



## ***Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting***

Location: The Harbor Restaurant  
Date: Monday May 18, 2015  
Time: 1830-2030

### ***Agenda***

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	<b>Mike McGrew</b>	<b>1 min</b>
<b>II. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Mike McGrew</b>	<b>1 min</b>
<i>Motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting was made by Tony Sanders and seconded by Scott Peterson. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.</i>		
<b>III. Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Roger Garcia</b>	<b>5 min</b>
\$7986.54 current balance, pending 1st quarter reimbursement by PORAC		
<b>IV. PORAC Officer's Report</b>		<b>5 min</b>
Mike Durant (PORAC President)		
SB707 (retired LE carry on school grounds) - Support PORAC went from "active oppose" to support position recently. Mike received approximately 40-50 phone calls, and 100+ emails, recently from individuals asking PORAC to oppose the bill. Once the bill was amended to include retirees as exemptions, the PORAC's changed due to other more important issues (i.e. Pension reform)		

AB66 (Body Worn Cameras bill) – Active Oppose

The bill was initially supported by PORAC, but that position changed after the legislators involved refused to include a clause allowing officer review of relevant video prior to writing of report(s). PORAC will continue to oppose this bill until this language is included. Mike Durant wanted to express the great job done by Aaron Reid, Ed Fishman, and the rest of the participating LDF panel attorneys, in advocating for our rights/protection during the legislative progress.

AB1072 (Department of Insurance: firefighters or police officers' benefit and relief associations) CLEA and PORAC are not fighting over this. PORAC wants all members' LTD plans, whichever they may be, to have the financial strength to pay claims.

Tony Sanders (VCDSA)

Pension reform fight is ongoing. All association leaders should look into their coffers to see if their association can contribute to the fight.

San Diego DSA will be pulling out of PORAC. This is the result of a vote of their board only, not the membership.

## **V. President's Report      Mike McGrew      5 min**

Union Institute and University – Debra Kirk

B.S. and CJM degree program will begin in Santa Maria's new Police station soon. Union Institute also offers fully online program. Fully accredited Non-profit University. Would like support through our local agencies. Discount (\$3k) for PORAC members.

Attorney David Schumaker – Workers Comp

Ed Stone (Partner)

Local Work Comp / Disability firm (Oxnard) see handout. Focus on public safety clientele. Currently represent about 15 VCDSA members. The law changed in 2005 to determine "reasonable care" for public safety injuries. 95% of medical denials by "independent medical review" boards are upheld. Free initial consults for public safety.

PORAC Scholarships will be presented at the next meeting

July 20th. Chapter will host student recipient and family.

Californians for Energy Independence & Orcutt Hill, Pacific Coast Energy Company

These companies approached Mike McGrew recently to communicate their appreciation for our efforts against Measure P.

## **VI. Committees**

### **A. Insurance and Benefits      Bill Daniels      5 min**

LTD plan continues to grow.

AB1072 made it out of committee recently. The intent of the bill is to provide protection to multi-employer long-term disability plan participants, by providing that actuarials demonstrating sufficient reserves be provided to the department of insurance. This bill has no active opposition

2016 rates should be published mid-June

Eric Swartz (Meyers-Stevens)

I&B now has "Simplified issue" life insurance plans up to \$250k now available through May 31st. These offerings do not require the usual medically intrusive exams.

ASLOCDS now a part of I&B

**B. Legal Defense Fund Chris Coulter**

**5 min**

San Bernardino Horse Thief case

At least 10 deputies involved in legal defense after pursuit and arrest of suspect which led to a UOF.

38 states 2 territories

106,487 members

1082 associations

\$15M in assets

Ken Yuwiler (SHS&L)

AB66 rehash. Tell your members to take whatever time they need to write thorough ACCURATE reports. Tell to them to be careful about using ABSOLUTE words. Tell the truth and tell it WELL.

**C. Retiree Medical Trust**

**5 min**

PORAC RMT

Stockton POA is close to enrollment

**D. Political Action**

**5 min**

**Salud Carbajal** – 24th District Congress Candidate

Born in AZ and grew up in AZ and Colonia in Oxnard. Graduate from UCSB. Prior USMC reservist. Fundraising event coming up on the 31st, 1/3 of the sponsors of the event are local high profile conservatives.

**Helene Schneider** – 24th Congress District Congress Candidate

Current Santa Barbara Mayor; 2nd term. 6th year on Santa Barbara's City Council. Prior housing commission position. COPS program supporter; priorities include LE resources, equipment, staffing, benefits, etc. Handed out a position flyer. Wants to take what she learned in local government and apply it to the national level. When asked about her position on gun control, as it relates to off-duty and retired LEOS, stated that gun control is

a “separate category” for current & retired LE. Blanket legislation can lead to unintended consequences.

Leif Dautch – Assistant to Deputy Attorney General Kamala Harris  
SB Native. Born in Isla Vista, Ojai H.S. grad.  
Considering a political career in the near future wants to be a warrior for public safety.

## **VII. Directors’ Reports**

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

Not present

**B. Executive Board Director** **Tony Sanders** **5 min**

See Officer’s report

## **VIII. Vice Presidents’ Reports**

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

None

**B. Santa Barbara County** **Chris Corbett** **5 min**

Javier Antunez (SBCDSA)  
Employees still operating without a contract. Currently in negotiations.

Mike Mcgrew (SBPOA)  
Retention and recruitment issues recently have negatively impacted staffing.

**C. Ventura County** **Don Douglas** **5 min**

VCDSA, Oxnard POA, and Simi POA Present No one else.

Simi Valley POA  
Still in negotiations; operating without a contract

Don Douglass (VCPPOA)  
Jury duty exemption bill has lost support at the 11th hours, despite dropping civil jury exemption. Bill never made it out of committee.  
Grievance has been filed on a POBAR violation, after memos have been appearing in files as “documents of counseling” in attempts to circumvent POBAR protections against adverse comments.

Roger Garcia (OPOA)  
Oxnard has been working without a contract since Jan. Currently in negotiations. Involved in OIS recently. Tell members to make sure they

block any social networking sites they may use. PODER has been actively harassing VC agencies recently.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

**Mike McGrew**

**5 min**

Nothing

**X. New Business**

Nothing

**XI. Good of the Chapter Round Table/Member Comments**

Nothing

**Adjournment ~ Next meeting: July 20, 2015 – Harbor Restaurant**



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