



Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting

Location: The Harbor Restaurant
 Date: Monday July 12, 2019
 Time: 1830-2030

Agenda

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
I. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 1855	Mary-Linda Arroyo	1 min
II. Approval of Minutes <i>Motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting was made by Roger Garcia and seconded by Nick Odenath. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.</i>	Mary-Linda Arroyo	1 min
III. Treasurer's Report Current balance \$6241 - pending 2nd quarter reimbursement. First Quarter deposits: \$1785.22 Expenses since last meeting: \$451.73	Roger Garcia	5 min
IV. PORAC Officer's Report From PORAC June 10, Meeting <i>President's Report</i> President Marvel met with Senator Atkins' (the current Pro-Tem) office reference AB 392. Atkins was very gracious with our efforts and willingness	Tony Sanders	5 min

to make concessions on the bill. Because those efforts, we saw the changes we did to AB 392 in our favor.

Cops at the Capital: There were 100-150 Law Enforcement officers in attendance, which was viewed as a success due to it being put together with such short notice. There is a move to make this an annual event starting next year.

PORAC's Insurance and Benefits Trust staff is growing and they are looking at adding 16-20 employees next year.

PORAC is moving forward in contracting with a HR firm to handle their HR needs. Currently looking at California Human Resource Services as that firm.

PORAC interviewed two candidates for the CalPERS Position: Henry Jones and JJ Jelincic. The board ultimately endorsed Jones for the position.

Legislative Report

ACLU gave amendments to AB 230. They attempted to put some of the language we were able to carve out of AB 392 into AB 230. Their amendments were rejected. Both bills are still working their way through the system. It's believed the bills will make it to the Governor's desk where he will sign them into law. Once the bills are signed, it's believed there will be an eighteen-month implementation before the law will take effect giving agencies time to train their officers.

AB 1332 (Bonta) Sanctuary State Contracting and Investment Act: Active Oppose.

Bill will require DOJ, starting in January 2020 and quarterly thereafter, to publish a list on its website of each person or entity believed to provide data, extreme vetting or detention facilities in support of any federal immigration agency.

AB 1636 (Bonta) Criminal Procedure: determination of Probable Cause (PC), Active Oppose. Under existing law, a person who is arrested and charged by complaint with a felony offense shall, within 10 days, or later if they waive the 10-day requirement have a preliminary examination to determine PC to hold them to answer. After a finding by the court of PC, the defendant may file a motion to set aside the finding of PC. This bill would authorize a person charged with a felony to, at the time of arraignment, make a motion for a determination of PC on each count charged, which shall be made by the court immediately on the basis of the complaint, warrant, police reports, or other documents of similar reliability, or may be continued for not more than 3 days for good cause. The bill would require the court to dismiss any count charged for which the court does not make a finding of probable cause.

SB 516 (Skinner) Evidence of participation in a criminal Street Gang:
Oppose
This bill would essentially do away with gang enhancement charges.

ACA 12 (Levine) Death Penalty: Active oppose. Another bill to kill the death penalty in California.

Region III meeting will be September 7th at the "Smokehouse" in Burbank.

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

No report

VI. Committees

A. Insurance and Benefits **Roger Garcia** **5 min**

2020 rates will be published soon.
PORAC's PPO plan changes will also be forthcoming.
IBT looking to purchase its own building due to continued growth.
Next meeting will be August 14th in Sacramento.

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

First Annual LDF Conference in as Vegas is officially sold out. 60% of the registered attendees are from out of state. Set for July 22-23

Review of the "Mesa Hotel Shooting". FBI is still investigating even though there was an acquittal at the state level.

135,844 members
1341 Associations (Atascadero POA new member)
\$35,035,524 Assets
80 Active Criminal Cases; 7 murder/manslaughter, 17 UOF

C. Political Action **5 min**

Nothing

VII. Directors' Reports

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

Conference Registration is now open. The conference is scheduled for November 21-24, 2019, at the JW Marriott in Palm Springs.

Next BOD meeting will be Monday, August 12th in Sacramento.

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

California Primary date change and political endorsements.

The California primary has been moved up to March 3rd. This makes it impractical for endorsements to be decided at the January BOD meeting. With the sheer number of open seats, we need to get on top of some of the endorsements at the August BOD meeting in order to avoid delays at conference.

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

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

Via email:

I apologize for not being able to make the last several meetings as your VP of the San Luis Obispo County area. Due to shortage of personnel at work during the last meeting and with me at a leadership training class in Hayward, CA, on today's meeting date, I feel rather shameful that I am not fulfilling my duties to our members.

First, I would like to thank everyone that is able to make these Santa Barbara meetings as it is a good way to network with other agencies and work through problems that may be similar to yours. With the attorneys sitting at the table with you, rest assured you're getting the best advice that can be had for our line of work.

For my department, I am happy to share that former GBPD Officer Alex Geiger was found not guilty of two felony counts due to his personal (retired former K9) animal causing the death of a citizen. Although no longer with this department, this case no doubt still would have had numerous ramifications for LE K9 programs in the state.

<https://calcoastnews.com/2019/04/former-officer-found-not-guilty-in-grover-beach-fatal-dog-attack/>

Our department, although small (less than 20 sworn in the POA) has had no shortage of business for our designated Representatives, provided by the Mastagni Holstedt law firm. Our current numbers are 9 IA representations and 4 medical representations. Although I am no longer President of the Association (I am the VP now), I can tell you are members are very happy with the level of service they receive from these top notch attorneys. The new President of our Association is Jim Lim and although aware of this meeting, due to shortage of personnel, he may or may not be in attendance tonight. He can be reached at jlim@gbpd.org.

Although I am still saddened to hear that the Pismo Beach Police Department still has membership with the FOP and not PORAC, I am happy to note that representatives with the Mastagni law firm are now helping them with their MOU contract. At every chance I get, I talk up the need for great representation and the benefits offered by PORAC to the officers of the San Luis Obispo county area. Other agencies in my area also

see the benefits of being a part of PORAC so please continue to pass the word on having strong, unified Association(s). Many of the other agencies (SLOPD, Atascadero PD, Paso Robles PD) still appear too far away to make these meetings only occasionally but I will continue to pass the PORAC gospel. As a side note, I highly recommend that every agency that has PORAC/LDF coverage pay for the highest level your members can afford. I can tell you from experience that you do not want your level of coverage/representation to stop halfway thru your battle. As always, stay safe.
Respectfully submitted,

Sonny Lopez, Grover Beach POA
slopez@gbpd.org

B. Santa Barbara County Neil Gowing 5 min

No report

C. Ventura County Nick Odenath 5 min

SB1421 restraining order issue going to appellate court in the near future.

IX. Unfinished Business Mary-Linda Arroyo 5 min

No report

X. New Business

PORAC Scholarship Recipients Tri-Counties Chapter:

Allison Fenske
Currently attending:
University of Texas at Arlington
Matthew Fenske, Santa Barbara County DSA
Parents: Matthew Fenske and Brenda Corona

Natasha Inglis
Currently attending:
University of Southern California
Todd Inglis, Ventura County DSA

XI. Good of the Chapter Round Table/Member Comments

Nina Ericksen (Cal Casualty)
Rate increases have been high due to recent natural disasters. Remind members that they can save a big chunk of money, and get better coverage, with California Casualty through their PORAC membership.

Bill Hadden (RLS)
As of last Friday, a VCDSA member (DA investigator) was reinstated by the Ventura Civil Service Commission. Investigator had never done anything wrong;

with 30 years on. PORAC membership is key to these defense cases, particularly with LDF's coverage.

Ken Yuwiler (RLS)

SB1421 injunction in Ventura County is being appealed by the Public Defender's Office. So far this is the only court that has granted the stay. Associations need to work with their respective agencies to continue to get out in front of this and the video legislation. Officers also need to be cognizant of the perception, whether or not the resulting force is deemed justified, that an officer may have CREATED the need for force in certain situations.

Jason Ewert (Mastagni)

Covering for Howard Lieberman.

LAPD BWC footage. Agency is proactive about putting forth UOF BWC footage.

Eric Swartz (Meyers Stevens)

Please remind members to reach out to LTD as soon as possible. All injuries are different, and need to be handled accordingly. Members need to make informed decisions regarding their injuries and returning to work!

Also remind members to update their beneficiary information.

Tim Wedemeyer (SVPOA)

City paying for POBAR training in the next few weeks. Managers, Supervisors, and members will be attending.

Susan Gifford (AFLAC)

AFLAC is supplemental insurance that pays for coverage in the event of accidents and/or injuries. Please call Susan if you need any assistance with claims, etc.

Kasey Sirody (VCDSA)

Ventura has been able to afford to push their SB1421 restraining order is because the public defender has been the one to intervene on the case, and as a public entity they cannot get private attorneys on the case.

~ Adjournment ~

Next meeting: Monday September 16, 2019 at Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara at 1830 hrs.



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