



# APCO International

**Illinois Chapter Minutes – Thursday, September 10th, 2009**  
**ILEAS Training Center, Urbana, IL**

<b>Chapter Officers</b>	<b>Present</b>
President Jason Kern	Yes
1st Vice President Jim Richardson	Yes
2nd Vice President Mike O'Connor	Yes
Executive Council Rep T.G. Mieure	Yes
Secretary Ed Milam	Yes
Treasurer John Mostaccio	Yes
Director Beth Burton	No
Director Sherrill Ornberg	No
Director Jeanine Chiappano	Yes
Director Steve Rauter	Yes
Dennis Stillwagon, Commercial	Yes
Al Marquardt, Past President	Yes
Frequency Advisor North Bill Carter	No
Frequency Advisor T.J. Ward	No
800 MHz Frequency Advisor Chris Kindelspire	No

President Kern called the meeting to order at 10:00 hours

President Kern welcomed and thanked members for attending.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM Chapter meeting of 08/10/2009.**

**Motion to approve the minutes by Bietel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chiappano. All Motion carried.**

**President Comments – Kern:** Asked for a moment of silence to commemorate those who lost their lives on 09/11/01.

- Kern complimented the APCO Board members for their activities this year so far. Cover upcoming activities including the IPSTA Conference.

**Officer Reports**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President Richardson** – Reported on the Membership services committee and stated that membership levels are remaining strong. Additional members are welcome to the Committee. Jim spoke on the new membership electronic database from National. Membership number range from 432 to 592 earlier this year prior to purge. We are currently at 562 members. We are doing well. Also Jim mentioned that the National office is going to be sending out a needs assessment to current and former members.

**2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President O'Connor** – **Next** week at Executive Board Meeting we will be designing the NTW plates.

### **Executive Council Representative Mieure –**

- Mieure reported that the Association's finances are doing well on a National basis. He also reported that the current and prior Board of Officers have been historically frugal in their spending. He also stated that the Headquarters (Florida) building financing has been paid off.
- Mieure also reported on a new system in planning that would be a professional credentials database for members and non-members.
- SGI consideration at the annual Executive Council Meeting went very well. Much of the prior work to the meeting paid off and the measure was passed at the Friday session eliminating the need for a Saturday session. Mieure went on to describe the new structure of APCO International.
- The Pro-Chrt program is under development at this time. PRO-CHRT will conduct a study to identify the professional certification levels and minimum training requirements for public safety communications professionals in the U.S. In addition, the study will examine retirement benefits and the Fair Labor Standards Act as they pertain to public safety communications professionals' compensation and scheduling. Professional Communications Human Resource Taskforce (PRO-CHRT)

**Treasurer's report by John Mostaccio** - John presented the treasurer's report

#### **Checking/Savings**

Chase Checking \$2,298.00

Chase Savings \$101,0028.11

**Total Checking/Savings \$103,326.11**

#### **Other Current Assets**

Lake Forest Bank CD \$6,921.53

Northside Community Bank CD #1 \$7,094.81

Northside Community Bank CD #2 \$6,341.77

**Total Other Current Assets \$20,358.11**

**Total Current Assets \$123,684.22**

**Motion to approve by Mieure 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chiappano . Motion Carried**

Perrino & Associates has filed our 2008 taxes, Perrino and Associates is doing a financial review of our books at this time. A review is not an audit, but it is an examination of the books for the last 2 years. Also we have made certain that all official documents carry the Illinois APCO name. It has been found that there have been several variations of our name on legal documents in the past.

**Secretary Ed Milam –** No report at this time

**Director Ornberg-** No report at this time

**Director Burton:** No report at this time

**Director Rauter:**

- Fema contracted SEARCH for Com-T training. This is targeted for field emergency workers.
- On Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 a meeting will be held with Air Ambulance operators regarding Communications issues.

- Combined Center Directors is coming up and is having weekly conference calls and will be employing PS Connect web services.

**Director Chiappano:** Not report

**Past President Marquardt:** Volunteer Committee for the IPSTA Conference update.

**Frequency Advisor Bill Carter reported:** No report

**Frequency Advisor T.J. Ward reported:** No report

**Frequency Advisor Chris Kindlespere:** by Rauter IPSTA Conference sessions coming up.  
Spectrum Watch

**Dennis Stillwagon, Commercial Advisory Committee:** No report

### **Committee Reports:**

**PSA Committee:** John Mostaccio reported that they are working on a dedicated date in April to have coordinated 9-1-1 training session in schools. Also il911info.org group on Facebook.

**EMD-** John Ferraro will do an EMD Session at the IPSTA Conference.

**Awards Committee** – Wrede reported several award nominations in all categories.  
Meeting next week.

**IPSTA Conference** – Milam reported that Program details are posted on the web.

**Gordon Graham** – Promotion of the Gordon Graham program on the 09/22/09.

### **Legislative Committee –**

- David Tuttle report on the Special Needs database legislative update. A desired amendment was not included in the law. The law requires agency to keep a list of special persons and needs. Discussion followed.
- The Wireless Carrier fund has not been swept.
- Rewrite of the ETSB law is underway at this time.
- David requested that agencies interested in assisting the legislative committee with PSAPS audit for the purpose of building an information database for the purpose of building constructive legislation for public safety.

### **Narrowband-(Rauter)**

- The NEC (National Emergency Communications Plan) plan has been issued by FEMA/DHS. A review of that document reveals only 1 mention of the narrowbanding issue. We (Illinois) are doing well but must do better. Also mentioned was the SCIP (State Communications Interoperability Plan) has no mention in the NEC. Also there is a TICP (Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan) also has no mention of narrowband. ILAPCO is trying to get the word out. Also IDPH is also talking but no specific plan reference to narrowbanding MERCI frequencies.

**Old Business:**

- **No old business**

**New Business:**

- **No new business**

**Motion to adjourn by Mieure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richardson. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 1107 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ed Milam*

Ed Milam, Chapter Secretary  
Illinois Chapter of APCO International