

Peace Officers' Research Association *of California*

Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting Minutes May 19, 2008

I. Call to Order

- a. President Jim Schmitt called to order the regular meeting of the Tri-Counties Chapter on 5-19-08, at the Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara CA.

II. Roll Call

- a. The following persons were present:
 - i. Jim Schmitt, President Tri-Counties (VCPPOA)
 - ii. Rene Smit, Vice President Tri-Counties (SBAPOA)
 - iii. Dale Strobridge, Vice President Tri-Counties (SLODSA)
 - iv. Nick Odenath, Vice President Tri-Counties (VCDSA)
 - v. Diane Hubbard, Secretary Tri-Counties (VCPPOA)
 - vi. Kent Bodin, Treasurer Tri-Counties (SPOAVC)
 - vii. Mike Durant, Vice President PORAC (SBCDSA)
 - viii. John Snowling, Director PORAC (VPOA)
 - ix. Roger Stephenson, PORAC LDF Rep. (El Segundo POA)
 - x. James Meter (SBCDSA)
 - xi. Chris Corbett (SBCDSA)
 - xii. Jason Smit (SBCDSA)
 - xiii. Marlene Houlihan (VCPPOA)
 - xiv. Randy Watkins (VCDSA)
 - xv. Eric Swartz (Myers-Stevens & Toohey)
 - xvi. Ken Yuwiler (Silver, Hadden, Silver, Wexler and Levine)

III. Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Chapter has a balance of \$18,563.00 in the operating account

V. Directors Report

John Snowling and Randy Watkins went to Sacramento to lobby on numerous bills, including bills on MRSA, DUI enhancements, and Juvenile DEJ. Maldonado and other legislators have a pending bill regulating second hand dealers, to deal with cooper thefts. DeLeon has introduced legislation regarding handgun ammunition. He has tried to be law enforcement friendly. PORAC opposes the bill.

VI. **New Business**

A \$1,000 donation was made to the family of a Santa Barbara County DA Investigator who was killed in a traffic accident earlier in the month.

LDF Report

The Trustees will be meeting at the end of May. Membership in LDF continues to grow. If any organizations need information on their rates, Roger has the empirical data available. The Trustees are soliciting information regarding the POST issue and the release of information issue.

Insurance and Benefits

LTD claims can now be made on-line. I&B is looking into Long Term Care plans.

IX. **Special Reports**

John Sterling, the former Santa Maria Chief of Police, is running for a seat on the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors. He attended the meeting and spoke about his campaign.

Eric Swartz reminded the members that life insurance policies are available. Myers-Stevens is working on their website. They have added a Premier Plan: for a premium of \$22.00 per month, LTD coverage would increase to 100%.

Ken Yuwiler discussed current cases.

X. **Open Discussion**

A discussion was held regarding PORAC Tri-Counties by-laws, as they pertain to political endorsements.

Next Meeting

a. To be held on 8-18-08 at Harry's Restaurant in Santa Barbara.

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by

Diane Hubbard, DPO
Secretary