

# WYOMING APCO

## Chapter Meeting

### November 14, 2007

### Casper, WY

**Board Members Present:** Larry Sheridan, Bill Gordon, Patty Bauer

**Absent Board Members:** Dan Perko & Jennifer Shassetz

**Present:** Merle & Kathy Watt, Crystal McGuire, Cara Moore, Rich Diefenderfer, Missy Grimm, Dick Bolin, Heather O'Connor, Mary Robertson, Kami Erland, Steve Myrum, Mike Conners, Tammy Lee, Jane Carlson, Lucinda Collins, Ron Salyer, Debra Koch, Bill Walter, Lori Jackson, Robert Wilson, Laura Inman

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm by Chapter President Bill Gordon.

Treasurer's report was given by Bill Gordon. Approval of treasurer's report by Dick Bolin, seconded by Jane Carlson.

Election of Officials: All officers voiced their wishes to continue in their present positions. All present voted to retain the Board as it is presently. All Board members for the year 2008 will remain the same.

Larry Sheridan presented the minutes from the last Executive Council Meeting in Maryland from APCO International.

- Change in affiliation of National Chapters
- Next meeting will be held in Kansas City in 2008
- Question about the status of Kent Drummond writing a paper regarding lower dues for individuals not employed by a Public Safety Agency. – Unknown Status.

There was discussion about APCO Walk of Heroes. Larry Sheridan has visited the Walk of Heroes in Daytona, FL. Larry explained the layout of the Walk of Heroes and there was discussion of the bricks that can be purchased. Different sizes of bricks may be purchased.

- A 16 x 16 brick is \$200.00 dollars which allows 12 lines of text with 28 characters per line.
- An 8x8 brick is \$100.00 dollars which allows 6 lines of text with 14 characters per line
- A 4x8 inch brick with 3 lines of 14 characters per line.

Discussion on whether or not the Wyoming APCO Chapter should purchase a brick. It was decided that we should. Then there was discussion on what the brick should say suggestions of “Wyoming Chapter Proudly Serving since 1980”. Motion by Dick Bolin to purchase the 16x16 size brick, seconded by Chris McGuire.

Further discussion on the matter decided the Executive Board would meet and decide what the brick should say. It was decided that a 16 x 16 size brick should be purchased.

There were questions brought up about where the membership records for Kent Drummond are at this time. Patty is going to check with Bill Smith to see if he has these records.

Motion made by Larry Sheridan to investigate where the records for Kent Drummonds past history are, and recommendation to submit letter to National reference this matter. Seconded by Chris McGuire.

It was suggested by Patty Bauer that we start archiving all minutes and records and have Historical Records of the Wyoming APCO Chapter. Patty is going to check with Bill Smith for the records that he has and will share this information with the Executive Board at their next meeting.

Debra Koch made a proposal for there to be an APCO Member of the Year Award. Nominees would be the entire membership; this would allow recognition for those who have worked so hard for the WY APCO Chapter.

The question was brought up about whether or not we have a Chapter Life Member position. Chris McGuire is going to look into this, checking the member by-laws. There was concern about funds being withdrawn from our chapter. It was suggested that the head of agencies be approached to have a center membership. Bill Gordon stated that there is no provision for a center membership in APCO and also that you are not required to be a member to attending the conference. Further discussion on is it possible to have Department Membership for the local WY Chapter. Patty Bauer stated that National APCO is not willing to do this. Jane Carlson is going to draft a letter to National APCO reference this matter, putting together a proposal by December 2007.

How many commercial members does Wyoming APCO have? Merle Watt, Kathy Watt, Ryan? Why don't more businesses support WY APCO? All Commercial vendors should be made aware of the organization and suggestions that they support WY APCO. It is very important that vendors based in Wyoming support WY APCO. The cost of a Commercial Membership is \$144.00 dollars. Kathy Watt felt that there are many vendors who are not aware of WY APCO. Per Larry Sheridan in 2006 we had 6 Commercial Members at that time. There is an online membership application.

Mike Conners – Need to find ways to encourage the Chiefs and Sheriff's to let their people join WY APCO. The benefits of joining WY APCO should be discussed at the WPOA Communications meeting. The opportunities for training, it is open to both supervisors and dispatchers, offers a comfortable environment for all.

### **New Business:**

Chris McGuire suggested that we have a Supervisor/Manager of the year award. There was discussion of clarification on this award. Will these be separate awards or combined awards? Chapter level awards are independent of national awards. Concerns were brought up about there are not that many manager or director level positions. Chris McGuire will look at the National Standards for awards. Definitions on each category need to be set. It was decided to table the issue for now and have a definition for the April/May meeting.

Motion by Chris McGuire to research the definition for the spring meeting and approve the concept, seconded by Ron Salyer.

The possibility of having a different location for the 2008 WY APCO Chapter Conference was brought up. Executive committee will discuss issues with the Holiday Inn in Casper. It is not easy to schedule an annual event because many events are scheduled ahead of time. Problems with the specific time slot availability next year. There is a possibility of changing the location for the 2009 conference. We are getting good rates at the Holiday Inn. The problems with this year's service can be addressed. Also, Casper is a central location for everyone attending. Bill Gordon is going to look into other Casper hotels.

There was a discussion on which dates to use for the 2008 conference. Some of the suggested dates were November 10, 11, and 12 or 11, 12, and 13.

Need to consider the possibility of more training more technical on the first day of the conference. Hold the meeting on the second day and communication training on the first day or the last day. Comment made that the current training is oriented to the communications side and needs to include more technical training. The question was brought up of what other technical training is available? Discussion was tabled.

Merle Watt brought up the topic of whether or not to have the vendors for 1 or 2 days. Some felt that one day was plenty; others had heard that the vendors prefer to come for 2 days because of the expense.

Motion by Deb Koch to adjourn, seconded by Dick Bolin.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.