

## **Minutes of the Illinois APCO Executive Board Meeting Thursday, July 24, 2003**

### Attending:

President Richard Nowakowski  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Sherill Ornberg  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Steve Cordes  
Treasurer Richard Bauer  
International Executive Council Representative Gregg Riddle  
Director Jerry Bleck  
Director Jason Kern  
Past President T.G. Mieure  
Frequency Advisor T.J. Ward (non-voting)

### Absent:

Secretary Ed Milam  
Director Gina Schneider  
Frequency Advisor William Carter

Nowakowski called the meeting to order at 1008 hours. The following items were discussed:

Executive Board Vacancy: Nowakowski apologized for submitting the name of an ineligible candidate for a vacant director's spot at the last meeting. The individual nominated was not an active class member. Nowakowski stated he had received an application for the vacant board position from a Matthew Gruenwald, a telecommunicator at the Wood Dale Police Department. Nowakowski reported that the board had three choices. One, to leave the position vacant until the next election, two, to solicit additional requests for appointment to the board, three, to appoint Mr. Gruenwald to the board. Discussion followed. Motion made by Nowakowski to appoint Mr. Gruenwald to the vacant board position, second by Ornberg. Motion carried by a vote of 5-3.

2008 International Conference: Riddle reported that Chicago is one of three cities nominated to host the 2008 International APCO Conference. The other two cities are Kansas City, MO and Cincinnati, OH. Riddle explained the process used by the International Office to select a host city. The International Executive Committee will vote on this issue on Saturday, August 9, 2003. Discussion on the pros and cons of Chicago as a host city as well as the Illinois Chapter's participation followed.

Chapter Awards: Mieure reported that two award nominations had been received but that the chapter usually receives several nominations as the deadline gets closer. Riddle reported that Bob Brown and Don Whitney are up for International Life Membership.

Scholarship: Bauer reported that several applications had been received and that the deadline for applications had passed. The chapter secretary will be preparing summaries of the applicants and that the committee will meet in August to select the 2003 winner.

2005 Regional Conference: Nowakowski reported that the Missouri Chapter is seeking active support from Illinois APCO for their 2005 Regional Conference to be held in St. Louis in April 2005. Discussion followed with direction to Nowakowski to inform the Missouri Chapter that Illinois APCO will be happy to solicit support from Illinois APCO members on the Illinois APCO website and also provide intellectual assistance to the Missouri Chapter.

2003 International Conference: Nowakowski reported that the annual MANAPCO night would not be a food event this year due to the cost of entertainment. Singer Lorrie Morgan is being paid \$80,000. Nowakowski suggests that those planning to attend make their dinner reservations at area hotels and restaurants now. Nowakowski reported that the chapter meeting would be on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Capitol III room. Riddle reported on the chapter officer workshops and the chapter-mentoring course. Riddle also reported that CPRA member Ralph Blount is moving to Illinois. Mr. Blount is the CPRA's International Council representative and is a very active APCO member.

APCO Institute: Nowakowski reported on a telecommunicator training class in south central Missouri.

Letter to Governor Blagojevich: Nowakowski distributed copies of the letter he sent to Governor Blagojevich expressing the chapter's support for senate bill 1098, the wireless surcharge parity bill.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Bauer reported on the audit process. The final report is being bound and should be available by the next meeting. The tax return is completed and will be filed before the deadline, August 15, 2003.
- Bauer asked for direction on paying for an Illinois APCO booth at the state conference in October. After discussion Bauer was instructed to determine if I-NENA has a booth and has paid for that booth. If so Illinois APCO will also pay for their booth.
- Bauer asked if John Kelly's law firm was placed on retainer for 2003 or if money was just allocated for legal advice. Bauer added that no bill had been received from Kelly's office and that no check had been sent. Nowakowski reported that Kelly's firm is under retainer. Bauer to contact Kelly.

#### International Council Representative Report:

- Riddle reported on classes and presentations to be held at the October conference.
- Riddle reported that the APCO financial picture is bright. APCO is reporting a \$247,000 surplus.

#### Director's Report:

- Bleck reported that at an IREACH meeting on Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the IREACH frequency as a part of the Illinois Terrorism Task force was discussed.

Bleck stated that the ITT wanted each county to have at least one IREACH base station but that the IREACH board is not sure that is needed. Twenty-one counties have been identified as having no IREACH base station while six others have an unlicensed base station. Bleck stated that the IREACH board would be looking at each case to see if adding a base station in those counties that do not have one makes sense from a coverage aspect. The ITT may be willing to buy any base stations that are needed.

Frequency Advisor's Report:

- Ward, expanding on Bleck's report, stated that as of January 17, 2004, any new license applications for VHF/UHF frequencies or applications to change an existing VHF/UHF license where the footprint of the existing license would change (tower height, location, power output, etc.) will be denied unless the applicant licenses a narrow-band frequency (12.5 KHz). Applications must be in before November 17, 2003 for 25 KHz frequencies.
- Ward advised that all wide-band users (25 KHz) must abandon those frequencies no later than 2018.
- No new IREACH licenses will be granted unless they are for narrow-band. This will impact IREACH's usefulness as an interoperability frequency.
- The last date to be able to buy a 25 KHz radio will be in 2006.

Past President's Report:

- Mieure reported that the former chapter presidents would act as a nominating committee for the upcoming chapter elections in December. Two director's seats (Kern & Gruenwald), the chapter secretary and chapter treasurer will be up for election.
- Mieure reported that the International Historical Committee is looking for grant money.
- Mieure reported that there are 40 boxes of memorabilia at APCO headquarters in Florida. Some of the boxes contain unknown items.

Motion made by Mieure to adjourn at 1203 hours; second by Ward. Motion carried.

The next executive board meeting will be at 10 am on Thursday, September 18, 2003 at Tri-Com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard K. Bauer  
Chapter Treasurer

