

**WYOMING APCO**  
Chapter Meeting  
November 19, 2008  
Casper, WY

**Board Members Present:** Chapter President Bill Gordon, Second Vice President Patty Bauer, Awards Committee Chairman Chris McGuire, Training Coordinator and Acting Secretary (at the request of Jenifer Shassetz) Cara Moore

**Absent Board Members:** First Vice President Larry Sheridan, Secretary/Treasurer Jenifer Shassetz

The meeting was called to order at 1:29 p.m. by Chapter President Bill Gordon.

The treasurer's report and last year's meeting minutes (from November 14, 2007) were handed out. Patty Bauer made the motion to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Rich Diefenderfer. Patty mentioned that the treasurer's report was not complete, and that an additional \$7,000 in vendor revenues would be added. Question was made to approve the report as is; Dan Perko made the motion to approve and Patty Bauer seconded.

The "Send A Dispatcher" to the Wyoming APCO Chapter conference was a success. Three dispatchers attended this year courtesy of our chapter. All around attendance dropped off somewhat due to the all-hands WYDOT Telecommunications meeting that took place in Cheyenne during this same timeframe.

The main topic of discussion was concerning the facilities at the Ramada and where to have the 2009 conference. Georgia Walton thought things were much improved this year. Debra Koch thought that the facilities were old. Some attendees (at least three) were "bumped" or were almost bumped to other hotels by the Ramada and there were once again issues with the meeting rooms (reserved both and then one was used by another group; this also occurred last year). Rich Diefenderfer almost sustained a foot injury when the granite shelf in his shower fell off. Chris McGuire had numerous problems (the lock in her first room was held on with electrical tape and she could not get in, also had heating problems with her second room and had to keep getting her key reactivated). Other options in Casper, Laramie, and Douglas were discussed (including C'mon Inn, the Parkway Plaza, the Hilton Garden Inn, and the Best Western), along with their respective limitations. Dan Perko pointed out some benefits with the Ramada (including that we do not pay for the meeting rooms, and that the rate we get is even lower than the state rate). After further discussion, Dan suggested that we reserve the Ramada again for the 2009 conference, and then research other options. We can always cancel the reservations at the Ramada if we find someplace else more conducive. Patty suggested that it would be worthwhile to look into the Best Western in Lander (where a recent WPOA conference was held), and Dan's ideas were Lander or Douglas. Bill Gordon agreed with these suggestions. Mona Horman suggested that we also talk to Ramada to let them know the problems that occurred this year; Bill agreed with this. Bill also believes that we need to keep the location central, because we might lose people if we

move the location to corners of the state (e.g., Laramie, Cheyenne, Jackson). We will need to keep the location centralized. Ultimately, the following decisions were made:

- We will reserve our 2009 conference at the Ramada;
- We will keep our basic time slots;
- We will research the feasibility of having the 2009 conference in either Douglas or Lander;
- We will speak with the Ramada about the difficulties we encountered;
- We can check with our members to see if any other time besides November is attractive.

We received good feedback concerning this year's conference. The length was just right and we had good training. Chris McGuire suggested that if we offer more training (and subsequently more POST hours) we might get a bigger attendance. Rich Diefenderfer pointed out that the extra length could make some agencies say no. President Gordon suggested that we make our 2009 conference go through Thursday and then see what we can come up with regarding the extra training.

All current board officials voiced their wishes to continue in their present positions. No additional nominations were made, and all present voted to retain the Board as is. The 2009 Board will be:

President—Bill Gordon

First Vice President—Larry Sheridan

Second Vice President—Patty Bauer

Secretary/Treasurer—Jenifer Shassetz

Motion by Dick Bolin to adjourn the meeting, and Heather O'Connor seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.