

**APCO INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 23 & 24, 2002**

**Submitted By Gregg Riddle**  
**Illinois Executive Council Representative**

The Council meeting was held in a two-day format. Barry Luke of the Florida Chapter was asked to moderate the first day, Saturday. This day was used to discuss key issues that would need action during the official Council meeting that was held on Sunday.

Due to the extensive discussion on the issue of the Foundation, which lasted for more than four hours, the Saturday portion of the meeting was recessed and resumed Sunday morning at 8:30 A.M. The calling of the roll was dispensed with and the roll taken earlier that morning was entered into the record. Nancy Pollock of the Minnesota Chapter *motioned* to accept the following resolution that approves the minutes of the August 4, 2001 Executive Council Meeting. Emery Reynolds of the Colorado Chapter *seconded* the motion. Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter *offered a correction* to the minutes to be made under 'Senior Membership Grade Eligibility Requirements, Section 4.4.2 sub-section A', and should read: "Been a member of APCO for a minimum of ten years or more". The designation of ten years had been left off. A verbal vote was taken to approve the minutes as corrected with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

The following agenda items were discussed and action taken:

**Policy Manual Updates/Changes:** Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter made a *motion* to accept the resolutions to update / change the APCO Policy Manual by adding a new policy, Policy 17000, to regulate access to APCO's legal counsel by the membership and a corresponding change to Policy 10000. Bill Cade of the Missouri Chapter *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

**Approval of the FY 2003 Budget:** On Saturday the Council made a detailed review of the proposed FY 2003 budget. The Executive Council Budget Committee had recommended approval. Along with the standard budget documents the Council was provided an executive summary for its consideration this year. Xavier Anderson of the New Mexico Chapter made a *motion* to recommend approval of the FY 2003 Budget as presented. Kent Kruger of the Wisconsin Chapter *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *carried*.

**Regional Conference Manual:** On Saturday the Council had an opportunity to discuss the revised Regional Conference Manual that had been offered by the Membership and Chapter Services Committee (MCSC). Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter made a *motion* to adopt the Regional Conference Manual as presented by the MCSC. Steve Souder of the Virginia Chapter *seconded* the motion. Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter *offered an amendment* to the motion, recommending that pages two through four be stricken, and to allow a cleaner approach to this process for future generations, these pages should be replaced with a single sentence that is titled "Establishment", stating "regional conferences are established under the Bylaws of the Association". Steve Souder of the Virginia Chapter *seconded* the amendment. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion stood as *amended*. Joe Noce of the Arizona Chapter *offered an amendment*: On page six, paragraph four, the wording should read 'A regional consortium is a group consisting of a simple majority of the chapters that are chartered in the geographical region'. Chris Fischer of the Washington Chapter *seconded* the amendment. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion *stood as amended*. Joe Noce of the Arizona Chapter *offered an amendment* to the wording on page ten of the Regional Conference Manual, stating that the final sentence should read 'the requirements listed herein and in the remainder of the conference manual

are considered strongly recommended standards for a regional conference'. Chris Fischer of the Washington Chapter *seconded* the amendment. President Nash clarified the wording. Dan Hawkins of the Montana Chapter stated that while looking at the structure of the document it seems that the real intent of the sentence applies to the administrative requirements, and making this amendment would dilute that, further stating it should read 'the APCO administrative requirements expressed herein are mandatory'. President Nash called for a verbal vote on the motion to modify the wording on page ten. Due to a split vote a show of hands was requested. A vote was taken with 27 yeas, 14 opposed, and the *majority approved the amendment*. Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter made a *motion* to change the final paragraph on page 105 to comply with the statement on photography that will be contained in the annual conference manual. Patricia Carriveau of the Northern California Chapter *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken and the motion to amend was approved. Ted Harris of the Canada Affiliate called a point of order, requesting when to present the amendment regarding the affiliate status of Canada. Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter stated that the issue of the affiliate status of Canada is a Constitution and Bylaws issue. The Constitution and Bylaws will be updated, all references to Canada as a Chapter will be reflected as an affiliate, and as an affiliate Canada will not be considered a regional conference. A verbal vote was taken on the original motion to accept the regional conference manual as amended with no opposition and the motion *stood as amended*.

**Foundation Proposal:** The Council renewed their discussion of the Foundation proposal, which had been initiated as a 30-Day Rule item by the Board of Officers on February 5, 2002. The discussion on Sunday took an additional 90 minutes before a conclusion was reached. A 30-Day rule comes into effect when the Board takes significant action as defined by the C&B that requires the ratification of the entire Council. The Council is given 30 days to cast their vote on the Board's action. This case was very unusual because the Council was scheduled to meet prior to the conclusion of the 30 day voting period.

Most of the discussion revolved around two issues. The first was the desire of a majority of the members to amend the language of the original 30-Day Action. This was desired because during the subsequent discussions on Saturday, a lot of information had been clarified and some items that many thought had been improperly represented should be corrected prior to a vote. Two separate amendments were offered for consideration. The one suggested by Barry Furey, a proxy for David Wolfe of the Tennessee Chapter, was finally accepted with one amendment.

The second issue was the one of how to accommodate those Council Representative that needed to take the details of the discussions the last two days back to their chapters for further consideration prior to them casting a vote. Having those members withhold their votes and allowing them to vote until March 6th, which would be the normal conclusion of this 30-Day Rule, finally resolved this issue.

A roll call vote was taken with a substantial majority voting in favor of the 30-Day Action taken by the Board. Those members withholding their ballots will have until March 6, 2002 to cast a vote.

**Other Business:** Nancy Pollock of the Minnesota Chapter acknowledged Barry Luke of the Florida Chapter as the moderator of the Council meeting, further acknowledging those Council members who will be leaving the Council after this meeting.

President Nash called Lex Rutter of the Oklahoma Chapter forward to receive his Senior Membership certificate and pin.

The Council recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m., and reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

President Nash noted for the record that several Council members have left due to airline schedules.

**Historical Committee:** Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter reported to the Council on the APCO Historical Collection. 1) As of February 7, 2002 the only years for which articles in the Bulletin issues have not been indexed into the computerized database are: 1942, 1937, and 1936. 2) Need to finish proofreading and making corrections to about 20 other years of articles in the same database. 3) In another database we have now finished entering the titles and general subjects in almost all of the file folders of loose papers included in the collection (that equates to approximately 1,200 file folders this far) as well as the soft bound books and pamphlets. 4) Starting 2/14/02 proofreading/corrections were begun in that database. 5) The eventual goal is to put this database online as well. 6) Updates to the Bulletin database should be on line in a couple of weeks.

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In 2000 & 2001 APCO International provided \$5K grants and the Illinois Chapter continues to fund \$2K per year. Several chapters have also provided funding for this project. Website: [apcohistory.org](http://apcohistory.org)

**Suspension of the Rules:** Past President Hanna stated that during the last two years this Council has had consideration of several issues that had special circumstances that the C&B would not allow. Past President Hanna inquired if the Council would be willing to entertain a directive to Staff and to the appropriate C&B Committee to develop a C&B change that will allow for a rule suspension in the current C&B. The current C&B does not allow for this. If the C&B does not address the issue specifically, then the Council has to go to Robert's Rule. Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter clarified that Robert's Rules does allow for a suspension of Robert's Rules as long as Robert's Rules is followed to do so. If there is a procedural issue as far as what Robert's Rules is dictating, it is clearly the Council's pervue to alter that with a two-thirds majority vote following the process that Robert's Rules has established. President Nash tasked the Management Committee to examine should the Executive Council have some limited ability to suspend the C&B, what should those limits be and what process should the Council go through to do so.

**Canadian Chapter Affiliate Status:** Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter asked if a process has been established where the results of the 30-Day rule for the Canadian Affiliate are to be published. Executive Director Ramsey stated that this is a C&B requirement, and the results will be published in the Bulletin when the business contractual agreement has worked out.

**Adjourn:** Nancy Pollock of the Minnesota Chapter made a *motion* that the Executive Council meeting be adjourned at this time. David Murray of the Iowa Chapter *seconded* the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition, and the motion *carried*. The Executive Council meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.