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May 13, 1977

TO: Board of Officers
FROM: Executive Director *JRM*
SUBJECT: Board of Officers Meeting May 3, 1977

The enclosed minutes are respectfully furnished for comments and approval by the Board of Officers. In the absence of comments by May 27, 1977 the minutes will be considered approved.

Enclosure

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BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING

May 3, 1977

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Tuesday, May 3, 1977

- 1) Meeting called to order by President Armitage at 0950, May 3, 1977. President Armitage, President-elect Campbell and 2nd Vice President Smith attending.
- 2) Also present were Executive Director McMillian and Assistant Executive Director Landreville.
- 3) No guests or other visitors present.
- 4) Additional items for discussion were added to the agenda by Executive Director McMillian. The modified agenda was approved.
- 5) The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were approved as distributed; motion made by President-elect Campbell and seconded by 2nd Vice President Smith.
- 6) Executive Director McMillian distributed copies of APCO's draft Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification to be filed with respect to Docket 20909. This Docket recommended placing all remaining 470-512 MHz channels in a general access pool.

Mr. McMillian explained that the Commission had scheduled a meeting for May 6, 1977. He had been invited, as well as a number of coordinators who had been asked to forward their frequency coordination records to the FCC by May 2. The stated purpose of the meeting is to discuss frequency assignment procedures in the 470-512 MHz bands as described in Docket 20909.

After discussion of the Commission's implementation plans for Docket 20909 and the basis for APCO's draft petition for reconsideration, the Board recommended immediate filing of the petition. With minor modifications in the language, this was done.

The Board suggested that after the May 6 FCC meeting, if appropriate, a campaign might be mounted to ask for Congressional support of APCO's petition. Action in this regard was deferred until after the meeting. If this course of action becomes desirable later, the National Office will draft a letter for the use of Board members when requesting support of APCO's petition.

- 7) The Assistant Executive Director explained the basis for comments formulated by APCO concerning Docket 21142. This Docket provides for rule changes permitting digital voice transmissions (secure voice) in certain bands in the Police Service. APCO's comments as proposed to Counsel were approved with the request that requirements for secure voice communications by the Fire Service not be overlooked. This additional comment was to be forwarded by the staff to Mr. Kittner.
- 8) At 1130 First Vice President McClure joined the meeting.
- 9) The Board reviewed budget figures based upon the first draft of projected salary figures for the National Office staff for the next fiscal year. The Board agreed with the approach taken by the Executive Director. He was requested to proceed with the preparation. The target date for having the budget ready to present to the Board will be the end of May.

The preliminary budget report was approved for adoption.

- 10) Mr. McMillian briefed the Board on the forthcoming OTP meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 24th and 25th. He and Project Director Kavanagh are scheduled to attend along with a number of invitees from the various States. Invitations appear to have been sent out to a broad spectrum of individuals, somewhat beyond the scope of mobile radio users.
- 11) The Executive Director reported on the status of the survey conducted by APCO which asks a number of questions of the frequency coordinators relative to APCO's future role in the Commission's new plans for frequency coordination. Discussion by the Board resulted in agreement that a group of coordinators would be invited to participate in a meeting to be held June 3rd and 4th following the East Coast Regional Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The purpose of the meeting would be to determine APCO's role in Public Safety Coordination in the future and to arrive at answers posed by the Commission in its spectrum management Docket, and review other pending changes in the Rules, such as the new Part 30, as they affect the public safety services.
- 12) A report was made to the Board by Mr. McMillian on the status of the revised Operating Procedure Manual. The draft copy has been retyped. All that is needed now is a letter from the Chairman of the FCC.

Mr. McMillian is to contact Mr. Charles Higgenbotham to attempt to expedite the letter. The National Office is exploring the possibility of preparing the plates for the new printing of the Manual.

There followed a brief discussion of the possibility of having the National Office develop a guide for Chapter use in membership building. This should include promotional material for distribution to prospective active as well as commercial members. It was agreed that additional discussion of the subject was needed to help formulate a plan.

- 13) The meeting temporarily adjourned at 1200 to be reconvened after the afternoon appearance of the Board and Executive Director before the Conference.
- 14) The Board reconvened at 1400. All members present as well as Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director. No others in attendance.
- 15) The list of awards and certificates of appreciation for the year 1977 was approved as distributed.

There was general discussion of the Board's schedule for the National Conference and the National Office was to make arrangements for the officers' accommodations beginning on Friday, August 19, 1977. This is to be handled through Conference Chairman Miller.

- 16) Brief comments were made as to the status of future Conferences, and President-elect Campbell agreed to contact the Phoenix Chapter to obtain the name of the Chairman for the 1979 Conference.
- 17) The objectives of the National Committees and committee assignments in 1978 were discussed. No decision is expected to be reached in this regard until after the East Coast Regional Conference.
- 18) The meeting was adjourned by President Armitage at 1615.