

APCO INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

August 8 & 9, 2002

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The Council meeting was held in a two-day format. Xavier Anderson of the New Mexico Chapter was asked to moderate the first day, Friday. This day was used to discuss key issues that would need action during the official Council meeting that was held on Saturday.

President Glen Nash called the Council meeting to order at 11:35 AM on Saturday, August 9th. The meeting began later than scheduled due to the need to continue the discussion portion of the meeting that was not finished on Friday. The calling of the roll was waived after a motion by Past President Joe Hanna and seconded by Xavier Anderson to accept the roll call that had opened the discussion session earlier in the morning. Several agenda items were added and two deleted.

Introductory remarks were offered and the next order of business was the approval of the previous meeting's minutes. Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter offered a motion to accept the minutes for the February 24, 2002 Mid-year meeting. Steve Souder of the Virginia Chapter seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

The following agenda items and actions were taken:

FY 2003 Budget Adjustment: The Council was asked to add \$180,000 to the budget to account for an increase for public relations expenses primarily involving Michael D. Baker (MDB) and Associates of Washington D.C. Lengthy and often pointed discussions had occurred on Friday due to the expenditure of nearly \$200,000 to MDB in the last two quarters of FY 2002. The Board of Officers and staff were questioned on how this firm had been selected and this amount of money expended without Council involvement. The \$180,000 is based on a \$15,000 per month retainer for MDB. Per a contract to be signed with MDB, any funds not used from one month will be rolled over to the next month.

Quorum Resolutions: The Council reviewed and then voted to recommend passage of all three resolutions by the Quorum. The resolutions were the International Restructure, the C&B Formatting Article Titles and the C&B Non Substantive Changes.

(All three Resolutions were adopted by the Quorum as recommended by the Executive Council at the second business meeting, on August 14, 2002.)

Policy Manual Updates/Changes: There were five changes that were proposed to the Policy Manual. The Management Committee presented the first three for consideration. Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter made a motion to accept the resolution that established a new Code of Ethics for the Association. Pat Carriveau of the Northern California Chapter seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

Nancy Pollock of the Minnesota Chapter motioned to accept the Code of Conduct. Ken Keim seconded the motion. The Code of Conduct is an updated version for the Association and its members. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

Jenny Hansen of the Montana Chapter motioned to accept the List Serve Guidelines. Bill Cade of the Missouri Chapter seconded the motion. The List Serve Guidelines were developed to meet the needs of

the Association due to the increasing reliance on electronic forms of communications. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

Nancy Pollock of the Minnesota Chapter motioned to accept the new organizational chart that includes the Foundation. Chris Fischer of the Washington Chapter seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition, and the motion carried.

Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter offered a motioned to accept a proposal by the Management Committee to give the Management Committee the responsibility for selection of the Mid-Year Council meeting site selection process. Pat Hall of the Alabama Chapter seconded the motion. Discussion followed that was mostly in opposition to the motion. The Council felt that the process should mirror the annual site selection process. A verbal vote was taken with full opposition and the motion failed. Staff was directed to develop a new policy to be presented at the 2003 Mid-Year Council meeting. During the changes to the agenda portion of the meeting, staff withdrew two policies. The Grant Funding Policy and the Activities Budgeting Policy were removed from the agenda.

Nancy Pollock of the Minnesota Chapter motioned to change the agenda to add acceptance of the Policy Manual to the agenda. Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

Past President Hanna motioned to approve the Policy Manual. First Vice President Stile seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

Life Member Nomination: President elect Bradshaw temporarily assumed the chair for the Life Member nomination process. Past President Gallagher, as Chair of the Credentials Committee, stated that the Credentials Committee conducted a thorough review of the life member nominees and all nominees met the criteria established in the APCO C & B. Past President Gallagher motioned to recommend acceptance of the life member nominations. Bill Cade of the Missouri Chapter seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried. The Council recommended that the Life Member nominations be forwarded to the Quorum.

- Ralph E. Blount, CPRA Chapter
- Lynn Diebold, Northern California Chapter
- Rick Hessinger, North Dakota Chapter
- Ken Mott, BAPCO Affiliate
- Michael Hogan, Minnesota Chapter
- Nancy Pollock, Minnesota Chapter
- Michael Mangini, Atlantic Chapter
- Richard Roley, Georgia Chapter
- Glen Nash, APCO President/Northern California Chapter
- James R. Beutelspacher, Minnesota Chapter
- Marshall J. Treado, Mid-Eastern Chapter
- Richard DeMello, Michigan Chapter (posthumous)

(All Life Member nominees were approved by the Quorum at the first General Business meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2002)

2007 Site Selection: A balloted vote was taken with Baltimore, Maryland being the site selected. John Gagliardo of the Kansas Chapter motioned to destroy the ballots. Lex Rutter of the Oklahoma Chapter seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried. The other two cities offered for consideration were Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Acceptance of Private Call Center Members: Lyle Gallagher motioned to accept the resolution. Chris Fischer of the Washington Chapter seconded. The telecommunicator and supervisory employees of private call centers such as ATX and On Star will be offered membership in APCO under the Member category. The owners will continue to be members in the Commercial category. Joe Hanna recused himself from this action. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

Dues Increase Resolution: On Friday a lengthy discussion developed over the need for a dues increase. This was primarily supported by the desire of the Council to see the Association purchase a new membership database program that had been researched and found to cost nearly \$250,000. Staff had presented the research on the software and made a recommendation to hold off on its purchase until a later date. The Council felt strongly that the Association needed this software to improve membership services, which have been deteriorating in several areas over the years. The dues increase was estimated to produce a little over \$100,000 the first year. Many concerns were raised about the short notice of this increase and the lack of an official business case for the increase. Following the discussions on Friday, the Board of Officers developed a resolution for consideration by the Council on Saturday. After several amendments of the resolution Lloyd Fayling of the Michigan Chapter motioned to accept the Dues Resolution as modified. Lynne Feller of the Ohio Chapter seconded the motion. The recommended increase would add \$10 to the Member and Active categories bringing them to \$55 and \$70 respectively and \$20 to the Commercial category, which would bring it to \$120. A verbal vote was taken without the results being clearly determined. The Chair requested a show of hands with 35 Ayes, 12 Nays, and two abstentions. The motion carried. The Council recommended that the resolution be forwarded to the Quorum.

(During the first Business Session the over whelming majority of the comments from the floor were against the passage of the dues increase. At the second Business Session, the Board of Officers announced that the resolution had been withdrawn. A future dues increase will be reviewed by the Budget and Finance Committee, staff and the Board for consideration by the Council as part of FY 2004.)

Nancy Pollock of the Minnesota Chapter motioned for acceptance of the following resolution:

Whereas: The Association has identified a critical need to upgrade its membership database and other member services software at an anticipated first year expense of \$231, 641.

Therefore: Be it resolved that the Executive Council supports the upgrade of membership software and directs Staff to determine adequate funding source for this recognized priority and present financing options at the 2003 Mid-Year Executive Council Meeting.

David Wolfe of the Tennessee Chapter seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

CALEA: Past President Past Powell presented a resolution to the Council on Friday to express APCO's support the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA). This Act supports Congressional funding to continue implementation and to reimburse local and state law enforcement agencies for associated costs to initiate court-ordered intercepts. Past President Gallagher motioned to accept the CALEA Resolution. Past President Hanna seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried. The Resolution will be forwarded to the Quorum.

(The Quorum passed this resolution at the second Business Session on Wednesday.)

Foundation Funding Resolution: The Board of Officers presented a resolution to allow them to develop a budget for the Foundation and without final approval of the Council. The Council is required to

approve all budgets for the Association. This variation was requested because Nextel has required the Foundation to present a request for the \$3.75 million grant within 60 days. This time frame would not allow the preparation of the budget and then use the 30-day Rule to seek the Council's approval. Following a lengthy discussion Lex Rutter of the Oklahoma Chapter motioned to accept. Chris Fischer of the Washington Chapter seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition, and the motion carried.

Other Business:

Site Selection for 2003 Mid-Year: A balloted vote was taken on the site for the 2003 Mid-Year Meeting. The choices were Jacksonville, Florida; Orlando, Florida; and Las Vegas, Nevada. The Council voted for Las Vegas, Nevada. The perception based on the discussion was that Las Vegas would be the most cost effective location for the Board of Officers, Western Regional Council members and staff attendance. The Western Regional Conference for 2003 begins on Monday following the Council meeting. The Executive Council Mid-Year Meeting will be held February 8-9, 2003.

Moderator for Mid-Year: David Wolfe of the Tennessee Chapter motioned for Xavier Anderson of the New Mexico Chapter to be the moderator of the 2003 Mid-Year Meeting. Gregg Riddle of the Illinois Chapter seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

Executive Council Dinner Survey: President Nash presented a preliminary review of the Executive Council Dinner survey. The purpose of the survey was to give staff clear guidelines on those to be invited to the Council Dinner. With only 26 surveys in, a more detailed report will follow.

Homeland Security White Paper: Frank Thomason of the North Carolina Chapter motioned to accept the white paper developed by the Homeland Security Task Force. Lyle Gallagher seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

Washington DC Office: Executive Director Ramsey and President Elect Bradshaw reviewed the preliminary plans for the Washington DC office. There had been lengthy discussions about this issue. The Council questioned when the Board had begun developing the Washington office concept, especially since it was reported to begin operations on August 15, 2002. The Council asked about the budgetary impacts that were expected. John Ramsey reported his proposal offered three options. The costs ranged from \$80,000 to \$220,000. The lowest cost was for a shared office with him being in Washington on a part-time basis. The highest cost was for an independent office with a staff person, external affairs coordinator and John being in Washington on a part-time basis. Lex Rutter of the Oklahoma Chapter stated that there should have been communication with the Council long before this issue was discussed today. Wanda McCarley of the Texas Chapter concurred with Lex Rutter.

United Nations Affiliation: APCO will become a non-governmental organizational member of the United Nations. This will facilitate our attempts to attract international membership. The cost to the Association is \$2,500 per year, with the cost to be covered by a sponsorship.

Closing Remarks: This being their last Council meeting, Steve Souder, Bill Cade, and Joe Hanna were acknowledged for their contributions to the Council. Cheryl Greathouse, the new Executive Council Representative for the Georgia Chapter acknowledged Richard Roley of the Georgia Chapter who recently stepped down as the Council representative. First Vice President Stile acknowledged President Nash's expertise, and thanked him for his years of service.

Recess: The Executive Council Meeting was recessed at 4:15 p.m. until the close of the conference at the Closing Banquet on Thursday, August 15, 2002.