



Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting

Location: Santa Barbara Harbor Restaurant (2nd Floor)
210 Stearns Wharf Santa Barbara, CA.

Date: July 15, 2024

Time: 1830-1930 Hours

Meeting Minutes

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
I. Call to Order	Tim Wedemeyer	1 min
Pledge of Allegiance Tim Wedemeyer not present meeting ran by Roger Garcia		
II. Approval of Minutes	Tim Wedemeyer	1 min
Approval of minutes from May 20, 2024 Motion to approve minutes made by Judith Estrada second by Justin Doering		
III. Treasurer's Report	Roger Garcia	5 min

Current balance: \$17584.81

Quarter deposits: Fourth Quarter deposit for \$2195.65 Currently pending first quarter reimbursement from headquarters for 2024 Expenses since last meeting: \$661.05 last meeting dinner

IV. PORAC Officer's Report Jazmine DeForest 5 min

PORAC spent some time in DC in the month April with the West Coast coalitions state representatives from Alaska, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii the meetings went very well. The following week was spent at the capital for the candlelight vigil. The peace Officer's memorial was also attended.

We should partner up with Ventura County, SLO County and Santa Barbara County representative for a meeting it is important to discuss we are having the same issues that Ventura County is havening and that is recruitment and retention issues. Santa Barbara County and SLO counties. press upon our California people.

The PORAC Vice President is stepping down and is taking a Civilian position with IBT. PORAC is going to have a special election within PORAC for the special election spot and there are two candidates Ben Therriault from Region one and Roger Garcia from Region 3.

Ben Throw: Police Sergeant in Richmond and has been there for 16 years. Ben has been on the PORAC Board for 6 years. He is one of two region 1 board members. Ben grew up in Montana on the Indian reservation. Ben Joined the military at 17 went to Iraq and was a Military Police man. Got out of the military and joined Law Enforcement and was hired on by Richmond. Ben has been the POA president for 8 years. Ben believes PORAC and good and solid, but we have a lot of work to do. We need to work on communication and recruitment and retention.

To reach Ben Email: Benforporac.com

Roger Garcia: Law Enforcement since 2004 started with Ventura County DSA as a dispatcher and worked in dispatch for 2 years. Roger started with Oxnard in 2006 He took over the treasurer position with region 3 to learn more about PORAC. Roger has been with I & B for the last five years. Roger believes it is crucial to have the knowledge to know what is going on with I & B because we easily have over 20,000 members that participate in any part of insurance and benefits trust with PORAC.

Roger has been on at least 4 or 5 recruitment events over the last 5 years. Roger has seen first-hand what it requires to be in the VP position. Roger is aware one of the manger cases of the VP is handle recruitment and retention. Roger feels his heart is in the right place.

President's Report

Tim Wedemeyer

5 min

VI. Committees

A. Insurance and Benefits Roger Garcia

5 min

Most members are aware Disability will be managed in house.

There will be a special hearing in June, and we should know further after the meeting. We will be sending out an email to the memberships who participate in the disability plans after the meeting.

We also discussed looking at different DSAs and POAs to bring them into the PORAC PPO plan. We have been discussing whether to bring in only active members or allow retirees. As of now we only take active, current PORAC members to be a part of the PPO plan.

If everything goes well, we will be opening to everyone who is non CALPERS DSAs POAs. This is a big win for the DSAs and the POAs because we have a very competitive PPO plan.

I & B currently has 22 employees and hope to hire 5-10 more employees in the next couple of years.

If there are any issues, please contact Roger Garcia or Cody Green from Santa Monica as Region 3 trustees.

B. Legal Defense Fund Rodolfo Bojorquez 5 min

Membership as of April 19, 2024, 145,186 comprised of 1,646 associations 355 of those associations are also enrolled in plan 6 (desertification plan.) Net assets as of the end of the year 12-31 \$62,534,519 active criminal cases 125 active criminal cases 52 are in California. Murder, manslaughter, and death in custody 33 cases. Excessive force, assault and battery 45 cases. Auto Collision 14 cases.

Report given by: Chris Coulter

C. Region 3 RAM Chris Coulter 5 min

There are several agencies that do not have a plan for how to handle their retired officer with HR218. Some agencies still want their retired personnel to come back and qualify locally.

Simi valley PD has in their Lexipol policy the forms that can be given out to the local area agency in which the retiree lives. This form can be given to that agency filled out and returned to the agency from which the retiree retired from.

Wedemeyer can give out this form if you need it.

With regards to the LDF and retirees it does not cover you if you get employment outside of your agency if the employment requires you to carry a gun during the hours that you are working your outside employment.

As a retire make sure you annually qualify.

D. Political Action **5 min**

A. Tri-County Director **5 min**

B. Executive Board Director **5 min**

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. San Luis Obispo County Matt Goodman **5 min**

B. Santa Barbara County Jazmine Deforest **5 min**

SB DSA is having a pickleball tournament Saturday June 15, 2024.

C. Ventura County Victor Flores **5 min**
Negotiations started on the 24th of May 2024. Ventura county has worked very hard to get the right board members elected.

IX. Unfinished Business **Tim Wedemeyer** **5 min**

X. New Business

XI. Good of the Chapter Round Table/Member Comments

Howard Liberman Attorney

- **6th circuit**
- **Qualified immunity for use of a taser**

Matthew Kraut LDF Attorney

- Former DDA with Ventura
- Former DDA with SLO

Adam Dombchik Gecklaw Attorney

- Workers Compensation developed committee to evaluate qualified medical examination reports.
- Duty belt presumption
- State is committed to doing some education.
- Biannual training for physicians

Jacob Kalinski RLS Attorney

- On April 17, 2024, the CA Supreme Court granted review of VCPPOA Pension case
- Annual leave redemption pursuant PEPRA

Rob Wexler RLS Attorney

- Morro Bay POA negation
- Deferred COMP and longevity pay
- Protecting COPS in the 21 Century Symposium Saint Mary's College October 4, 2024

Jamie Amstutz AFLAC

- Hired someone for Fresno and San Diego
- Looking for someone for the Tri Counties

Mark Benavides Financial advisor for 911 Financial services

- Based out of Woodland Hills CA and LA
- At conference at Anaheim
- Sponsor for Baker to Vegas the last couple of years
- Act of Fiduciary with the participant and actively manage the account

- **Fee is one percent of whatever money you move into the self-directed option**
- **No contract**
- **Financial planning**

Justin Burdine VCPPOA

- **Currently in negotiations**
- **Trying to Corrections Officers to merge Classifications with Deputy Probations Officers**

Jazzmine DeForest SBCDSA

- **Speaking with Risk Management who are trying to do a carveout for mental wellness**

~ Adjournment ~

Next meeting: September 23, 2024, 1830, Hours



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