



Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting

Location: The Harbor Restaurant

Date: July 18th, 2011

Time: 1830-2030

Agenda

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
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I. Call to Order	Dave Wareham	1 min.
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A. Roll Call/Sign In

II. Approval of Minutes (May 2011)	Dave Wareham	1 min.
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Approval of May's meeting minutes tabled until September's meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report	Ryan Bates	5 min.
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OPERATING ACCT \$11,137.33

PAC \$17,647

PIC (political interest committee) \$2,000

Curently one association is approximately one month behind on dues payments.

IV. PORAC Officer's Report Mike Durant 5 min.

Lanny Ebenstein's ballot initiative is now up in Sacramento. Word is he does not have the money necessary to succeed in his signature gathering. Calpers and Calsters are doing better than expected during the last year, with returns at 20.7% and 23.9% respectively; which has taken some of the wind out of the initiative's sails. "Truth Squads" are out educating people as to the truth about public safety pensions, hitting mostly northern California/bay area cities. Plans are in progress to hit the entire state, in order to combat the attack on our pensions.

SB490 (Elimination of death penalty) has passed initial stages, but will likely not pass the governor's desk. PORAC adamantly opposes the bill. The Governor has does not support the death penalty and has stated that he would never oppose an anti-death penalty bill; however, in speaking with PORAC officials, he also has held that he will not grant clemency in any cases that request it should the death penalty remain.

BOB BAKER presented information on AB308 and COPS (SLESA) funding.

V. President's Report Dave Wareham 5 min.

A. Communications received to be read

No communications at this time. Has not been contacted by anyone since last meeting with respect to Tri-Counties business.

Gave update on pending layoffs within the Filmore station.

VI. Committees

A. Insurance and Benefits Bill Daniels 5 min.

PORAC and PERS have both come out with their new rates for 2011-2012
PORAC PPO = 5.9% increase
PERS (Blue Shield) = 2.78% increase
(Keiser) = 7.29% increase

B. Legal Defense Fund Roger Stephenson 5 min.

Membership in LDF, as of June 1st = 91,409
945 associations
Assets at approximately \$6.9M

Announcement: Region 3 LDF trustee position is open, so if you know anyone who may be interested, have them contact Roger.

There has been an increase in officers getting in trouble with their C.I.'s. Most of the issues are due to policy/procedural violations or allegations of misconduct... generally due to lack of "witnesses" to the meetings between the officer and informant, that can "back-up" the officer. Please be aware of your department's policies whenever dealing with C.I.'s.

1. Ken Yuwiler, SHSW&L

5 min.

Presented members with case where an officer was charged federally with a crime. The officer was also sued in civil court. The civil attorneys attempted to subpoena discovery from the federal criminal case for the civil case. LDF was able to bar the release of the discovery.

New case law out of Fresno Re. Officer terminations: When an officer facing termination due to discipline is eligible for retirement, and chooses to do so in order to receive money, he/she may not necessarily lose their right to appeal the decision of the Civil Service Board if they challenge their terminations post retirement.

C. Retiree Medical Trust John Snowling

5 min.

RMT currently has 11 associations. One of the original founding members (region 1) retired recently, and a replacement is being sought. John Snowling is ready to give up his position on the board.

D. Political Action

5 min.

Nothing new to report

VII. Directors' Reports

A. Tri-County Director John Snowling

5 min.

John will not be running for director this year.

Region meeting dates are currently being set. Saturday September 17th taken (region 4); 10th, 3rd, and 27th of September are open for region 3 at this time.

B. Executive Board Director Randy Watkins

5 min.

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. San Luis Obispo County Dale Strobridge

5 min.

No longer employed by SLO SO.

Per Mike Durant, SLO SDA and DSA may be considering a reunion. Mike Thompson (DSA) and/or Neal Clayton (SDA) will be asked to replace him (tentatively). PORAC may allow recently terminated (currently challenged) to sit as directors until the case is concluded.

B. Santa Barbara County Chris Corbett 5 min.
Introduced Javier Antunez as the new Tri-Counties PORAC Secretary.
Updated board on DSA's ongoing concession talks with the county, as well as the proposed cuts/layoffs within the department.

1. Eric Beecher – SBPD

The SBPD is currently getting "hammered" by News Press due to the Officer Beutel DUI scandal written by News Press Reporter Peter Lance, who also happens to have been arrested by Beutel recently for DUI. Peter Donahue, hired to look into city's finances, has turned over his findings. SB City administrator/manager is "jumping" on the News Press bandwagon, in attacking the SBPD, and public safety, due to upcoming elections and contracts.

Last contract – Took a 6% hit total, however, the impact however should only be approximately 3% out of pocket.

C. Ventura County Ryan Bates 5 min.

John Snowling gave update on VPD concession talks. Net loss of potential concessions may be approximately 2%.

Port Hueneme took a vote today on recent contract/concessions tentative agreement (retroactive to 7/1/11). PH City Council originally attempting to take approximately 20% in concessions from the association. 2yr deal recently passed which included a 5% increase in PERS employee contributions for year 1, then 6% thereafter.

IX. Unfinished Business Dave Wareham 5 min.

No unfinished business

X. New Business

A. PORAC Scholarship Presentation 2011 – Dave Wareham

Prior to commencing the meeting, Tri-Counties' PORAC President Dave Wareham presented scholarships to the PORAC 2011 area recipients. This year, the association received well over 200 applications, and awarded approximately 30 scholarships; with 4 of the scholarships going to students from the Tri-Counties area.

The following are our 2011 area recipients:

- Steven Villanueva – (Father Ben Villanueva, SBCDSA) – Will begin attending Cal Poly University SLO this fall as an Engineering Major (\$1500 Scholarship)
- Britney Edens – (Mother Eileen Edens, SBCDSA) – Britney is currently attending St. Mary's College and will be entering her sophomore year as a Mathematics & Dance Major.

- Ryan Fleming – (Father Robert Fleming, VCDSA) – Will be attending Cal Lutheran University, and is interested in a career in Law Enforcement and Politics.
- Gabriella Aguirre – (Daughter of fallen VCDSA member Peter Aguirre) – Gabriella was only 3 years old when her father was gunned down on duty, and has spent the last 11 years as the “voice of fallen officers” in the area, as a public speaker and youth ambassador for the VSO.

B. NINA - CALIFORNIA CASUALTY

California Casualty representatives will be at stations to answer questions and give members no-obligation rate quotes, which will automatically enter the member into a drawing sponsored by California Casualty which will be held on Labor Day.

C. GARY – AFLAC

On phone approximately 3 weeks ago with all other AFLAC reps, Topic of ongoing concessions/negotiations taking place across the state by member associations. Monterey DSA recently took a 5% (total) loss in pay; which included a \$100 increase in medical premiums. AFLAC is here to assist membership with cancellations, adjustment to elections, and of course, to sign up for its benefits.

XI. Good of the Chapter Round Table/Member Comments

Diane Hubard – VPO.looking to hire approximately 20 new probation officers due to realignment, and release of state prisoners.

Durant: Update on RAM and recent security breach.

Port Hueneme recently lost its non-profit status, due to inappropriate/incorrect filing of paperwork; currently looking for CPA to assist with rectifying the situation.

Adjournment ~ Next Meeting: Sept. 19th, 2011 – Harbor Restaurant, Santa Barbara



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