

Tri-Counties Chapter

PORAC

Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2008

I. Call to order

President Jim Schmidt called to order the regular meeting of the **Tri-Counties Chapter** at **12:57 pm** on **August 16, 2008** at the **Ventura Deputy Sheriff's Association Conference Room**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: John Snowling, Tri-Counties Director (VPOA), Sonny Lopez, GBPOA, Mark Hanks (VCDSA), Nick Odenath, Chapter Vice-President Ventura County (VCDSA), Jim Schmidt, Chapter President, (VCPPOA), Mike Durant, PORAC Vice-President (SBCDSA), Randy Watkins, Region III Executive Director (VCDSA) and Rene' Smit, Chapter Vice-President Santa Barbara County (SBAPOA).

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

There were no minutes from the last meeting.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a) Operating Account: \$20,000.00
- b) PAC Account \$11,545.00
- c) PIC Account: \$2413.00

V. New business

- a) Mark Hanks (VCDSA) made a motion to contribute \$5,000.00 from the General Fund Account to the Vallejo POA who is in the process of raising funds to fight the City of Vallejo who recently declared bankruptcy. It is anticipated that the Vallejo POA will need to raise one million dollars. Motion seconded by Director Snowling and carried unanimously.
Ventura DSA has already contributed \$1,000.00 to Vallejo POA.
PORAC's 15 Chapters combined goal is to contribute \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 to Vallejo POA.

VI. Director's Report

- a) Director Snowling reported that Chapter Vice-President Dale Strowbridge is requesting PAC money to fund the campaign of a local City Council election in Paso Robles. He advised that per the Chapter Bylaws a member has to be present

at a Chapter Meeting to do so. Director Snowling said that Vice-President Strobridge can attend the Chapter Meeting in September to make his request.

- b) Tony Strickland who is running for a seat in the State Senate has been advertising on television that has been paid by insurance companies. Director Snowling suggested that PORAC provide State PAC funds to Aaron and Read for Hannah-Beth Jackson's campaign to fund television commercials on the local channel 3 which can be viewed by residents of the Tri-Counties. Mark Hanks with the VCDSA inquired if PORAC had a position. Director Snowling advised that PORAC has endorsed Jackson for State Senate.

VII. Open Discussion

- a) A discussion was held on the account balance of the PAC fund. The account normally fluctuates at approximately \$10,000.00. The starting balance for this year was \$9,600.00. The chapter contributed \$1,000.00 to the SLOPOA for a local election. The Chapter receives \$6,000.00 a year.

VIII. Chapter Association Reports

VCCPOA

- a) Chapter President Schmidt reported that their VCPPOA is currently in contract negotiations. They are seeking Association President relief time as part of their contract. Their association is looking in to contributing to the Retiring Medical Trust.
- b) Chapter President Schmidt requested to resign as Chapter President. A motion was made to appoint Mark Hanks (VCDSA) as Chapter President. Motion was carried without objection. Hanks was appointed by the four E-Board Members that were present.

VCDSA

- a) Executive Director Watkins reported that an at-will Deputy Chief who was terminated, requested to become a Commander with his department per county rules was recently fired and that the LDF was picking up the case.

VPOA

- a) Director Snowling reported that VPOA are in the last year of their contract with the City of Ventura. The Association members will receive a 12% pay increase and that \$200.00 from each member will be paid into the Retirement Medical Trust Fund. The City of Ventura Fire Department received 3% @ 55 Safety Retirement.

SBCDSA

- a) PORAC Vice-President Durant reported that SBCDSA members received 24% pay increase for their 30 month contract extension. It is actually 19 ½ % fully rolled up with 2 ½ % going towards their benefit package. Within the next years their Association members will still be 15 to 20% behind in salaries with other comparable agencies.

SBAPOA

- a) Chapter Vice-President Smit reported that Assembly Bill AB 376 that is sponsored by Assemblymember Pedro Nava and co-sponsored by PORAC is scheduled to go to the Senate Floor for a vote on Monday, August 18th. He advised that he had received two written price quotes for the design of the Tri-Counties Chapter website. One quote was for \$2500.00 and the other was for \$2480.00. A discussion was held on regarding whether Smit could design the website. He stated that he could design the website and that he had already secured the domain name of tricountiesporac.org through Santa Barbara Web Hosting at a cost of \$20.00. There is a \$9.00 monthly fee to use their ftp host site. The members agreed to allow Smit to create the website.

IX. Adjournment

President Schmidt adjourned the meeting at **1:08 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Rene' Smit for Diane Hubbard, Chapter Secretary.

Minutes approved by: Mark Hanks, Chapter President