of this Chapter become vacant for any reason, the office shall be filled by advancement in rank, leaving the office of Second Vice President unoccupied. A vacancy in the office of Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or additional Executive Board members may be filled by appointment by the President for the remainder of the term, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board. The President shall

also immediately notify the Membership Records Manager at the Association office of such changes in officers.

- 3.2 In the event the Chapter's elected Association Executive Council Member position becomes vacant it shall immediately be filled by a temporary appointment by the Chapter President with the advice and consent of the Executive Board. Such appointment shall serve the remaining elected term of this position and shall be furnished proper written credentials by the Chapter President. The President shall immediately notify the Association's Membership Records Manager with a copy to APCO International's, Inc. Executive Director and President.

#### SECTION 4 SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS

- 4.1 To become a member of the Chapter Executive Board, Second Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the candidate shall be qualified by:
- a. Having previously been an APCO International, Inc. member in good standing for a minimum of two full years; and
  - b. Been an Active category member of APCO International, Inc. for the immediate past year.
- 4.2 To hold the office of First Vice President, President, or Representative to the International Executive Council, the candidate shall be qualified by:
- a. Having previously served two consecutive full terms as a voting member of the Illinois Chapter Executive Board in good standing immediately prior to the election.
  - b. In the absence of candidates under this section, the Executive Board will declare an open election for office vacancies.

## **ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### SECTION 1 DESIGNATION

- 1.1 The Executive Board shall consist of the Chapter officers: immediate Past President, Frequency Advisors, and additional Executive Board members selected from the ACTIVE Class membership as set forth in the Bylaws.
- 1.2 To provide for a broad base of perspectives and input into the Executive Board, no more than two (2) voting positions may be held at any time by members from any one agency.

### SECTION 2 VOTING PRIVILEGES

- 2.1 During Executive Board meetings voting shall be limited to Chapter officers, immediate Past President, and additional Executive Board members selected from the ACTIVE Class membership as set forth in the Bylaws.
- 2.2 Frequency Advisors shall be designated as ex-officio members of the Executive Board and shall not have any voting privileges during Executive Board meetings.

### SECTION 3 VACANCIES

- 3.1 Should any of the additional Executive Board members positions become vacant for any reason, the position shall be filled by appointment by the President for the remainder of the term, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board. The President shall also immediately notify the Membership Records Manager at the Association office of such changes in the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VI CHAPTER MEETINGS**

### SECTION 1 REGULAR MEETINGS

- 1.1 The Chapter shall meet regularly as shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present and voting. This Chapter shall meet at least four (4) times annually.

SECTION 2 QUORUM

- 2.1 A total of three Executive Board members and an additional five other ACTIVE Class members represented in person shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

SECTION 3 VOTING MAJORITY

- 3.1 A simple majority of Active Class members present and voting at a business session shall decide all issues except an Amendment to the Constitution and/or Bylaws, in which case a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote shall be required and the provisions of Article VI of the Bylaws and/or Article VII of the Constitution shall apply.

SECTION 4 SPECIAL MEETINGS

- 4.1 Special meetings of the Chapter shall be called by the President, or three (3) Executive Board members, or upon written application of ten (10) active class members. Written notice of such meeting, and statement of the reason for such meeting, shall be sent to all members.

**ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1 PROCEDURE

- 1.1 The Chapter shall have full power at any meeting to amend this Constitution and/or Bylaws, provided, however, that amendment is ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in accordance with Bylaws Article VI.
- 1.2 If, in the interest of time and in order to avoid conflicting with the Association, the effective date of the amendment may be changed by the procedure outlined in Article VI, Section 3 of the Bylaws.