



## ***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>
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	<b>Mike McGrew</b>	<b>1 min.</b>
<b>II. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Mike McGrew</b>	<b>1 min</b>
<i>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.</i>		
<b>III. Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Roger Garcia</b>	<b>5 min</b>
General Account balance \$10,317.48 PAC and PIC account balances not available at this time, as Director Corbett not present.		
<b>IV. PORAC Officer's Report</b>	<b>Randy Watkins</b>	<b>5 min</b>
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.		



*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 Radzynski (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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