



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

Location: The Harbor Restaurant

Date: May 21st, 2012

Time: 1830-2030

### ***Agenda***

Recorder 13/13

| <b><u>ITEM</u></b>  | <b><u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u></b> | <b><u>TIME</u></b> |
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| <b>I. Call to Order</b>   | Dave Wareham                     | 1 min.             |
| A. Roll Call/Sign In  |                                  |                    |
| Meeting called to order @ 1836  |                                  |                    |
| <b>II. Approval of Minutes (MAY 2012)</b>   | Dave Wareham                     | 1 min.             |
| <i>Motion made by Chris Corbett, seconded by Don Douglass, to approve the March minutes as submitted by the Chapter Secretary. With no further discussion, the motion passed by vote of all members present.</i>  |                                  |                    |
| <b>III. Treasurer's Report</b>  | Ryan Bates                       | 5 min.             |
| Not present   |                                  |                    |
| <b>IV. PORAC Officer's Report</b>   | Mike Durant                      | 5 min.             |
| Washington D.C. – Annual Executive Mtg  |                                  |                    |
| Ron Cottingham was unable to go this year. Any association that would like to send a member is welcome to do so; although PORAC cannot foot the bill for any non Tri-Counties chapter officer/director. E-Board had the opportunity to do a lot of lobbying for funding and support. Mike testified before congressional committees on behalf of PORAC. Marcello Blanco arranged for majority of group to take train to NYC to pay tribute at 9-11 memorial; this side trip was paid for by individual members. |                                  |                    |

**V. President's Report** Dave Wareham 5 min.

Symposium was very informative this year. Pension and benefits was big issue this year, along with the "corporate power grab" initiatives.

**Paycheck Deception → Stop Special Interest Now → Stop Special Exemptions Act**

98% of most private businesses do not have automatic payroll deduction PACs. The real intent of these legislative initiatives is to hinder public safety associations in their efforts to establish/maintain PAC accounts. We have to get the word out to our own members the importance of maintaining the ability to contribute to and maintain PACs by our associations. Social media may be an excellent resource in getting the message out..

**Legislative Day – PORAC Meeting**

E-Board sat down with the following 6 politicians and/or their staff members:

Jeff Gorell - 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly, Fran Pavley - 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate, Ellen Corbett – Senate Majority Leader, Fiona Ma – Speaker Pro Tem, Das Williams 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly, Julia Brownley – 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly

Main Topics of meetings included:

AB1527 (open carry)

AB2137 (Bradford Bill) – Airport Police full peace officer status

2543 (Alejo Bill) – Brady actions

2549 (Hall Bill) – Retired LEO's / AR15 rifles

**VI. Committees**

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

Motions now being heard for ongoing suit by CLEA against PORAC I&B. Our insurance carrier is footing the bill for the attorneys at this time, so no money is being used from I&B's funds. Many CLEA members are leaving them due to ongoing rate hikes. Our 2013 premiums should be published within the next month.

**Eric Swartz Meyers-Stevens**

We are seeing CLEA doing many things they have never done before. Much misinformation is being sent to individual members, and they are refusing to pay out on alot of claims. Their members are leaving in droves.

**CALCAS**

11.4%? rate deduction recently taken effect.

**AFLAC**

AFLAC is voluntary, but as a public safety organization, we should all have access to it.

**B. Legal Defense Fund** Peter Hoh 5 min.

93,167 membership

969 associations

+\$575k increase in assets recently

Please be careful when using social media

Desert Hot Springs Taser Case – Officer recently convicted on two counts of "deprivation of rights under color of law". At the center of the issue was a claim that deployment of taser was excessive due to minimal time between bursts to allow for compliance.

Fullerton 6 – Prelim was May 8<sup>th</sup>. Mother of deceased has already settled, however father is still pushing his civil case.

**KEN YUWILER**

Fullerton case, Prelim went very well. There is concern that public pressure is pushing for more officers to be charged. Because this is as much a political issue as it is a criminal/civil issue, this is a highly charged case, and a lot of misinformation. LDF is an invaluable resource because it provides protection/assistance when issues like this arise, particularly those that are politically charged. In those situations, the correctness of the officer's actions are rarely the focus.

LAPD recently established a new policy where officers were downgraded from specialized-pay positions by establishing new criteria.

**C. Retiree Medical Trust** Dave Wareham 5 min.  
Cities and Counties are currently trying to take many of our benefits, as we all now. One of the biggest targets is lifetime medical. A potential focus for associations, during next round of negotiations, is participation by employing agency in the RMT. This is a great way to supplement future employees for those agencies being forced into a 2 or 3 tier system. Assets continue to grow... Currently at \$9.8M. Minimum requirement is \$100/mo per employee...Vesting occurs at 5 yrs, Annual Scholarship committee meeting held recently. Tri-Counties has 4 recipients of \$1500 Scholarships: Alexis Wilson, Jim Graham, and Lauren Whitman, Jessica Cochran.

**D. Political Action** 5 min.  
Directors recently met with representatives of senate district 23 (Fran Pavley) To discuss a potential endorsement. LA South Chapter, who also is represented in part by her district, has agreed to match any contribution that we may make. She is a friend of LEOs and had the VCDSA's endorsement.

*Motion made Chris Corbett, seconded by Matt Findlay, to recommend endorsing Fran Pavley for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District.. Motion carried unanimously by vote of all members present.*

## VII. Directors' Reports

**A. Tri-County Director** Chris Corbett 5 min.  
Discussion at board level about allowing advertisement on PORAC's website. 911 Media offering to format our website, at cost of \$1500, for a more professional website with advertisement capability.

**B. Executive Board Director** Randy Watkins 5 min.  
Not present

## VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

**A. San Luis Obispo County** Mike Thompson 5 min.  
Not Present

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

- 3 BOS seats are currently up for election/re-election.
- County Fire recently approached BOS about raising their portion of transfer tax. Sheriff & DSA also appeared and spoke with BOS about potential lowering of Fire's portion of prop 172 monies, commensurate with their increase from the tax, and giving to Sheriff.
- SMPOA – recently voted for new non-beneficial contract... mostly due to vote of newer younger members. Like all other contracts since 2005, this contract is for only one year.

**C. Ventura County** Chris Coulter 5 min.  
VSO contract good til 2013.  
AB1778 - Transit funds.Sponsored by Das Williams and co-sponsored by HBJ. Opposed by local associations. PORAC will send a letter in opposition, if requested.

Don Douglass – VCPPOA  
AB1968: Bill mandating the Arming probation officers that supervise "post offenders" and other high risk probationers. This will take away the Chief PO's discretion (opposed by CPOC); supported statewide by probation officer's associations.

Matt Findlay – VSO

Late VSO Deputy Bob Bornet, killed in line of duty after a vehicle collision in 2006, was recently inducted into National Peace Officer's Memorial. If you ever get the opportunity to go visit the memorial, it is an excellent experience.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

Dave Wareham

5 min.

Nothing

**X. New Business**

**26<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Candidate – Jess Herrera**

District covers most of Ventura County except for Simi Valley.

Seeking our endorsement...Long time local resident. Past experience as a labor leader. Spent 17 years on Harbor Commission.

**Public Safety Financial – Mark Adler**

PSF is an independently owned financial services organization which is offering benefits communication and retirement plan services specifically geared for public safety professionals. More info can be obtained on their website. [www.publicsafetyfin.com](http://www.publicsafetyfin.com)  
Kari Martindale - SB area rep.

**XI. Good of the Chapter**

Round Table/Member Comments

Nothing

**Adjournment ~ Next Meeting: July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Harbor Restaurant, Santa Barbara**



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