



Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting

Location: AJ Spurs Grover Beach

Date: Monday September 18, 2023

Time: 1730-1930 Hours

Meeting Minutes

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
I. Call to Order	Tim Wedemeyer	1 min
Pledge of allegiance		
II. Approval of Minutes	Tim Wedemeyer	1 min
Approval of minutes from July 24, 2023, minutes approved by Nick Odenath second by Judi Estrada.		
III. Treasurer's Report	Roger Garcia	5 min
Current balance: \$17,429.54		
Deposits: Pending 3 rd quarter reimbursement		
Expenses since last meeting: \$446. 18 July 24, 2023, Chapter meeting dinner. \$2092.31 LDF Conference Cost for Tim Wedemeyer.		
IV. PORAC Officer's Report	Jazmine DeForest	5 min

Legislative session closed Thursday. SB- 50-Traffic enforcement sent back for revisions possibly to return in a year. SB-94-Life without Parole prior to 1990 was not approved could potentially return later. PORAC has teamed up with other states Washington, Hawaii, Oregon and Alaska-West Coast Coalition working together to go back to Washington DC to talk to Federal Law makers.

Nicki Odenath Ventura County Association President and PORAC Treasurer

Senate Bill 50 – would have devastated the way we do Police work for agencies across the entire state. PORAC put a lot of work into SB 50 this year. PORAC took the lead on working and educating the Assembly and Senate members on why this bill would be devastating. Meetings are monthly in Sacramento. A lot of work was done by Senator Bradford who was the author of the bill.

These bills are being generated in large part by the ACLU the ACLU is funding a lot of these represented by Bradford and advocating for these types of bills. This is the first year of the two years cycle the second year will start up in January and finish in September of next year. There is a chance that bill will return however the chances are slim.

When it comes to the lobbying in Sacramento as it relates to Public Safety bills, PORAC is very well respected by the leadership by both the Assembly and the Senate.

There are a couple of House Bills in DC that PORAC is actively working on Jazmine mentioned the coalition, the Western part of the United States must have a united voice when it comes to lobbying in Washington DC. PORAC is usually lobbying twice a year, but we are only meeting with people that are in CA. By creating this coalition and bringing in other states, that are like minded as far as the West Coast and how Policing is it is very different then how it is in the East Coast. As a Coalition, PORAC can go back there and speak to the west Coast. PORAC also speaks to several other representatives in other states and would otherwise not be able to speak with because, PORAC did not have the coalition prior.

The two bills being worked on currently are a medical bill that would lower the medical age for first responders. This bill would reduce the medical bill to 57.

The second bill to keep an eye out for is called the GOP Web, Web stands for windfall elimination protection act. This bill we have been lobbying on PORAC for the last 4-5 years currently we have 291 sponsors on the bill.

Use a private email for non-work-related communication including PORAC business. Conference this year is at Disneyland in November. It is highly recommended to sign up for PORAC emails for updates.

President's Report

Tim Wedemeyer

5 min

CA Publics Records Act 1421- if you are sending emails within the agency's anything is discoverable anyone can try to get a hold of those emails. Please use your personal email for anything not, work related including PORAC business.

VI. Committees

A. Insurance and Benefits Roger Garcia 5 min

Rates will be increasing. We are trying to keep rates down as low as possible. If you have questions about Insurance Benefits, please speak with one of the trustees about any questions or concerns. Are region is considered region 3. Tell your members to update their beneficiary.

B. Legal Defense Fund Todd Fraizer 5 min

PORAC LDF is in all 50 states and 4 US territories we cover 142, 932 Officers for Law Enforcement and even Fire Fighters. We are in the process of signing on some Federal Court Security Officers because they have powers of arrest and detention, and they are union members there are about 8000 Nationwide. 80, 000 of whom are covered are out of state. We represent 15092 associations. LDF PORAC Coverage plan 6 has 332 associations.

There are 120 active Criminal cases 23 for murder-manslaughter 33 for excessive force and 5 for auto collision.

Officers have the right to contact LDF if they don't feel comfortable with their agency representatives.

C. Political Action 5 min

If you have people who are interested in running for political seats and are seeking endorsements, please get their information and have them reach out as soon as possible.

VII. Directors' Reports

A. Tri-County Director 5 min

B. Executive Board Director 5 min

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. San Luis Obispo County Matt Goodman 5 min

A Dispatcher Monica Gunn, passed away in here home. There will be a go-fund me and Matt Goodman requested a motion for a Donation to help with expenses. Motion for \$1000.00 dollar donation made Judi Estrada second by Roger Garcia.

B. Santa Barbara County Jazmine DeForest 5 min

POKER tournament November 18, 2023, it funds Shop with a Sheriff event for SBSO

C. Ventura County. Nick Odenath 5 min

Thank Grover Beach for sponsoring us. Ventura County is looking for recruiting and retention programs.

March elections are right around the corner therefore, there has been a lot of requests for endorsements. DSA on the state level has endorsed Jackie Erwin once again for assembly.

IX. Unfinished Business

Tim Wedemeyer

5 min

Jamie Amstutz- AFLAC now has Cancer policy

X. New Business

XI. Good of the Chapter

Round Table/Member Comments

- Eric Swartz- Myers-Stevens Toohey
PORAC has developed a 30-day plan for disability option
- Jamie Amstutz Aflac for PORAC
Cancer plan changed
- Byron Danell Mastagni Holstedt Attorney
Lunch and learn with Mastagni Topics- SB2 POBAR

~ Adjournment ~

Next meeting January 22, 2024



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