



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

Location: The Harbor Restaurant

Date: Monday July 18, 2016

Time: 1830-2030

### ***Agenda***

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	<b>Mike McGrew</b>	<b>1 min</b>
Meeting called to order at 1830 hours.		
<b>II. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Mike McGrew</b>	<b>1 min</b>
<i>Motion to approve the minutes of the May meetings was made by Don Douglass and seconded by Scott Peterson. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous of all members present.</i>		
<b>III. Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Roger Garcia</b>	<b>5 min</b>
Roger Garcia not present for the meeting.		
<b>IV. PORAC Officer's Report</b>		<b>5 min</b>
Mike Durant (PORAC)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Began by advising the members present that Vice President Meier had every intent of being at the meeting, and should be here at the September meeting.</li> <li>• Recently signed Firearms legislation. From the inception, PORAC was working with Kevin DeLeon to make sure active and retired peace officers were exempted.</li> </ul>		

- PORAC Executive committee helped kill SB1286 (Leno Bill – Peace Officer Misconduct / Records). Nothing will change between now and September’s legislative session.
- Association’s Membership at 66,761. This number does not include San Diego DSA, which recently rejoined after leaving last July.
- 916 Associations
- Lt. Governor Newsom’s gun and Marijuana initiatives are being actively Opposed by PORAC.
- Prop 53 (Revenue Bond initiative) opposed
- Prop 62 (Repeal of the Death Penalty) opposed
- Prop 66 (“Death Penalty reform and Savings”) supported

**V. President’s Report**

**Mike McGrew**

**5 min**

No report

**VI. Committees**

**A. Insurance and Benefits**

**Bill Daniels**

**5 min**

2017 I&B rates recently released. They will be going up 4.9% in January. Trust is always trying to find ways to better serve the members.

Bill Penzo (Body Scan International)

Will be at the Conference this year if you want to “go through” the scanner.

**B. Legal Defense Fund Chris Coulter**

**5 min**

Politically driven push to charge police officers with crimes has increased. 11 active homicide cases against LEO’s throughout the country. Politics playing a huge part in this. 4th Baltimore Police Officer recently acquitted.

LDF is currently in 39 states and 2 US Territories.

112,016 Members

1200+ Associations

Assets at \$18.4M as of the end of May; with continued growth expected.

2527 “intake calls” so far this year.

Ken Yuwiler (SHS&L)

Ellens vs City of Sierra Madre

Gov’t Code 3303 issue: What does BEFORE interrogation mean?

Court concluded that department must give it to you REASONABLY in advance so that the employee may review material with representative. Court’s rationale was that ADVANCED disclosure of the nature of investigation has ability to provide employee and representative enough information so that they may present a cogent and accurate defense/disclosure of facts. A lot of agencies tend NOT to provide enough information of the nature of the allegations against their officers.

Howard Lieberman (Mastagni, Holstedt)

Ellen's Case (76:00) If you are repping people, no matter how outrageous the allegations are, you do not want to risk your client's job due to insubordination. Cash In-Lieu must be included in rate of pay.

**C. Retiree Medical Trust**

**Tony Sanders**

**5 min**

Sanders not present

**D. Political Action**

**5 min**

Salud Carbajal – Congressional Candidate

Mr. Carbajal began his presentation by stating he is, "Proud of my relationship with law enforcement and the DSA." Stated he is a supporter of Collective Bargaining and defined benefit plans (i.e. public employee pensions). Was the top vote getter in the recent primary election. Expects to raise an additional \$800k-1M in next 3 months. Negative rhetoric question: Facebook post on issue indicating he is appalled. What has transpired is 100% horrific, You'd have to be "a knucklehead" not to support what law enforcement does. Gun Control Position: Proponent of "sensible" gun laws.

*Motion made by Scott Peterson, and seconded by Javier Antunez, to make a recommendation for endorsement of Salud Carbajal for the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. After a brief discussion on the "hometown rule", the motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.*

Bryan Caforio – Congressional Candidate – (Not Present)

Jordan Cunningham - 35th Assembly Candidate

Law Enforcement Background. Deputy DA in SLO for number of years. DOJ prior. Currently in private practice. Father worked at CMC and SLO P.D. and is currently a SLO DDA. Public safety is a very important part of his platform, as well as jobs and education. Endorsed by SLO Sheriff, SLO DA, SB Sheriff, CHP Association, and numerous Deputy DA's and LEO's in SLO County. Feels there is too much "top down" policy in government negatively affecting public safety. Growing gang problem in North SB and SLO Counties. No evidence that people in Sacramento have a LE background or really understand the effects that their knee-jerk legislation has on the profession. Pensions: Believes as a fundamental principle of law that we have to honor contracts made. OK, with respect to younger/newer employees, with a move away from defined benefits, as long as the "total comps" are sufficient to attract good employees. States, "I think you will find me pretty solid on the pension issue." "LE NEEDS people in policy making roles, and I intend to do that".

*Motion for the Chapter to make a recommendation of Endorsement of Jordan Cunningham for the 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, was made by Don Douglass and seconded by Bill Daniels. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.*

Dawn Ortiz-Legg - 35th Assembly Candidate

Resident of SLO. 24 year resident of Central Coast. Assembly District runs most of SLO and top 1/2 of SB county. Background in clean energy. Platform is working together to create jobs. Democrat, but feels strongly about working across party lines to address challenges. Republican seat for numerous years. Moderately conservative district. Closest relationship to our profession - Stepson is Lodi PD Lieutenant. Body Worn Cameras and LE service has become a volatile situation. Acknowledges the difficulties we face every day. Supports review of BWC footage, stating, "Everyone should have equal access to the truth." Current legislation: Learning very quickly that legislation via initiative is very concerning (for example, Prop 47) due to unintended consequences. Oversimplification of serious issues is an injustice to all concerned. Staffing of public safety agencies and Mandatory OT. Pensions: We need REAL professionals in this line of work, and those professionals, "need to be compensated." Mental Health is at a critical level in the U.S. and it is affecting LE's ability to do their job.

Carla Castilla - VTA County BOS 3rd District Candidate

Endorsed by VCDSA for BOS seat. Born and raised in Oxnard. Current Camarillo resident. Used to work for Lois Caps and SEIU. Supportive of public employee pensions. Platform is 3 pronged. Public Safety, Water Quality, Quality of life. Experience working on pension protection. Significant experience working with public safety associations. LEO's need support and funding to do their jobs. Refocus on reversing erosion of trust and accomplishing their mission. Proponent of investing in infrastructure. Competitive primary. #1 vote getter of 7 candidates.

*Motion to Endorse Carla Castilla for 3<sup>rd</sup> District Ventura County Supervisor was made by Javier Antunez and seconded by Chris Coulter. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.*

Scott Peterson (VCDSA)

LA North and LA South have endorsed Henry Sterne for Senate District 27.

*Motion for Chapter to make recommendation that PORAC endorse Henry Sterne for the seat was made by Scott Peterson and seconded by Javier Antunez. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.*

**VII. Directors' Reports**

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| <b>A. Tri-County Director</b>      | <b>Mike McGrew</b>  | <b>5 min</b> |
| No report                          |                     |              |
| <b>B. Executive Board Director</b> | <b>Tony Sanders</b> | <b>5 min</b> |
| Not present                        |                     |              |

## VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

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

No report

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

No report

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

No report

## IX. Unfinished Business **Mike McGrew** **5 min**

Conference Registration has begun and half of the blocked rooms have already sold-out! If you are planning on going, please register and book your rooms asap!

Several months ago, Chapter President Mike McGrew was appointed as an interim Chapter Director...

*Motion to appoint Mike McGrew from interim to dedicated Chapter Director was made by Javier Antunez and seconded by Bill Daniels. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.*

## X. New Business

The Chapter meeting began with presentation of the Annual PORAC Scholarship Awards. The presentations were made by Chapter Secretary, and PORAC Scholarship Committee member, Javier Antunez.

This year's chapter recipients are:

- Jennifer Durant (SBCDSA)
- Emmalea McNay (VCDSA)
- Alyssa Holtke (SBPOA)
- Jessica Radwan (VCDSA) - Not present due to prior commitments

Nancy Penrod - "At Ease" Program

McGrew: This program is a SB Police Foundation and SBPOA component that supports LEO's going through PTSD and other difficulties associated with the job. This is a free program and is associated with Public Safety Peer Support Association (PSPSA). Mike then introduced Nancy Penrod. Husband is former San Bernardino Sheriff. Currently setting up a confidential call-line. Program initially began in San Bernardino County because employees felt that the county's EAP was not working for them. News spread and the program grew. 24/7/365 availability now. Nancy stressed that neither she nor the program are "anti-EAP", but are offering this as an alternative. McGrew: Take this information

back to your associations and see if this is anything they would like to be involved in. Goal would be that associations help fund this program throughout the Tri-Counties. Program currently helping approximately 30 SBPOA members. Keep in mind that one of the main problems with “Peer Support” programs is that information gained as a result of participation in the programs is NOT privileged.

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

Rogelio Cruz (VCPPOA)

Was introduced by Don Douglass as the new President of VCPPOA

Adjournment ~ **Next meeting: September 19, 2016 – Harbor Restaurant**



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