



Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting

Location: The Harbor Restaurant

Date: Monday March 21, 2016

Time: 1830-2030

Agenda

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
I. Call to Order	Mike McGrew	1 min
<p>Meeting called to order @ 6:40. Meeting started with interview of three Candidates seeking endorsement: Katcho Achadjian (U.S Congress 24th District), Janice Kamenir-Reznik (State Senate 27th District), and Das Williams (SB County BOS)</p>		
II. Approval of Minutes	Mike McGrew	1 min
<p><i>Motion to approve minutes from January's meeting was made by Don Douglass and seconded by Bill Daniels. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.</i></p>		
III. Treasurer's Report	Roger Garcia	5 min
<p>\$7940.56 (pending 1st quarter reimbursement and adjustment for error made in billing for conference. Actual balance with adjustments just over \$9k)</p>		
<p><i>Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Don Douglass and seconded by Javier Antunez. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.</i></p>		

IV. PORAC Officer's Report Tony Sanders 5 min

HR4214 (Gun violence and safe communities act of 2014)
Imposes tax on sale of certain weapons. Funds collected from taxes on these sales will be used to fund certain programs. PORAC has asked that we support these initiatives.

"Weber Bill" (Body Worn Cameras - BWC's)
Weber continues to deny the ability, in her BWC Bill, for LEOs to view video prior to report writing. PORAC is looking to author its own concurrent BWC Bill to counter Weber's Bill and get out in front of the issue.

20 Firearms Bills currently before CA Legislature
SB869 (securing Firearms in vehicles) - PORAC opposes
SB897 (Work Comp) - gives an additional year of coverage for catastrophic injuries.

Governor's Initiative for early release from Prisons
DAS - one provision freaks me out the most. Initiative only sentences inmates for primary crime, not any other crimes. Federal 3-Judge panel looking at prison overcrowding. Shifts responsibility as to who gets out of prison from Courts to State. Takes the ability to charge juveniles as adults away from DA's, and places it in the hands of the state.

V. President's Report Mike McGrew 5 min

SBPOA is still working on the horse-riding "peer support" program for LEOs suffering from PTSD. Santa Barbara Police Foundation has been highly involved in the development of the program. Nancy Penrod will be assisting in the program's expansion. Any LEO or firefighter can participate.

Bill Penzo (Body Scan Intenational)
Grew up in LE family and has been involved with scan program since 1997. Body Scans are preventative medicine. Scans take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Scans can be highly successful in finding medical problems before they become severe. The scan is a CT run by a Board Certified Radiologist. Based in Orange County. Currently serving SB County Firefighters.

VI. Committees

A. Insurance and Benefits Bill Daniels 5 min

I&B Trust continues to grow. Trustees will start to meet next month to begin calculating premiums for 2017; they should be published mid-June.

B. Legal Defense Fund

Chris Coulter

5 min

LDF currently in 38 states and 2 US Territories
Border Patrol single largest member
ICE being sought also
110,806 members
1181 Associations
\$17.4M Net Assets
4860 calls for service
305 after hours calls
685 critical calls for service

LDF rates will be changing soon. Plan 1 is an “experience based plan”. More usage = higher rate. Make sure your reps attend IA training in order to help mitigate costs wherever possible. There has been a recent spike in cases represented by LDF.

Currently there are 59 active criminal prosecutions of individuals; some outside of CA. 11 active Murder/Manslaughter cases against LEOs being defended.

San Bernardino Horse Case

Only 3 officers ultimately charged. All have entered not-guilty pleas. Video Expert approved by LDF for defense. 2/22/16 Prelim; all held to answer and arraigned on 3/16.

3 Custody Deputies in Santa Clara

All 3 deputies held to answer. Each deputy provided their own counsel and are currently free on 1.5M bail each. All are also currently on Admin leave. LDF has authorized a Video & Audio expert. Request to exclude media was denied

Ken Yuwiler

I.A. Notice Requirement

Notice must be reasonably given to allow officer to MEANINGFULLY consult with a representative. Employing Department may violate this requirement if integrity of investigation or safety of victim/witnesses is jeopardized.

LA Police Commission Just approved a de-escalation policy for OIS's. Officers are now required to explain why they did not de-escalate during critical incidents.

Rob Wexler (Rains, Lucia, Stern – “RLS”)

Introduced Terry Leoni from his office

Work Comp issues. 90% of cops that get hurt want to get better and get back to work. The law allows industries to carve out their own WC system. Employee organizations can agree to their own system that reviews and

B. Executive Board Director Tony Sanders 5 min

No report

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. San Luis Obispo County 5 min

No report

B. Santa Barbara County 5 min

No report

C. Ventura County Don Douglass 5 min

No report

IX. Unfinished Business Mike McGrew 5 min

Nothing

X. New Business

A. Janice Kamenir-Rezmik (State Senate 27th District)

80% of the district is in Ventura County, but only 20% of the voters. Never held a public office before. Prior Social Worker. Became a real estate attorney and practiced for approximately 20 years. Recruited approximately 2 years ago to run for this office. Democratic candidate, but pro "small business". Supports many, if not most of, LE issues. Disappointed by current morale and pension issues affecting LE today. Supportive of officers viewing BWC videos prior to reports. Supportive of closer working relationship between LE and the community. Did not support Prop 47. In favor of greater mental health treatment.

Q&A

Q: Sanders - Are you aware of the governors initiative that would get prisoners released?

A: If you are going to release prisoners early there MUST be a plan as to where they will go and what they will do. There needs to be a comprehensive strategy.

Q: Wexler - How is fundraising going?

A: came into race mid-January and currently has almost \$500k. Should be able to raise the \$1M needed to win the race. Currently is the only female on the ballot.

Q: Who do you see you have to contend with?

A: in the primary, David Sterne. Came into the race after several endorsements had already been made. When entered the race several of the BOS had already endorsed Sterne but they changed endorsements afterwards.

Q: Sanders - Have you reached out to the VCDSA?

A: meeting with Geoff Dean next week.

Motion to continue to remain neutral in this race, until LA North and LA South take a position, was made by Scott Petterson and seconded by Roger Garcia. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

B. Katcho Achadjian (U.S. Congress, 24th District)

PORAC supported him when running for Assembly. Supportive of many of our issues. Supported by SLODSA and CA CHP Assoc. Current California Assemblyman. Assembly district covers majority of Congressional District he is running for. Has been re-elected 3 times for current assembly seat. Running against Salud Carbajal.

Henderson (SLODSA)

Katcho has been highly supportive of us and has been a straight shooter from day one. I drove down here from SLO to support him.

Q&A

Q: Sanders - AB109 has another initiative coming out, position? Opposed AB109. Unaware of current Bill in the works, but whenever there is any doubt, always goes to men and women in uniform for advice on issues affecting them.

Q: Position on BWC's and Weber's Bill? Definitely in favor of allowing LEOs to review any available video prior to writing their reports.

Motion to endorse Katcho Achadjian made by Steve Hendrickson, and seconded by Javier Antunez. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

C. Das Williams (SB County BOS, 1st District)

Grew up in Santa Barbara. Did not grow up with the best perception of LE. At about the age of 15, moved into the household of a SBSO Jail Deputy, which changed his perspective of LE. Has supported LE while a member of SB City Council and as a current Assemblyman. Laments the currently negative characterization of LE due to, "a few bad apples" in the profession, as well as the pendulum swing in incarceration. Stood against Prop 47. Did not support Weber's BWC Bill based on our input last year. This Year working on Human trafficking "aggravating factors in sentencing" Bill (AB2513). 911 Emergency Response - Wireless Routing (AB1564). Has "termed out" of the Assembly. Running for Salud Carbajal's County BOS seat. Mentioned the SBCDSA contract. Believes we should TRY to phase in

the take backs so that the rank and file sees raises; not zeros, or net-losses. Spoke on the State's budget deficit. Believes in government sustainability.

Motion to support Das Williams for county BOS was made by Tony Sanders and seconded by Steve Hendrickson. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

Motion to give Das the max allowable PAC contribution made by Tony Sanders and seconded by Chris Coulter. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

Motion to support Das Williams' 911 Bill (AB1864) was made by Mike McGrew and seconded by Don Douglass. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

XI. Good of the Chapter Round Table/Member Comments

Roger Garcia (OPOA)

2nd year without a contract for OPOA. Association hired a PR firm recently.

Don Douglass (VCPPOA)

New Interim President taking over for association after president resigned.

Mike McGrew (SBPOA)

SBPOA entering into negotiations. Department has a new interim chief, Johnny Crombeck. Nationwide recruitment for replacement will follow soon.

~Adjournment ~

Next Meeting: Monday May 16, 2016

Location: Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara, CA.



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