

Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting

Location: The Harbor Restaurant Date: Monday September 23, 2013

Time: 1830-2030

Agenda

<u>ITEM</u> <u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u> <u>TIME</u>

I. Call to Order Mike McGrew 1 min.

II. Approval of Minutes Mike McGrew

Motion to approve the July minutes made by Chris Coulter, seconded by Randy Watkins, with no further discussion the motion passes by unanimous vote of the members present.

1 min

III. Treasurer's Report Roger Garcia 5 min

General Account balance \$10,317.48

PAC and PIC account balances not available at this time, as Director Corbett not present.

IV. PORAC Officer's Report Randy Watkins 5 min

LDME/LDF Trust audit issue still ongoing.

LDF Trust has removed LDME (Lackie, Dammeier, McGill & Ethir) from the Trust panel based on some of the data that was compiled during the audit. PORAC fully supports the decision by the LDF Trust. Randy reiterated that the service quality/product received from LDME was never in question. This was a billing issue only which arose from the conduct of only a few of the attorneys from the office.

Although we endorsed Peter Hoh for re-election at the last meeting, he has removed his name from the LDF Trust ballot. Chris Coulter from SVPOA has agreed to a nomination for the position via email.

Motion to nominate/support Chris Coulter as the Region III LDF Trustee was made by Ryan Bates, seconded by Bill Daniels; with no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

Gun Legislation

Aaron Reid SB396 (Firearms: Magazine Capacity).

Due to concerns over how this bill could affect retired Law Enforcement Officers, PORAC has intervened and the bill was killed; pushing it to a "2 year" bill.

PORAC Conference

Will be hosted by Region III at LA-Live this November. The installation dinner will be held Saturday night and will feature comedian Adam Ferrara.

Motion to pay the room & board and fees for the upcoming conference for our President, Mike McGrew, and Treasurer, Roger Garcia, was made by Randy Watkins and seconded by Steven Hendrickson. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

V. President's Report

Mike McGrew

5 min

No report

VI. Committees

A. Insurance and Benefits

Bill Daniels

5 min

Audits have been conducted recently to ensure that dependents listed/covered by members are properly enrolled in medical insurances. As a result, a substantial savings has been realized.

Associations, please stay on top of new member enrollments to I&B., it can be difficult to retroactively enroll members.

B. Legal Defense Fund

Peter Hoh

5 min

Peter not present. No report.

C. Retiree Medical Trust

5 min

No report.

D. Political Action

5 min

Eric Beecher (SBPOA)

Santa Barbara City council race coming up soon, with several contested seats. SBPOA has made several key endorsements for these elections in November. SBPOA now asking the chapter for a contribution in the amount of \$1000 for mayor's race and \$2000 for each of the remaining 3 councilmember endorsements; for a total of \$7000. The SBPOA is endorsing Greg Hart, Jason Nelson, and Bendy White, for City Council, as well as Helene Schneider for Mayor.

Motion to contribute \$7000 to the Santa Barbara POA's endorsees in the upcoming elections for City Council and Mayor, was made by Randy Watkins, and seconded by Bill Daniels. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

VII. Directors' Reports

A. Tri-County Director Chris Corbett 5 min

Chris not present. No report.

B. Executive Board Director Randy Watkins 5 min

See PORAC officer's report.

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. San Luis Obispo County Steven Hendrickson 5 min

Association has recently reached an agreement on the random drug testing policy that the Sheriff was pushing through. As a result of the association's efforts, now only property & evidence personnel, and those routinely handling drugs in the course of their duties, will be subject to the random drug testing.

B. Santa Barbara County

Chris Corbett

5 min

Javier Antunez (SBCDSA)

The DSA has recently endorsed Roger Aceves in the contested Second District Supervisor race. He is challenging incumbent Janet Wolf for the seat. The Sheriff will also be challenged for at the end of his term. So far two people have announced their intention to run against incumbent Bill Brown; they are UCPD officer Ryan Smith and SBSO Sergeant Sandra Brown.

C. Ventura County

Ryan Bates

5 min

Port Hueneme City Council under investigation by the District Attorney's Office for Brown Act violations in the appointment of the new City Manager. PHPOA currently in contract negotiations with the city. The department has had 2 OIS's so far this year.

IX. Unfinished Business

Mike McGrew

5 min

Nothing

X. New Business

Nothing

XI. Good of the Chapter Round Table/Member Comments

Tom Radzyminski (SMPOA)

SMPD has been contacted recently, due to LDME issue, by some former attorneys from the firm. These attorneys have aligned themselves with FOP.

Stuart Adams (Adams, Ferrone & Ferrone)

Firm has recently hired Mike McGill from LDME.

Associations in need of negotiators or LDF, as a result of the recent LDME issue, please feel free to contact the office.

Dave Martinez (Buena Park Ret.)

Started with LDME last February as a law clerk, and is now working with Dawson & Riley law firm. Andrew Dawson (Ret CHP) and Kim Riley, both former LDME attorneys, have started their own firm. Both are also LDF panel attorneys. Looking for clients and offering ½ price retainers to associations needing representation since the LDME break up.

Ryan Bates (PHPOA)

Association leadership has been courted by FOP recently. Ryan has been working diligently on dissuading PHPOA leadership from entertaining their offers.

Eric Beecher (SBPOA)

Association has recently concluded negotiations with the city. In the end, the hit taken by the POA was not "too" bad. The members will have to increase their pension contribution, but have received small pay increases that will help offset those increases to an extent. City used "league of cities" tactics by televising negotiations meetings on the internet.

Chris Coulter (SVPOA)

What SBPOA faced, with respect to televised negotiations, sounds a lot like COIN (Civic Openness in Negotiations); which Simi POA has also had to deal with recently.

Association will be moving to PERS medial soon. The association has been successful recently in helping to fill several key city positions, (managers & council members) with persons that are friendlier towards public safety needs.

Don Douglas (VCPPOA)

Public awareness campaign regarding AB109, and education as to the Probation profession, continues.

Gary Wyatt (AFLAC)

AFLAC's "wellness benefits" do not expire. Gary has recently gone back as far as 17 years with one LE subscriber in order to assist with disbursement/reimbursement of benefits. Please remember to put in for your reimbursements for such benefits.

Adjournment ~ Next meeting: Nov 2013 at PORAC Annual Conference



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