

Johnson, Chief Radio Engineer for State Highway Department; **Larry Bell**, Communications Leadman for the City of Corvallis; **Shirley Davidson**, Criminal Justice Information Specialist for LEDS; and **Norman Croy**, Assistant City Manager for Lake Oswego.

There was general agreement on establishing the Chapter Secretary as a member from the same area as the President, and this was not put to vote, since it is not a requisite of the Constitution and By-Laws.

The 1978 Western Regional Conference was discussed; the subject of hosting the Conference caused some dissent. **Ray Barnes** advised this takes us out of the "Non-Profit Organization" status and inflicts an added burden. **George Reinheimer** feels we should give serious consideration to the effort to make it successful. Tabled until next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1500, until the beginning of the Emergency Services Association meeting at 1800.

APCO BREVITY CODE TO BE "VOLUNTARY STANDARD" IN FLORIDA COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Florida APCO met June 12 and 13, 1975 at Treasure Island. President **Fox** introduced Conference Chairman **Jack Squier**.

Five Active, three engineer/technician and one retired applicant were accepted for membership.

Fox appointed **Charles Hoffman**, **Perry Rogers**, **R.W. Grafe**, **J.H. Spence** and **S.L. Hawkins** as the Nominating Committee. **Bricey Williford**, **Charles Meiroff**, **James Gatlin** and **Bruce Leberman** were appointed as the Site Selection Committee. Chairman **Bob Grafe** of the C & B Committee reported the new C & B as amended at the January Conference is ready for distribution. **Bruce Leberman** reported for the Operating Procedure Committee; they are working on an Operating Procedure Manual, but have been slowed down by work pressure on some committee members.

President **Fox** read a letter from **Don R. Allen**, Director, Florida D.O.C. His letter responds to the letter to Governor **Askew**, requesting a study be made to determine the feasibility of including the APCO Project 14 Aural Brevity Code in the statewide communication plan. As a result of the study, the APCO Aural Brevity Code will be included in the communication plan as a voluntary standard at the earliest opportunity.

Dennis Wolper gave a presentation on maintaining the security and integrity of our tape recorded information. The state use of centrex is expanding. The state is considering regional office buildings in seven cities. These will be in the radio

system. Suncom connects 42,000 state phones in 88 cities. This is a common carrier system; the per minute cost of use has been greatly reduced.

Robert Suphen of D.O.C. gave a presentation on Digital Communications, its cost, how it saves money and manpower. This is a slide presentation and could possibly be available from D.O.C. **Bill Bennett**, Chief of Law Enforcement, Palm Beach County, related his department's experience with digital communications. He told of a few short comings, the benefits derived and how they are working with the manufacturer to improve the equipment's operation and utility.

J. Rhett McMillian, National Executive Secretary, reported Project 14 was

completed and seems to be catching on. Project 13 will be completed in November. The resulting book will be for sale by APCO. A full corporate study of APCO, Inc. has been authorized; an attorney will be retained as the results must be correct so the organization can continue to function properly.

Site Selection Committee reported Lakeland as the place for the next conference with **James Gatlin** as its chairman, with assistance from **Bob Schamel**.

After the banquet, **Ray Waymire**, Director, Crime Prevention Department in St. Petersburg, gave a very informative speech on law enforcement.

The induction of new officers was

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