Georgia APCO Business Meeting
GECC2022
The Classic Center, Athens, Georgia

Monday, February 28, 2022 | 11:30 am

Call to Order- Called at 12:24 pm *Jonathan Jones*

Jones, Jonathan *President*	P	Murray, Danny *Vice President / EC Rep*	P	Dunlap, Daniel *Treasurer*	P	Rhodes, Danielle *Secretary*	P
Buckner, Dustin *Board Officer at Large*	P	Alterio, Melissa *Board Officer at Large*	P	Letson, Amanda *Board Officer at Large*	P	English, Jennifer *Board Officer at Large*	P
Smith, Lynn *Immediate Past President*	P	Nix, Michael *Ex-Officio*	P	Allvine, Drew *Commercial Advisor*	P	Bevan, Ralph *Frequency Coordinator*	E

Quorum Establishment- Thanked everyone for being here. The turnout has been fantastic. He hopes everyone has fun and makes new friends while learning a lot. Jonathan Jones reiterated those comments and mentioned for those in attendance to absorb the sessions and the networking mentioning that we will all be going back to our normal duties soon and to please enjoy it. *Danny Murray, Executive Council Representative*

Introduction and swearing-in of new Board Officer(s)- New Officers Sworn in by Angela Bowen. New Officers are Danny Murray as Vice President, Daniel Dunlap as Treasurer, Danielle Rhodes as Secretary, Melissa Alterio as Board Officer at Large, Dustin Buckner as Board Officer at Large, Amanda Letson as Board Officer at Large, Jennifer English as Board Officer at Large, and Lynn Smith as Immediate Past President. They were sworn in at 12:27 pm. *Jonathan Jones / Angela R. Bowen*

Business Reports

President's Report-Membership has tapered down. Be sure to do renewals. Committees have been revamped in hopes of giving everyone a chance to participate. You can go to the website to find the descriptions and the applications. It should be under the membership section on the website. The Regional Ambassador Program went under a revamp that will be discussed later in the meeting. The new website integrated an email list so that emails can be added and updates can be sent with email blasts. Sabrina has come aboard as PIO for our social media and has jumped in with content and engaging posts. She has helped with the GECC Social Media as well as APCO pages.
<Sabrina came forward at that time to give some stats. She mentioned that she was the one taking photos this week. Stated that the GECC page had 1000 likes on Facebook and 107 likes on Instagram. In the past 28 days, engagement has increased by 438%. For APCO, 6700 total likes on Facebook and engagement in the last 28 days have been 528%. Requested any agency that has a page to let her know so she can follow.>
Jonathan moved on and spoke about the earlier session with Hank and asked everyone to stop by his table and look at his petition. Jonathan spoke about how he and the NC APCO President have started a SE Chapter Presidents' group to discuss issues and things impacting current presidents in the region. They have been having some good discussions, and he is looking forward to where that will go. Bingo is tonight, and the awards banquet will be later on in the week to celebrate peers. *Jonathan Jones*

Treasurer's Report- Checking account balance is $41,037.37. The Money Market account balance is $15,565.78. The GA APCO CD Account balance is $15,600.04. The total available funds are $72,473.19. *Daniel Dunlap*

Secretary's Report- As of February 27, 2022, the Georgia APCO Chapter currently has 913 members, and that number continues to increase as renewals come in. We have two sets of business meeting minutes to approve. The first is March 9, 2020, and the second is September 8, 2021. Both have been posted to the Georgia APCO website for review. Called for motions to approve the Business Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2020 Motion was made. A second was asked for and was made. No discussion. Motion passed for minutes to be approved. Called for a motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2021. A motion was made, and a second was asked for and made. No discussion. Motion passed for minutes to be approved. *Danielle Rhodes*

Executive Council Update- Management Committee is working on the agenda for the August 5 meeting in Anaheim. If anyone has anything they want to be brought up, shoot him an email or give him a call. Flash Day is April 4, and also volunteer sign-ups open up that day. Sign up on that list if you want 100 percent off on the conference. *Danny Murray*

Regional Ambassador Report-Completely was revamping the program. Have 8 regions and will be looking for 8 people. There was some interest from those who filled the roles last time. There was a need for an application program. The application and information are on the website. The main goal of these roles is to serve as a liaison between chapter members and board officers. The role also involves building the community, training events, helping with legislation, and various things. Please send an email if you are interested. *Melissa Alterio*

Guest Remarks

APCO International Update- Some good things are going on at the national level. It was interesting to see how things were navigated through COVID. The professional staff at APCO is incredible. Most organizations were losing money, but APCO came out in the black. If you have a chance, thank them for the job they do. Two things APCO does on our behalf. A government relations office works with Congress and the FCC on regulatory issues. They have worked to secure major funding for nationwide NG911. We started out asking that 20 billion was reduced to 15 billion, which got reduced to 460 million. We need much more to do what needs to be done. FCC Chairwoman made some remarks and proposed taking the proceeds from the upcoming spectrum option to fund NG911. There are two options for funding. Federal Funding and Spectrum Options. APCO Government Relation is working with both to get the needed funding. Next Gen is more than just text messages. Another priority is fixing the federal classification of public safety telecommunicators. APCO and NENA are committed and working together to get the recognition we deserve.
Reclassification has nothing to do with retirement, pay or the number of days in a week you work. It is simply recognition to reclassify. APCO is also working on funding health and wellness initiatives of Public Safety Telecommunicators. A study done in 2019 found 1 in 7 PSTs had suicidal thoughts. That number is on par with Fire and EMS but is 3 times higher than the normal population. APCO has been working with Congress on protecting 911, which is for health and wellness for 911 PSTs. APCO has put a lot of stock into health and wellness. Retention has always been a problem, but health can suffer with more technology and sills for this job. APCO is hoping to get the Protect 911 Act passed this year. The National Conference is in Anaheim August 7th-10th. Would love to see as many Georgia people there. You get a day pass for any day you volunteer, and please encourage people to volunteer to help them save money.
Angela R. Bowen

APCO 2nd VP Candidate Remarks- Started PST career 18 years ago in Chattanooga, TN. Did it for 4 years under police-managed 911, and then another 4 years as a consolidated center. Got involved with APCO as an agency instructor. He participated in editorials and has been able to write articles. I was able to see what impacts 911 as a whole. Has gotten to see all the work that each committee does. In 2019, he joined the BOD for the Gulf Coast region. He is running to help with communications between all of us. *Stephen Martini*

Next Business Meeting - **Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at The Ridges Resort on Lake Chatuge**

Other Business / Comments- Jonathan asked for everyone to download the app and complete the session surveys. It is your conference, and we want you to get the best out of it. Danny Murray motioned to accept members running for international officers to be endorsed by GA APCO. A second was made. There was no discussion, and no one opposed it.

Jonathan- thanked everyone for being here.

Recessed until after the awards banquet @12:57 pm.
Meeting was adjourned @ 19:53 on a first motion by Angela Bowen and a second motion by Lynn Smith.