



Tri-Counties Chapter

Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2010

I. Call to order

President Mark Hanks called meeting to order at 6:40 pm at the Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara.

Roll call

The following individuals were present:

1. Ryan Bates, Vice President (PHPOA)
2. Matt Findlay, President (VCDSA)
3. Rene Smit, President (SBAPOA)
4. John Snowling, Chapter Director, President (VPOA)
5. Mark Hanks, Chapter Director, Treasurer (VCDSA)
6. Diane Hubbard, President (VCPPOA)
7. Roger Stephenson, PORAC LDF, (ESPOA)
8. Mike McGrew, PAC President (SBPOA)
9. James Meter, Chapter Secretary (SBCDSA)
10. Todd Johnson, President (SBCDSA)
11. Dan Calderon, Director (SBCDSA)
12. Cary Fletcher, RaSport
13. Dave Wareham, Board Member (VCDSA)
14. Eric Beecher, Vice President (SBPOA)
15. Jaycee Hunter, Board Member (SBPOA)
16. Mike Durant, PORAC Vice President (SBCDSA)
17. Greg Hebert, President (OPOA)
18. Rick Marquez, Board Member (OPOA)
19. Nick Odenath, PORAC I&B, Chapter V.P. – Ventura Co. (VCDSA)
20. Sonny Lopez, President (GBPOA)
21. Dale Strobridge, Chapter V.P.- SLO Co., President (SLODSA)
22. Bill Brown, Sheriff – Santa Barbara County
23. Mike McKendry, Director, (VCDSA-Ret.)
24. Gary Wyatt, AFLAC Representative

First order of business was the presentation of the Region III, 2010 Scholarships awarded to students from our chapter. The recipients were as follow:

- Zoey Gilbert – Ventura High School / VPOA
- Mckenzie Goldman – Arroyo Grande High School / SBCDSA
- Nathan Honeycutt – Arroyo Grande High School / SBCDSA
- Ashley Pulido – Nordoff High School / VCDSA
- Katherine Sharp – Foothill Technology High School / VCDSA

Congratulations to our recipients and thanks to Dave Wareham (VCDSA) for his dedication and work on the selection committee. Please see chapter website for further info: www.tricountiesporac.org

II. Approval of Minutes – Mark Hanks

A motion was made by Ryan Bates to approve the minutes, as submitted via e-mail, of the May 17, 2010 meeting held at the Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara. Sonny Lopez seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report – Ryan Bates

Treasurer Bates reported General account balance of \$11,890.44 as of July 19, 2010.

Director Snowling reported PAC Fund at \$16,770.25 and the PIC Fund at \$1,380.27 as of July 1, 2010.

IV. PORAC Officers Report – Mike Durant

PORAC Vice President Mike Durant reported on the changes with PORAC magazine now being produced by 911 Media. Please be patient during this transition as there may be some dated info in the first edition. If you are planning to submit information and or articles for the magazine you need to have them in to PORAC three (3) weeks prior to month you want your info included if authorized.

Mike also reminded the chapter PORAC has stopped sending out their monthly mailer for significant cost savings. This information will now be sent out via e-mail. It is imperative each individual association and chapter advise PORAC of any changes in association leadership to ensure associations are receiving important information.

V. President's Report – Mark Hanks

President Hanks reported he has been in contact with the candidates with the candidates for the 35th Assembly District to arrange an opportunity for them to address the chapter which occurred at this meeting.

VI. Committees

Insurance & Benefits – Nick Odenath reported PORAC has received the medical rates for the CALPERS sponsored plan. Not as bad as expected, an increase of just under 9%. Contact Nick for further info if desired.

Nick reminded the chapter about the life insurance offered through PORAC I&B. It is a great plan and can be deducted from your paychecks as PORAC will work with your employer to accomplish this.

Reminder about the Insurance and Benefits website www.poracinsurance.org as a resource for basic insurance questions as well as additional contact information.

Eric Schwartz unable to attend per Mike Durant. Mike encouraged chapter to consider LTD and life insurance for members/associations who don't have them

Gary Wyatt briefed on a few members who have unfortunately had to use their benefits but illustrated the importance of coverage available through AFLAC.

LDF - Director Roger Stephenson reported membership at 88,041, 890 Associations, 30 states. Net assets \$5.1 million in reserves. All information reported as of June 30, 2010.

Roger briefed on BART shooting case. Officer was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and is currently in custody. His defense attorney, Mike Rains, has asked for a continuance of the sentencing until November to review some issues relating to gun enhancement issues; develop a legal strategy.

Roger mentioned a few cases which have been active for multiple years now. Roger spoke about the details of the Border Patrol shooting which could result in future legal implications. Case involved in affecting an arrest while having rocks thrown at agent(s). Subsequent to the shooting and incident occurred between Border Patrol agents and Mexican law enforcement.

Roger reminded everyone to ensure all parties are aware when you utilize and audio recorder in labor related issues, avoid surreptitious recording to avoid issues.

LDF will be conducting a seminar at conference this year. Attendance is recommended.

Roger reminded chapter members of the LDF website which contains valuable articles and information. www.porac.org/ldf

RMT – John Snowling, nothing notable to report. RMT will be merging Northern California into PORAC trust which will bring total to approximately six associations with \$6-7 million

RAM – Tom Snook unable to attend. Mike Durant reported on updates with LDF coverage now in place. Currently have 930 members. Mike encouraged all associations to make it known to retired association members that PORAC offers these new benefit programs. Individuals must be a member of PORAC or RAM. See website for further.

PAC – We had two candidates address our chapter for endorsement for the 35th Assembly District; Mike Stoker and Das Williams.

Mike McGrew made a motion for a chapter recommendation to endorse Das Williams for the 35th Assembly District. Second by Rene Smit. Discussion ensued. Roll call of association votes cast:

Supported – SBPOA, SBAPOA, VPOA, SLODSA, GBPOA, VCCPOA

Opposed – OPOA

Abstained – SBCDSA, VCDSA, PHPOA

Motion passed with six (6) associations for recommendation.

Ryan Bates made a motion for a \$1,000 PAC donation to support Norman Griffaw, Port Hueneme City Council candidate. Seconded by John Snowling. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bylaw Committee – Secretary James Meter reported some revisions in terms of the Treasurer's responsibilities. Bylaws are being reviewed by PORAC and PORAC attorney to ensure no issues.

VII. Directors' Reports

Tri-Counties Director John Snowling had nothing significant to report.

Executive Board Director Randy Watkins not present. Some items covered by Mike Durant during meeting.

VIII. Vice-Presidents' Reports

San Luis Obispo Vice-President Dale Strobridge reported 830.1(c) has been passed for SLO Custody personnel.

Santa Barbara County Vice-President Chris Corbett unable to attend. No report.

Ventura County Vice-President Nick Odenath reported Geoff Dean successfully won the Sheriff election in Ventura County. Nick thanked everyone for the support. VCDSA recently negotiated a contract extension. Contact VCDSA for details. VCDSA very happy with results based on current economic environment.

IX. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business discussed.

X. New Business

Santa Barbara Sheriff Bill Brown conducted a presentation of Measure "S" for the in S.B. County. This measure is a half cent sales tax for Public Safety.

Todd Johnson made a motion for a chapter endorsement of Measure "S." Motion seconded by Mike McGrew. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Cary Fletcher, RA Sport, presented embroidery of chapter logo and optional shirts for new chapter shirts. After brief discussion with little input, a decision was made to move forward and have chapter shirts produced and distributed.

XI. Good of the Chapter

Greg Hebert, OPOA, reported on their contract negotiations. Recommendation was a proposed six year contract with no raises in first three years, 2% in 4th year, 3% in 5th year and 3% in the 6th year. OPOA membership ratified and now waiting for City Council's decision.

Sonny Lopez appreciated the chapter's support with the AGPD issue from last meeting. GBPOA now being asked to give up 5% and will be in negotiations in the near future.

Diane Hubbard reported VCCPPOA facing a 3% pay cut and is at impasse. Will start mediation in the near future.

Matt Findlay thanked Sheriff Brown and Mike Durant for their input at the meeting. Thanked the chapter again for supporting Geoff Dean's successful campaign for Sheriff.

Sheriff Brown thanked the chapter for their work and giving him time to discuss Measure "S."

Mike McGrew said SBPOA's contract ended in June and they are actively using Peter Donahue to review the city's finances to assist their association in negotiations. Mike highly complimentary of Mr. Donahue's services and thanked PORAC for having him at symposium earlier in the year as this is how SBPOA became aware of him. Mike is hopeful for a positive outcome and stated Mr. Donahue has predicted every move the City Manager has made.

Mike McGrew offered a heartfelt thanks to everyone for their immense support and kindness during the recent passing of his son after a lengthy battle with cancer.

John Snowing gave a brief update on VPOA's negotiations and the professional audit they had conducted. They have had an 11% loss of sworn personnel in the last year.

Mike Durant reminded the chapter of Cary Fisher, RA Sport, and his company's work with PORAC. Mike recommended contacting Cary for any services which RA Sport may be able to provide for individual associations.

XII. Adjournment

President Hanks adjourned the meeting at approximately 09:350pm.
Minutes submitted by: James Meter, Chapter Secretary
Minutes approved by: