



Tri-Counties Chapter

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2010

I. Call to order

President Mark Hanks called meeting to order at 6:40 pm at the Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara.

Roll call

The following individuals were present:

1. Ryan Bates, Vice President (PHPOA)
2. Matt Findlay, President (VCDSA)
3. Rene Smit, President (SBAPOA)
4. Mark Hanks, Chapter Director, Treasurer (VCDSA)
5. Diane Hubbard, President (VCPPOA)
6. Roger Stephenson, PORAC LDF, (ESPOA)
7. James Meter, Chapter Secretary (SBCDSA)
8. Ken Yuwiler, SHSW&L
9. Peter Horton, Lackie, Dammeier & McGill Law Firm
10. Mike Thompson, Vice President (SLODSA)
11. Steve Hendrickson, Board Member (SLODSA)
12. David Villanueva, Board Member (OPOA)
13. Randy Watkins, Region III Director (VCDSA)
14. Nick Odenath, PORAC I&B, At-Large Director (VCDSA)
15. Marlene Houlihan, Treasurer (VCPPOA)
16. Eric Beecher, Vice President (SBPOA)

II. Approval of Minutes – Mark Hanks

A motion was made by Matt Findlay to approve the minutes, as submitted via e-mail, of the July 19, 2010 meeting held at the Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara. Rene Smit seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer’s Report – Ryan Bates

Treasurer Bates reported General account balance of \$10,832.96 as of September 17, 2010.

Director Snowling not present; no report.

IV. PORAC Officers Report – Mike Durant

PORAC Vice President Mike Durant unable to attend; no report.

V. President’s Report – Mark Hanks

President Hanks reported he attended the recent Region III meeting. Randy Watkins was nominated to PORAC Executive Board for Region III. Bill Daniels from Simi Valley POA will be running for Region III Insurance and Benefits Committee.

VI. Committees

Insurance & Benefits – Nick Odenath reported

Reminder about the Insurance and Benefits website www.poracinsurance.org as a resource for basic insurance questions as well as additional contact information.

Eric Swartz with Myers, Stevens & Toohey

LDF - Director Roger Stephenson reported membership at 87,591, 894 Associations as of August 31, 2010. Net assets \$5.1 million in reserves as of July 31, 2010.

Roger advised Ed Fishman will be holding a seminar relating to mitigating LDF costs. Should be helpful for associations to review how they can lower their exposure to higher LDF rates. Ed will review cases to illustrate what options associations have and obvious issues to avoid.

Roger reminded chapter members of the LDF website which contains valuable articles and information. www.porac.org/ldf

Ken Yuwiler spoke about the handling of critical incident interviews and a new finding by Dr. Ed Geiselman (sp?) via Force Science Institute, Ltd. Dr. Geiselman published a study that essentially supports the correlation of proper rest and effectiveness of memory. It further stated that sleep deprivation may contribute to the generation of false memories. This information is included in Dr. Geiselman's published article. (Contact Chapter Secretary for link to article)

Ken also reminded chapter about potential issues surrounding electronic communications as improper use can lead to discipline and/or termination.

RMT – John Snowling not in attendance, no report.

PAC – Steve Hintz addressed chapter seeking endorsement for Ventura County Treasurer. Motion by Matt Findlay to endorse Mr. Hintz and donate \$700 to his campaign. Second by Diane Hubbard. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about 23rd Congressional District race. Motion by Randy Watkins to endorse Tom Watson. Second by Nick Odenath. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mike Thompson to endorse Ian Parkinson for San Luis Obispo County Sheriff and donate up to \$700 to his campaign. Second by Randy Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Randy Watkins to donate \$1,000 to an I.E. to the Steve Cooley for CA Attorney General. Second by Diane Hubbard. Motion passed.

By-Law Committee – Proposed Bylaw amendments were voted on. Motion made by Ryan Bates. Second by Rene Smit. No discussion. Adopted bylaws to be posted on the chapter website by Rene Smit. Electronic copy available via chapter Secretary upon request.

VII. Directors' Reports

Tri-Counties' Director John Snowling not present, no report.

Executive Board Director Randy Watkins spoke briefly about RAM. RAM membership at approximately 4,400 members.

VIII. Vice-Presidents' Reports

San Luis Obispo Vice-President Dale Strobridge unable to attend, no report.

Santa Barbara County Vice-President Chris Corbett unable to attend, no report.

Ventura County Vice-President Nick Odenath reported Port Hueneme Police Department has a new Chief of Police, Kathleen Sheehan. In the near future Oxnard Police Department will also have a new Chief of Police due to the current chief retiring.

IX. Unfinished Business

None discussed.

X. New Business

Nomination made by Matt Findlay for Ryan Bates as Chapter Vice President, Ventura County. Second by James Meter. Unanimous vote for Ryan Bates as Ventura County V.P., two (2) year term to expire December 2012.

Nomination made by Randy Watkins for Dave Wareham as Chapter President. Second by James Meter. Unanimous vote for Dave Wareham as Chapter President, two (2) year term to expire December 2012.

Motion by Randy Watkins for on-going, annual \$500 donation to the California Peace Officers Memorial. Donation to be paid May 1st of each year. Second by James Meter. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Good of the Chapter

Motion by Randy Watkins to reimburse Chapter President Mark Hanks for chapter related travels expenses totaling \$528.31. Second by Matt Findlay. Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter associations reminded to submit proxy votes for annual conference if unable to attend.

XII. Adjournment

President Hanks adjourned the meeting at approximately 08:35 pm.
Minutes submitted by: James Meter, Chapter Secretary