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TO: The Board of Officers
FROM: The Executive Secretary
SUBJECT: Minutes of the March 21 - 22, 1976 Meetings of the Board

Please find subject minutes attached.

Unless we are instructed by May 7, 1976 to amend, delete, or make additions to the minutes, they will be distributed as written.

BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL
Phoenix, Arizona
March 21 - 22, 1976

The first meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. on March 21, by President Devine. All Board members, Executive Secretary, and Counsel present. Planning was made for Board presentation to be made at the Western States Regional Conference.

President Devine stated that Mr. Wes Chupp will represent APCO at the LMCC meeting being held on March 23, 1976.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as distributed.

Mr. William L. Miller, Immediate Past President of APCO, was present and made a short report on planning for the 1977 Conference.

The Executive Secretary made a short report on the progress of Project 13-A. He distributed a list of topics that will be discussed with the state of Kansas SPA. Kansas has been selected by the LEAA as the state in which a state law enforcement comprehensive plan will be written by APCO and its subcontractor. The topics seemed to be comprehensive, with the exception of the fact that it lacked a positive statement that APCO would be assisting the state with a comprehensive telecommunications plan, and not in the design of a system.

The matters attending the concept of expanding the Project 13-A technical planning assistance were discussed. Executive Secretary McMillian reported on some of the negotiations being held with LEAA. McMillian and Project Director Kavanagh had discussed these matters and as the result, McMillian recommended to the Board that APCO not pursue the concept of adding additional states to the Project 13-A planning effort. The Board accepted McMillian's recommendation.

At this time, the matters on the agenda were taken out of sequence in order for President-Elect Armitage to discuss Item #2-i. This item is concerned with the staffing of 1976-77 committees and their objectives. The Board made several recommendations in this area and President-Elect Armitage was to use this information in making his presentation to the Western States Regional Conference.

McMillian and President-Elect Armitage will continuously develop the coming year committee objectives.

Returning to the regular agenda items, Counsel Kittner led the discussion in matters pertaining to regulatory action. It was decided that the Association would continue to evaluate the need for 450/900 MHz public safety channels.

It was agreed that the Association would take no further action in the matter of VHF Marine frequencies until such time as the Commission comes out with a notice of proceedings in this matter. In the meantime, the National Office is to continue to distribute the letters which may come in to the National Office to the Public Safety Bureau of the FCC.

Counsel Kittner stated that the comment period for the APCO docket on Docket Response Time will be ended by March 16. During this discussion, it was decided that Immediate Past President William Miller would be asked to discover if IACP support would be effected by the recent reduction in effort of that organization.

The Executive Secretary subsequently mentioned this to Mr. Miller and he will look into the matter.

During this portion of the meeting, Counsel Kittner was instructed to call his office and discuss the matter of the Docket Response Time with Jim Cooke. This was done in order that Mr. Cooke can discuss this with Bill Lee while Mr. Lee is in Washington during the meetings being held there.

The Board again discussed whether there was a need to have EMS review panels established in the chapters. However, due to the active work in this area being done by the CPRA Chapter, it is possible that that activity will result in a sort of test bed for the whole idea of EMS regional panels. First Vice President Jerry Campbell, who is actively engaged in the CPRA Chapter voluntary planning effort, will keep the office advised in this matter.

The so-called FCC Atlanta plan was discussed. The Executive Secretary made an appointment to meet with Mr. Morgan O'Brien and Mr. Will McGibbon of the FCC who were present at the Western State Regional meeting. This was subsequently done with Counsel Kittner present. The report on that discussion will be made separately at a later date.

Executive Secretary McMillian reported on the fact that he had written the Commission with regard to the FCC Rule part 89.15 matter. We have not had a reply as yet from the Public Safety Bureau. During this discussion, Counsel was directed to call his office and see that both Mr. Chupp and Mr. Lee were properly informed in those matters which may be decided by vote at the Land Mobile Communications Council meetings being held during this week.

Counsel Kittner mentioned other docket proceedings that would be of interest to APCO. One of these is concerned with interconnect rule making. He discussed the posture of the 900 MHz Docket 18262 Supreme Court issue. He also mentioned that the Commission had waived the rules to permit EMS services to use local government frequencies at a location where a government entity already had the master license for the area.

He made mention of some CB matters that were becoming more active, some of which revealed that independent municipalities were attempting to solve the sort of problems which were more rightly in the domain of the Federal Communications Commission.

He also said that the ATIS proposal is still cooking on the back burners in the Commission.

The meeting was recessed at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on March 22. All Board members, Executive Secretary, and Counsel present.

Executive Secretary McMillian reported that he was beginning to get some revised MA Bulletin lists back from the chapters. However, the return was not as large as expected. He said he would continue to contact the chapters in this regard.

McMillian reported that local counsel had stated that the Associations Constitutions and ByLaws were not adequate for having the Association incorporated in the state of Florida. Executive Secretary is directed to have the corporation registered in the state of Florida, and to work with the attorney toward determining what deficiencies existed in the Association's C & B in order that full corporate chartering may be affected in the state of Florida.

Executive Secretary McMillian also reported that the Association was now covered by a corporate liability insurance.

Mr. McMillian reported that he was still attempting to implement chapters in Nebraska and Louisiana. He is expecting to meet with a group of interested persons in the state of Louisiana on his way back to Florida from Phoenix.

McMillian reported that the IRS is becoming more interested in certain non-profit corporation activities, such as revenue from magazine advertising and revenue from trade shows held in connection with annual meetings.

A review was made of the 42nd annual conference resolutions. President Devine stated he would work with the Resolutions Committee at the Western States Regional Conference in this regard.

A review of Life Member applications was made. The only application on file was that of Mr. Arthur Lane of the Minnesota Chapter. Executive Secretary McMillian is directed to write the chapter and advise them regretfully that it appeared that Mr. Arthur Lane did not meet the basic requirements laid down by the Board of Officers. The requirements for Life Membership were being proposed as a resolution to be adopted at the coming 42nd annual conference.

Returning again to committee reports, the Board members will send comments to the Executive Secretary regarding the last objective report that has been submitted by Mr. Davey Crockett, chairman of the Activity and Membership committees.

At this time, Mr. William Miller came in to view the Motorola Teleprograms Training film presentation.

The training film presentation was made by Mr. Dennis Anderson of Motorola Teleprograms. After considerable discussion, it was agreed with Mr. Anderson that an additional caveat would be placed in the beginning of the film. This being true, the Board voted to have the Executive Secretary continue to develop the training package which would accompany the film with the exception of President Devine, who voted in the negative.

The Board decided what certificates and plaques would be presented to members and others at the 42nd annual conference. Plaques will be issued to Mr. Elmer Eymann, Mr. Henry Boccella, Mr. Davey Crockett, Mr. Don Kavanagh, Mr. J. Don Shields, Mr. Nick Missailidis, Mr. Hugh Ennis, Mr. William Miller. Plaques will be given to all Project 13 task group members, and certificates will be given to all secondary task group members of Project 13, who worked at the state level.

Also, President Frank Devine will obtain a chapter banner which will be presented to the Atlantic Chapter in appreciation of the donation of a copy machine to the National Office.

At 11:40 a.m., Mr. John Simmons joined the group and gave information regarding certain activities that would be taking place at the Western States Regional Conference.

The Board next considered the matters concerned with the 1976 conference. The Executive Secretary was told to call Mr. Bob Tall and have him call Mr. John Eger regarding Mr. Eger's acceptance of the role of principal keynote speaker at the 1976 annual conference. Mr. McMillian made that call and left the word with Mr. Tall's office.

Mr. Armitage will call Mr. Kulikowski regarding whether or not he will take part in the conference program.

Considerable discussion was held about the 1976 conference item of the debate on national standards and specifications. Several names were offered to be on that debating team. Mr. McMillian also commented on his call to Mr. Bob Tall's office; he asked Mr. Tall to furnish additional names to be contributed for that part of the program. Questions were asked about the financial budgeting of the 1976 conference. President Frank Devine stated that at the next meeting of the conference committee, he would make certain that the budgeting of the committee was as realistic as could be expected. The Board also express concern about the fact that there would be two boat trips during this conference. President Devine said he would look into the matter and see if it would be possible to have Chairman Missailidis delete the boat trip for the ladies.

Executive Secretary McMillian presented an amended page for the Board of Officers Policy Book which had to do with the interest bearing deposits. The Board accepted this amended page which defines the purposes of interest bearing accounts.

Executive Secretary McMillian was directed to look into the trade-off and advantages or disadvantages of the National Office having some sort of small utility car to be used strictly for office purposes.

It was agreed that President Frank Devine, Executive Secretary McMillian, and President-Elect Alan Armitage would attend the North Central Regional Conference and that Second Vice President Nate McClure would also attend if possible and also, hopefully, at his own department's expense.

It was also agreed that President Frank Devine would attempt to attend the East Coast Regional Conference at his department's expense, and Mr. McMillian would attend the East Coast Regional Conference and that President-Elect Armitage would also attend, hopefully, at his department's expense.

President Frank Devine stated that he would like, as his Past President's award, a wrist watch similar to the one that had been awarded to Mr. William Miller when he stepped down a President in 1975.

The Executive Secretary was authorized to travel by car if he so desires to the North Central Regional Conference and the East Coast Regional Conference.

Because of the new IRS rulings regarding proceeds from exhibit booths, Executive Secretary was directed to make sure that future sales brochures and contracts

of annual conferences contain a clause to this affect which he will draft and send to future conference chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

At a later meeting between, Executive Secretary McMillian, President Devine, and First Vice President Campbell, the matters below were discussed. The other officers had by this time, left the conference.

President Devine directed that the Executive Secretary make plans to see that all positions in the National Office be in place and working with whatever new personnel may be required at the time he retires from his office on December 31, 1977. This direction is concerned chiefly with that of having persons in training both for the office of Executive Secretary and for the office of Association Office Manager and Comptroller.

This direction, it is the Association's desire, if funds are possible, to have Mr. McMillian's replacement undergoing on-the-job training 12 months in advance of his retirement period and the person in training for the office of Office Manager and Comptroller in place and undergoing training at least 3 months prior to the time the present employee will retire.

Mr. McMillian brought up the subject of whether the Board felt it would be beneficial for the Association to print additional copies of the Project 13 planning Guidelines for free distribution. The Board decided that, in view of the preceding requirements of having people in training, the funds for that additional expense preclude any opportunity to distribute the Planning Guidelines as was discussed.

Mr. McMillian advised that he had spoken to Mr. Harry Bratt of LEAA, who had made the principal address at the Western States Regional Conference, about the additional training manuals. Mr. Bratt seemed to be interested in the fact that the field did have a need for these manuals and made a note to that effect. He will take this matter up in Washington some time after his return to his office.