

Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting

Location: The Harbor Restaurant Date: Monday September 22, 2014 Time: 1830

Minutes

<u>ITEM</u> <u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u> <u>TIME</u>

I. Call to Order Mike McGrew 1 min.

Meeting called to order @ 1844

II. Approval of Minutes Mike McGrew

1 min

Motion to approve the minutes from July's meeting with a language change from AK47 replace to AK47 replica, was made by Tony Sanders and seconded by Bill Daniels. The motion passed with unanimous votes from all members present.

III. Treasurer's Report Roger Garcia 5 min

\$9,571.62 Association Balance

Only expense this quarter was the dinner expense from last meeting. The delinquent association list is with Chris Corbett (not present).

IV. PORAC Officer's Report

5 min

Mike Durant (President – PORAC)

No on prop 47 – "Safe Schools, etc." (see recorder 2:30) PORAC is currently looking to raise the spending limit in the campaign against the measure. It is incumbent on all association directors to get out the information on the measure.

In an effort to broaden our "footprint" in Washington D.C. and our federal legislation and lobbying, PORAC has changed lobbyist firms to a company called Steptoe & Johnson.

Tony Sanders (VCDSA)

Stockton POA

The association is filing an *amicus brief* in the bankruptcy case, as it pertains to their pensions., and they have asked PORAC for assistance in that endeavor. The next hearing is scheduled for October 1st.

Steve Knight – 25th Congressional District Campaign Region III voted to endorse at last meeting (on August 23rd)

PORAC has taken a position of active support for Barbara Boxer's sexual assault bill (SB 2695). The intent of the bill is to reduce sexual assaults on college campuses, and help victims of sexual assault.

Prop 1 – Clean Water Act Active support by PORAC

RMT training/meeting in San Diego (August 27th)

The purpose of the meeting was to come up with ideas on how to grow RMT's membership.

V. President's Report Mike McGrew 5 min PORAC Conference

Motion to fund Mike McGrew and Roger Garcia's attendance/trip to PORAC's annual conference this year was made by Javier Antunez and seconded by Bill Daniels. With no further discussion, the motion passed with unanimous vote of all members present.

Tri-Counties PORAC and the Santa Barbara POA have endorsed the No on P campaign following the Santa Barbara DSA's endorsement of the No on P campaign.

VI. Committees

A. Insurance and Benefits Bill Daniels 5 min

Continuing to Increase our numbers and benefits to our members. After a publication in this September's PORAC news magazine, talking about CLEA's termination of their LTD plan, CLEA has asked for a retraction.

B. Legal Defense Fund Chris Coulter 5 min (14:00)

Officer responding in vehicle to assist officer in foot pursuit, killed two pedestrians. Officer was driving above speed limit without lights and sirens. Was charged with two felonies, and eventually pled to one count of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter

101,148 members Recently added seatle police guild. \$12, 123, 771 assets

Amicable settlement reached with LDME, with no further actions pending.

C. Retiree Medical Trust

5 min

No further

D. Political Action

5 min

Scott Peterson (VCDSA)

Ventura Judge found the recent pension initiative illegal. (18:00) Proponents will not be appealing the decision.

Citizens for Retirement security committee (pro-LE) will be changed from focused from pension reform initiative in Ventura, to ANY such initiative statewide. Balances of over \$200K will be maintained.

VII. Directors' Reports

A. Tri-County Director	Chris Corbett	5 min
Not Present		

B. Executive Board Director Tony Sanders 5 min

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. San Luis Obispo County Steven Hendrickson 5 min
Not Present

B. Santa Barbara County
Javier Antunez (SBCDSA)

5 min

Decertification efforts by the SDA has been rejected by the County. Videotaped meeting in Buellton was not very well attended, but the video was disseminated and sparked a lot of interest.

Contract negotiations coming up.

C. Ventura County Don Douglas 5 min

Tried to reach out to other Ventura association presidents, from those assoc not regularly here, with no responses.

Probation still at impasse with the county. 80+ members recently picketed at the government center on September 8th; with another demonstration coming up. Fact-finding date set for November.

None

X. New Business

Bill Daniels (SVPOA)

An opportunity to run for city school board has arisen for Bill. The City's current school budget is in shambles, and Bill would like to help turn them around. Bill is seeking PORAC's assistance in his bid for the school board seat. Requesting a PAC fund donation for his endeavor.

MMC Me/Roger to endorse and donate \$1000 towards Bill's school board election bid. Unanimous, with Bill abstaining.

Roger Garcia (OPOA)

Committee for a safe and prosperous Oxnard (POA and FIRE) endorsing two candidates. Roger seeking Tri-Counties' endorsement and a combined \$2500 PAC fund contribution for its candidates.

MMC Don/Scott Unanimous.

XI. Good of the Chapter Round Table/Member Comments

Chris Coulter (SVPOA)

Back to table in Oct, even though contract set through next June.

Scott Peterson (VCDSA)

Contract negotiations ended last year, with a "successful contract". The County offered to pay the employees' 50% share of retirement, and small 1.28% offset raise? Even with this contract, it appears officers were making less. After contacting the County CEO's office, it appears that deceptive calculations, on behalf of the County, were used to represent the amount to be offset; with some members losing up to \$500 per check as a result. In order to "fix" the result, the County is forcing VCDSA members to accept a new contract, extending it another year.

Discussion about lack of involvement by the younger generation. See recorder (50:00+)

Adjournment ~ Next meeting: Nov. 2014 at PORAC Annual Conference

