



**ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC-SAFETY  
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS-INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
ILLINOIS CHAPTER**

**Chapter Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010  
APCO Annual Conference, George Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX**

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

<b>Attending</b>	<b>Not Attending</b>
President Jason Kern	1st Vice President Jim Richardson
2nd Vice President Mike O'Connor	Secretary Ed Milam
International Executive Council Representative T.G. Mieure	Treasurer John Mostaccio
Director Steve Rauter	Director Beth Burton
Frequency Advisor North Bill Carter	Director Sherrill Ornberg
	Past President Al Marquardt
	Frequency Advisor T.J. Ward
	Director Jeanine Chiappano
	800 MHz Frequency Advisor Chris Kindelspire
	Dennis Stillwagon, Commercial

President Kern called the meeting to order at 13:05 hours and welcomed members to the meeting.

President Kern reminded all present that our next meeting will be a joint meeting/training with INENA on 9/2 at 10:00 am, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Joliet. IL-TERT will be providing the training session between meetings. Lunch is being provided.

President Kern reminded all of the fall QA training session on 9/16 at Hollywood Theater in Woodridge. As of this date, we have approximately 50 registrations.

TG Mieure advised the membership that petitions to support the D-Block initiative were being circulated. APCO reports 2 legislative bills currently out regarding the D-Block. The House version has no funding mechanism, while the Senate version has funding created by selling other spectrum. Interoperability is the only initiative from the 9/11 Commission that has not been completed.

TG encouraged all active members to attend the business sessions, and be sure to vote on resolutions. There are currently 2 pending.

- 1) Change in fee structure to create Center membership fees
- 2) Changes to the senior/life membership requirements

TG reports the organization's financial outlook is good, the "rainy day" standard is 33% and APCO is currently at 36%.

President Kern presented the Treasurer's report: Checking = \$1,492.34, Savings = \$108,481.36; CD1 = \$7,307.88; CD2 = \$6,754.56, and undeposited funds totaling \$525.00. President Kern was unable to define "undeposited funds", but believes it may be deposits for the QA class that have not been processed yet. He will check with Mostaccio. Due to the uncertainty of the funds, President Kern deferred accepting the Treasurer's report.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP O'Connor informed all that the IPSTA conference registration has been open, and this year includes on-line registration. So far, approximately 50 people have registered on-line, and the committee is receiving registration by mail as well. Registrations are coming in earlier than in previous years. Next year the conference anticipates accepting vendor registrations on-line.

Director Rauter informed all that he is now on the SIEC technical subcommittee for narrowbanding. Everything ILAPCO has is on the website, and the CD is ready to rollout. The FCC will NOT be giving blanket waivers for narrowbanding, and the implementation deadline stands. The ISPERN committee has come up with a cost to convert, and MABAS is still working on their costs for IFERN. The ULS website has had some changes, but can still be used – however emission designators are being done manually in the background by FCC staff. Billy Carter added that if anything is missing from the application, that it will get kicked back. APCO AFC can make changes and fill-in fields for \$25. No digital emissions are on mutual aid channels. The narrowbanding committee will be making their presentation at the IPSTA conference once again.

Frequency Advisor Billy Carter advised that the FCC has moved the 700 band up 5mhz, and is advising current users to request a waiver. After August 7, new equipment added must use the new band plan. STARCOMM & IL INTEROP plan have some issues, particularly having 8,000 users in 2007 to 20,000 to 2010. SEIC tech committee is looking into a transition plan, and anyone licensed in 2009 or later is on the new band plan.

David Tuttle reported for the legislative committee that the trial broadband plan for southern IL is sitting on the Governor's desk. EM-Finders is still an ongoing issue.

President Kern reported for the Historical Committee that Al Marquardt and Ed Milam have been working with David Swan to come up with solutions for the future. There have been no volunteers to assume David's responsibilities. National Historical is looking at creating a virtual museum.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.

As recorded by:

*Mike O'Connor*

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