



Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting

Location: The Harbor Restaurant

Date: Monday May 16, 2016

Time: 1830-2030

Agenda

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
I. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 1839.	Mike McGrew	1 min
II. Approval of Minutes <i>Motion to approve the minutes of March's meeting was made by Scott Peterson and seconded by Bill Daniels. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.</i>	Mike McGrew	1 min
III. Treasurer's Report \$6964.31 pending 1st & 2nd quarter reimbursement deposits and conference adjustment. <i>Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Javier Antunez and seconded by Don Douglass. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.</i>	Roger Garcia	5 min
IV. PORAC Officer's Report	Tony Sanders	5 min

*See the director's report below

V. President's Report Mike McGrew 5 min

No report

VI. Committees

A. Insurance and Benefits Bill Daniels 5 min

All is going well with the I&B Trust; enrollment numbers increasing. Bill will be in Sacramento tomorrow working on 2017 renewals.

If you have someone go out IOD and will probably be 4850. Please make sure they submit apps in to LTD anyway... just in case the WC claim is not picked up; in order to reduce processing delays.

The intent of LTD is to "bridge gap", so that participants are still being paid while out on an injury/illness. Make sure participants understand that if their WC claim is approved (and settled) that there may be reimbursement necessary.

B. Legal Defense Fund Chris Coulter 5 min

Coulter not present today.

John Kristofferson (Adams, Ferrone & Ferrone)

Recent LEO termination (for falsified police report) went to arbitrator. The arbitrator ruled in favor of the officer, but the decision was ignored by the city council. Court then ordered the arbitrator's decision be followed by the city.

Andrew Scott (Adams, Ferrone & Ferrone)

LA county case.

Member went out 4850 for approximately one year. Department decided to initiate an IA on the employee while on leave. IA tried to take credit for 4850 leave as admin leave. Member received credit for 4850 based on department's action.

Cancer case settlement.

Hire a Work Comp attorney that understands work comp, retirement and labor side of things.

Bill Hadden (Silver, Hadden, Silver & Levine)

Santa Barbara County – Kirsch & Johnson trial. Attorneys now seeking reinstatement of Kirsch after he was found not guilty in federal court.

Oxnard Termination of Police Officer. Arbitrator ordered reinstatement with back pay. City Manager could not find argument against decision. In the meantime, officer had found alternate employment. Office is attempting to find resolution to the matter.

Sharon Lizardo (LDF Conflict Attorney, SLO)

Updated the members on the San Luis Obispo "Boot Camp" Case.

Go to the Peace Officers' Memorial ceremony if you have not already.

Requests for "Lifetime" PORAC membership must come from the retiring member's respective chapter.

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. San Luis Obispo County 5 min

Sonny Trevino (Grover Beach POA)

See Page 27 of latest PORAC magazine for article on Sonny's back to work story.

B. Santa Barbara County 5 min

Matt McFarlin (SBCDSA)

DSA is currently at impasse with the county over successor MOU. Both sides went to arbitration and the factfinder's report was recently delivered. Richard Levine of SHS&L did a great job presenting the DSA's case and the factfinder's report was favorable to the DSA's position. The county has not yet replied to the factfinder's report.

C. Ventura County 5 min

Don Douglass

No report

IX. Unfinished Business 5 min

Mike McGrew

Nothing

X. New Business

Bill Pozo (Body Scan International)

Bringing their mobile unit to Santa Cruz, Butte, and Placer Counties soon. If you want them to come to you, please contact him.

Cary Fletcher (RASport)

Contact Cary for products such as T-Shirts, Challenge Coins and patches, among other items. Existing challenge coins can be reproduced/replicated for \$4.45 each for 300 vs. \$5.75 each for 300 for new design.

XI. Good of the Chapter Round Table/Member Comments

Tony Sanders (VCDSA)

Endorsement for District 28 Assembly. Tyler Isen 38th Assembly District campaign. LA North & LA South chapters have both endorsed him. Both LA Chapters have asked that Tri-Counties contribute to Isen's campaign. His opponent, Jerrod DeGonia, endorsed by numerous Simi Valley political entities.

Jen Christensen (SB BOS 1st District Candidate)

Endorsed by SBDSA. Currently the county's investment officer. Started off as an attorney for the county. Running for 1st district supervisor seat vacated by Salud Carbajal. Husband is a retired SBSO deputy sergeant (34 years of service). SM Jail project in jeopardy. The county currently has an \$80M grant from state to build a north county jail. Understands the current staffing shortages in the department, as well as an openly hostile supervisor (Peter Adam) currently on the board.

Q&A

Comment: McFarlin (SBCDSA): We do not have a host of friends on BOS. We need more revenue and strong leadership on BOS. We (SBCDSA) have also endorsed another candidate, running for a different district, we feel will be beneficial to the department and the community.

Comment: Durant: There is currently a BOS supervisor that openly despises the Sheriff. He is taking it out on us.

Q. McFarlin: Put into words your thoughts on Public Safety pensions.

A. There is a lot of "pension envy" within the public. Making the pensions sustainable is the issue. Retroactivity of the benefit was what broke the system. The challenge is the Reed/Demaio initiative that is pending. PEPR did a lot of things that will help people get past their concerns with the public pension system.

Q. Sanders: did PEPR go far enough? What is your position, what do you think should be done?

A. PEPR was a big help. Our pension fund was fully funded, but no more retroactive benefits should be granted. PEPR did not go far enough in addressing executives getting around the "spiking rule". PEPR did a lot in eliminating that. Pension CAPS for new employees tied to Social Security tables, were beneficial.

Q. Bill Daniels: Finances.....gas tax distribution.

A. There is only so much to divvy up. Needs put pressure on revenues.

Q. Javier Antunez: SBCDSA's current contract negotiations, thoughts?

A. Aware of overwhelming rejection of last contract. In the face of other bargaining units getting raises, it is beyond inequitable. Staffing shortages speak volumes as to where we are in comparison with other agencies. Serious issues need to be hashed out.

Vendors Dismissed for brief discussion by members only.

Tony Sanders (VCDSA) asked about cutting short the interview with Christensen. Hometown rule called into question.

Mike McGrew (SBPOA)

Last meeting the chapter endorsed Das Williams in the race. SBPOA has long standing relationship with Das. Hometown rule was brought up and Das was told the endorsement was a "pocket" endorsement until SBCDSA made an endorsement. Christensen has been on the Police and Fire Commission for a long time. She has a "heart" for public safety, but pension reforms are still a hot topic. Christensen does not separate in her campaign ads between attacks on public employee pensions and public safety employee pensions; addressing

“unfunded liabilities”. A lot of the language she is using is reminiscent of the Reid/Demaio issues.

Matt McFarlin (SBCDSA-President)

Communication issue was the SBCDSA’s fault. We have historically not done a good job of maintaining relationships with board and BOS. Asked for the chapter’s support of Bruce Porter and Jen Christensen. Concerns VCDOSA has brought up DO affect Ventura and other nearby agencies. County using total comps against us in negotiations. We have to find someone that will think for a change.

Don Douglass (VCPPOA)

What I heard Christensen say was that PEPRRA did not go far enough. Das has been a friend to us in the past. The waters may be muddied moving forward.

Mike Durant (PORAC President)

Con Abel, Christensen’s husband, and I have been friends for years. I sat down with Das 2 months ago and asked for his future plans. He would not commit to future with SB County. Concerns over him running for Hanna Beth’s spot in the future.

Motion to withdraw the pocket endorsement, made at the March chapter meeting, of Das Williams was made by Javier Antunez and seconded by Roger Garcia. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

Motion to endorse Bruce Porter for 3rd district supervisor was made by Matt McFarlin and seconded by Bill Daniels. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

Motion to endorse Jenn Christensen for 1st district Supervisor was made by Matt McFarlin and seconded by Bill Daniels. With an abstention by Don Douglass of VCPPOA, the motion passed by vote of the remaining members present.

Motion to rescind monetary PAC for Das Williams, passed at the March chapter meeting, made by Javier Antunez and seconded by Bill Daniels. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

Motion to donate \$1000 to Jenn Christensen’s campaign was made by Roger Garcia and seconded by Tony Sanders. With an abstention by Don Douglass of VCPPOA, the motion passed by vote of the remaining members present.

Don Douglass (VCPPOA)

Rogelio Cruz has been newly appointed as the VCPPOA president. VCPPOA has endorsed a couple of their own BOS candidates. Incumbent 1st District Supervisor Bennett is being challenged by David Grao (Pension reform proponent). VCPPOA is working in support of Bennett.

Roger (OPOA)

Association has reached impasse with city; will be going to fact-finding soon.

Mike McGrew (SBPOA)

Association has entered into negotiations with the city recently. The meetings will be interesting, but the association does have a few “friends” on the council so hopefully we will receive a decent contract. Interim chief, Crombach, has been appointed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tony Sanders and seconded by Bill Daniels. Motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

~Adjournment ~

Next Meeting: Monday July 18, 2016

Location: Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara, CA.



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