

BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING

August 21, 1981

Hyatt Regency Atlanta
Atlanta, GA

Friday, August 21, 1981

1. Meeting called to order by President Russell V. Robinson at 0945.

In attendance:

President Russell V. Robinson
President-elect Joseph W. Gallelli
1st Vice President Craig M. Jorgensen
2nd Vice President Charles F. English

Also present:

Executive Director Ernest J. Landreville
Administrative Assistant Donald B. Hall
Acting Comptroller Helen Harvey
Editor/Publications Manager Gary D. Luther

2. The agenda was approved as presented.
3. The President conducted a briefing of the new Board of Officers. A copy of the Policy Manual was presented to the new 2nd Vice President. A number of points which are covered in some detail in the manual were highlighted for Mr. English's benefit, including the advisability of proceeding immediately to obtain an American Express credit card and membership in one or two airline clubs.
 - 3a. The Board discussed the issues raised in the August 3, 1981 letter received from the Chairman of the Frequency Advisory Committee. The Board was in accord that FCC Rules require revision in order to assure that effective and necessary coordination be achieved. A greater degree of flexibility in existing rules would appear necessary. General support for Mr. McDole's recommendations was expressed.
4. It was the consensus of the Board that the opening remarks of the newly appointed Chief of the Private Radio Services were well received by the APCO membership and reflected a full appreciation of the present situation. (Ed. Note: Permission to reproduce Mr. McKinney's remarks as the September BULLETIN editorial has been requested.)
Recommendations and suggested changes to improve Form PS-4 were discussed for early implementation.
5. The 1981 Conference Chairman entered the meeting for a brief period to report that 872 registrations of all types had been received. A detailed breakdown showing members attending in each category is to be provided. Paid booths numbered 102.

Each of the members of the Board and the Administrative Assistant were requested to prepare a critique of the arrangements, conduct, and efficiency of the 1981 Conference for internal purposes, with the aim of making any necessary improvements for future conferences. It was suggested that informal notes, using the Conference Program for reference, would be most useful.

Suggestions were made to provide a more personal (and less commercial) ladies' hospitality program than was arranged in Atlanta. The possibility of providing a hospitality suite for non-drinkers was also proposed.

6. The Board was advised that interest had been expressed by over 90 exhibitors at the 1981 Conference to reserve booth space at the forthcoming 1982 Conference. The Booth Sales meeting resulted in a tentative commitment for 67 booths.

It was generally agreed that the Miami Conference Committee had proved extremely effective in its efforts at the Atlanta Conference. In the absence of the 1982 Conference Chairman, the Executive Director assured the Board that arrangements were proceeding efficiently and expeditiously through the activities of a highly motivated and well-directed Conference Committee.

7. Following earlier informal discussions on the subject, the Board of Officers further discussed the question of Spectrum Radio Frequency Data Base and agreed that APCO should work closely with the PSCC to provide a data base at 800 MHz for the public-safety radio services. The Executive Director was requested to communicate with the Presidents of the groups represented in the PSCC in this regard to obtain their active support.

It was fully recognized that such a data base must be interactive with the private sector. Written proposals are to be obtained from both NABER and SIRSA describing the type and costs of compatible and cost-efficient services.

The Executive Director was requested to explore with a number of established firms (IBM, Hewlett Packard, Burroughs) the full extent to which APCO's work could be most efficiently handled - such other tasks as billing, accounting, maintenance of membership and mailing lists, word processing, etc. being suited for processing by such computer equipment as might be required for maintenance of the referenced data base.

Reflecting the desires of certain of the membership, the Board requested the Executive Director to fully study and report upon the impact on APCO's efficiency, financial situation and stature were the National Office to be transferred to Washington, DC. Input from the Board of Officers would be forthcoming.

The Annual National Conference schedule for the years 1985 and 1986 was confirmed, the cities of San Diego and Milwaukee respectively having been approved as conference sites. The Executive Director advised that future conference hotel site selection inspections would in all cases be conducted in conjunction with other approved official travel to the regions concerned. The cities of Wichita, Chicago, Atlantic City and St. Louis were referenced as possible site choices.

The Annual Board of Officers meeting to be held in January 1982 was approved and unanimously agreed to for the period January 17-21.

As previously decided, it was confirmed that the full Board of Officers should be prepared to attend the Regional Conferences scheduled in 1982.

8. The only changes in the C & B resulting from the 1981 Conference were deletion of the R&B and NLEEC Committees.
9. The Board agreed that formal attire at future official functions should include a black tuxedo jacket.

The Executive Director will look into the possibility of a group discount rate at an appropriate clothier in the area of the National Office so that orders may be placed while the officers are in Florida for the January Board meeting. The costs for this attire for the Officers and the Executive Director will be covered to the extent provided for in the Policy Manual.

10. President Robinson recessed the meeting at 1245.

Donald B. Hall - Administrative Assistant

cc: John D. Lane