



## ***Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting***

Location: The Harbor Restaurant

Date: Monday May 21, 2018

Time: 1830-2030

### ***Agenda***

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	<b>Mary-Linda Arroyo</b>	<b>1 min</b>

1850 hours

<b>II. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Mary-Linda Arroyo</b>	<b>1 min</b>
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*Motion to approve the minutes of March's meeting was made by Roger Garcia and seconded by Tony Sanders. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.*

<b>III. Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Roger Garcia</b>	<b>5 min</b>
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Fund Balance: \$2,976.73

Expenses since last report: Chapter website renewal with "GoDaddy" for \$119.76 and \$881.90 for Symposium for MaryLinda and Roger

Includes recent reimbursement of \$1809.12 for 1st quarter 2018.

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Tony Sanders and seconded by Scott Peterson. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.*

**IV. PORAC Officer's Report      Tony Sanders      5 min**

Contentious meeting recently with Governor Brown in Sacramento. Will meeting again soon; hopefully the next meeting will be more productive.

On the federal level, Salud Carbajal and Julia Bromley indicate they are willing to consider sponsoring any bill we bring forward to them. Support from state legislators has not been as cooperative lately; many choosing to side with the BLM movement. There may be some state level movement coming due to this.

**V. President's Report      Mary-Linda Arroyo      5 min**

Since the last meeting the following has taken place:

Recent CPOMF and PORAF Legislative day.

Recent endorsements:

Brian Olmstead (SB Sheriff Candidate via email)

Anthony Sabo (Ventura County Judge)

*Motion to reduce to reduce campaign contribution to Bill Daniels from \$2500 to \$1000 (due to donation limits for City Council) was made by Tim Wedemeyer and seconded by Javier Antunez. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.*

**VI. Committees**

**A. Insurance and Benefits      Bill Daniels      5 min**

No report

**B. Legal Defense Fund      Chris Coulter      5 min**

Recent 2nd degree murder acquittal of ICE Agent that was taking rocks during an apprehension, and fired across border. Hung jury on manslaughter charges. Judge declared mistrial. New trial commenced on 3/20/18.

Present in 48 states, 4 US Territories

123,584 members

1274 associations

\$27,586,973 in assets

Currently working 98 criminal cases, including 8 murder/manslaughter charges, 28 UOF, 4 accidents

Audit reports for LDF funds are available to member associations upon request.

New LDF Rates coming out... Keep in mind:

Plan 1 – If you use it, your rates go up (like car insurance). There is also a Non-Scope option which gives extended coverage for incidents that occur outside the member's normal job/role; such as administrative roles. Most agencies opt out of this coverage, which results in a \$5 decrease in the Plan 1 rates.

**D. Political Action** **5 min**

No report

## **VII. Directors' Reports**

**A. Tri-County Director** **Javier Antunez** **5 min**

Selections were recently completed for the PORAC scholarships.

**B. Executive Board Director** **Tony Sanders** **5 min**

PORAC 5/9/18 meeting & DC FLY-IN

- A.B .2768: Criminal Threats: This bill will make it a crime if a school or a place of worship is threatened. PORAC supports this bill.
- A.B. 1192: This bill will allow retired peace officers and reserve peace officers who met specified length of service requirements the ability to own/carry large capacity magazines.

PORAC has asked for a copy of all the chapters Bylaws to assure they are in conformance with PORAC's Bylaws.

PORAC DC Fly-in was from May 15th-17th, 2018. Here is the list of bills we discussed:

- H.R. 5060: The Heroes Lesley Zerebny and Gilbert Vega First Responders Survivor Act:
- The Public Safety Officers Benefits' (PSOB) Program is a program that provides death, disability, and education benefits to federal, state and local public safety officers and their survivors. The bill will do the following:
  - This law would double the existing PSOB death and disability from \$250,000 to \$500,000.
  - Increase the education benefit for higher education from \$1,041 per month to \$2,000 per month. Removes all existing burdens to ensure that families receive the full amount of benefits (i.e. switching from the currently used Consumer Price index for all urban consumers inflation rate to calculate monies to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) standard inflation rate for college tuition and fees. Making the PSOB benefit amount set on the date of distribution, as opposed to the date of the individual officers death).

- H.R. 5307: The School Training, Equipment, and Protection (STEP) Act.
  - This bill will allocate \$50 million to improve school safety; including allowing schools to acquire technologies like surveillance system and alarms that will notify law enforcement officers of an active shooter and help faculty/police protect students.
- H.R. 4846: The Public Safety Employee Cooperation Act.
  - This bill would allow Federal Law Enforcement officers the right to have collective bargaining.
- H.R. 4854/S. 2345: The Justice Served Act of 2018
  - This bill would amend existing law (The Debbie Smith Act) to designate specific funding for prosecutors, and their law enforcement partners, to tackle the backlog of cases with DNA evidence. It would allow prosecutors and law enforcement to assist in solving cold cases and exonerate the wrongly accused using DNA evidence. Furthermore, the bill builds on the rapid DNA Act, passed by Congress in 2017, which PORAC supported, and which promotes expedited process of forensic DNA evidence by allowing for the use of advance DNA analysis tools.

## VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

### A. San Luis Obispo County      **Sonny Lopez**      **5 min**

(Via e-mail) Currently most agencies in the SLO area are in contract negotiations with their respective cities. For the majority of departments, finding qualified candidates is troublesome, coupled with some pushback towards some POA's due to City finances.

I have contacted several agencies, to attend the Tri-Counties meetings, but due to staffing shortages and range, most agencies are unable or to attend. I will keep trying.

I am happy to report that those Associations that are in PORAC, in our area, meet up and talk freely amongst ourselves and compare notes, give advice to one another, and share information. Pismo Beach POA still belongs to the FOP, but I have been unable to get a concise reading to determine if they are willing to come back to PORAC.

The firm Mastagni & Holstedt represented no less than five Grover Beach POA members, at the end of April. Three are for disciplinary issues; the other two are for medical representation. From my informal survey, all members are extremely happy with the level of service they are being provided. We believe, even for the cost of representation for our small agency, we are getting the best representation. They are also currently representing us in contract negotiations.

### B. Santa Barbara County      **5 min**

SBPMA

4.5% raise, with 4% giveback for retirement.

SBPOA

Re-negotiating their contract soon.

*Motion to appoint Neil Gowing of SBDSA as the Santa Barbara County Chapter Vice President was made by Roger Garcia and seconded by Tony Sanders. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.*

**C. Ventura County**

**Scott Peterson**

**5 min**

Negotiations with VCDSA has resulted in 1.5% raise every year for 3 yrs. Slight increases in other line items, totaling a 9% total increase. Votes were 320 yes, 20 no.

County is dead-set on all unions getting only 1.5% each year, and slight increase in medical.

Bill Ayub has no opponent in his bid for Ventura County Sheriff.

VCPPPOA also currently going through negotiations.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

**Mary-Linda Arroyo**

**5 min**

None

**X. New Business**

Mollie Culver (Salud Carbajal's Campaign Rep)

Salud is in DC for congressional business. 12 years BOS. Supporter of LE and public safety, defined benefits, collective bargaining. Has supported every bill PORAC has brought to him, including survivors act, think blue lie act, justice served act of 2018. Committed to our "shared issues" we face in the central coast. Wants to be a resource for us in on a federal level. 805-550-9300

Tony Sanders (VCDSA)

Unsure of what issues SBDSA has with Salud Carbajal, but when I have met with him on PORAC issues, he has been extremely receptive. What he ay or not have done as a BOS, I cannot comment on. I know Justin Fareed. He sounds good, but from what I have seen from Salud, he has our backs in D.C. If the SBDSA wants to endorse Justin, that is fine but this body should endorse Salud.

Niel Gowing (SBDSA)

Salud didnt even give us the courtesy of a phone call, requesting the endorsement. As a BOS, he did not do much for our association. His environmental stance did not help with the mudslides.

Tony - I think sometimes, politicians forget the big picture. Sometimes it is better to "dance" with the devil. Salud could have sent his chief of staff to talk to us, but this is chess not checkers. When I go back in October, i will remind Salud that he needs to stay grounded and reach out.

*Motion to endorse Salud Carbajal was made by Tony Sanders and seconded by Javier Antunez. With no additional discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of the members present; with nays by Niel Gowing and John Tena.*

Roger Garcia (OPOA)

Recently asked by OPOA members about the Antonio Villaraigosa endorsement. The majority appear not to be happy with it.

Tony - If Gavin Newsom is elected, we are all screwed. Chung is good but has no chance. LA area LE agencies support Villaraigosa and endorsement was made by the full board. The two republican candidates did not show up to the meeting to request our endorsement.

## **XI. Good of the Chapter Round Table/Member Comments**

Jacob Kalinski (RLS)

Ochoa vs County of Kern - Challenged rule stating only people authorized to initiate investigation must be captains and above. Court rules that anyone that can question subordinates meets the requirements and the 1 yr rule.

Epic systems vs. Lewis

Individuals can waive opportunity to file class action lawsuits ("me too" issues). Fears are that issues that affect everyone may require everyone to file individually claims. National trend aimed at weakening unions. This is specifically relative to ALADS.

Ken Yuwiler (RLS)

LDF's consideration of "non-scope" is based on what the trustees decide, not specific agencies (i.e. time card and work comp fraud, criminal cases, etc.).

County of SB case.

Matt Delgado accident. Everyone in the SBSO has asked to indemnify Matt, but county has refused. Mediation coming up. Trial court ruled with county, Appellate court reversed and ruled with Matt.

RLS Symposium June 21 in Costa Mesa. Flyer handout.

Howard Lieberman (Mastagni-Holstedt)

Ochoa decision was good for us. Unfortunately, there was also a criminal aspect that tolled the 1 yr requirement.

Acquittal in Santa Clara DSA case recently

Alameda County DSA vs Alameda County Retirement System

Brief filed recently in support of the California Rule

Eric Swartz (Meyers-Stevens)

CLEA is back out peddling its LTD plans. Grossly misrepresenting PORAC's benefits. New simplified issue coverage will be offered in August. Five questions only to be approved for up to \$250k for 10 yr term. Rates will be very good.

Opportunity to get insurance without jumping through hoops.

Call if you'd like to have him come to speak to members at association meetings

Craig (AFLAC)

Working closely with Susan in Northern SB and SLO Counties. Contact if you need assistance with AFLAC issues.

~ Adjournment ~

Next meeting: Monday July 16, 2018 at the Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara at 1830 hrs.



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