



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

Location: The Harbor Restaurant

Date: Monday March 27, 2017

Time: 1830-2030

### ***Minutes***

<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>
Meeting called to order at 1844 hours.		
<b>II. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Mike McGrew</b>	<b>1 min</b>
<i>Motion to approve the minutes from January's meeting, with correction recommended by Don Douglass, made by Bill Daniels 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>
Account Balance – \$6,482.62 Pending 1st Quarter reimbursement, which should be received by the end of the month.		
<i>Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Bill Daniels and seconded by Scott Peterson. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.</i>		

#### **IV. PORAC Officer's Report    Tony Sanders                    5 min**

From PORAC Directors' Meeting in February:

PORAC is giving an active support for SB318.  
This bill will provide funding for COPS on the Federal Level.

PORAC is giving an active support to SB139.  
This legislation is for the fast tracking of DNA evidence.

PORAC is giving an active support to HR115: Thin Blue Line Act.  
Bill amends the federal criminal code to expand the list of statutory aggravating factor in death penalty determinations to include the killing or attempted killing of a Law Enforcement officer, Firefighter or other first responders.

PORAC is giving an active support to HR426.  
This bill will allow for the use of Military surplus again by law enforcement.

PORAC has taken an oppose position on HR158 (Corey Jones act).  
This bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets act of 1968 to require an applicant under the Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) program to certify that no law enforcement agency that receives COPS grant funds allow officers to conduct routine traffic stops while wearing plainclothes or while wearing plainclothes and in an unmarked police vehicle. The DOJ may not waive this "so-called" plainclothes certification requirement. If the law enforcement officer's conduct violates the plainclothes certification and results in serious injury or death of a person, then that person may bring a civil action against the law enforcement officer and any state, local or tribal government that is a COPS program grantee and has direct authority over such officer.

PORAC Active oppose to SB87: Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act.  
This bill prohibits a sanctuary jurisdiction from receiving grants under certain Economic Development Assistance Programs. A Sanctuary City is one that restricts information sharing about an individual's immigration status, or compliance with a lawful issue detainer request or notification of release request. Tony - While in D.C. we went to ur reps about maintaining funding for COPS programs (incl. BWC funding). There is a belief that Trump would not cut funding for COPS program, but would evveffectively turn local LE into de facto immigration officers. PORAC did not feel it was fair that victims of crime may be fearful of coming forward to report crime due to immigration status.

Insurance & Benefits Bill:

PORAC I&B has asked the board to support a bill that will allow it the ability to give regional ratings to its members in a way that might bring down costs to its members. PORAC has approved support for the bill.

Bill Daniels - The way medical insurance works now, there is only one rate for all members. I&B has decided to apply for permission to give regional ratings. A bill is needed in order to accomplish this. If passed, the changes would not take

effect until 2019, but would ultimately benefit to those that are being overcharged.

PORAC active support for AB63: Driver's license provisional licenses. Will extend the age from 16 to under 21 not 18.

PORAC has decided not to contribute more money toward the Death Penalty initiative. The board reasoning is the initiative is in debt (approx \$66k) and any money we give would go towards the debt and not to furthering the cause.

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

Currently out on Light Duty at work. Up and down as far as disability. Retirement may come out in next few months, but as long as he is a dues paying member can stay on as PORAC director. Introduced Brian Marvel – \*See new business

**VI. Committees**

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

Working on 2018 rates in April & May. Will be published June. Do not have members wait until Work Comp claim is denied before they put in for LTD. Claims approval is not quick so the sooner the paperwork is filed, the better. Contact Eric Swartz if you need assistance with claims. Visit website for insurance info as well as for rates on additional life insurance. \$150k policy has 98% approval rate with minimal health questions, etc.

Eric Swartz (Myers, Stevens, Toohey):  
Office – 1-800-827-4695 ext. 616 Cell – 949-678-3082 Email – eswartz@myers-stevent.com

**B. Legal Defense Fund                      Chris Coulter                      5 min**

Bill Hadden (RLS)  
Robbie Kirsch Update. After two successful federal trials, the Civil Service Commission has ordered him back to work. The Sheriff continues to oppose the reappointment unless Robbie waives right to back-pay.  
Article in upcoming PORAC magazine on Oxnard PD officer.  
Ventura County Probation Deputy back to work.

Jake Kalinski (RLS)  
Personal cell phone privacy / disclosure & Public Records' Act requests.  
Be aware / expect agencies to want to force employees to disclose photos / docs from your private cell phones and emails. A handout was presented on the issue.

Rob Wexler (RLS / SHSL)  
Use of personal cell phones, along with acceptance of stipends in return, can be interpreted by courts as a tacit waiver of privacy. Three months after the RLS / SHS&L merger, things are going great. Feels like a homecoming of sorts. On a personal level we want to get out and touch bases with all of our associations. For those of you going to the negotiations table anytime soon, keep in mind recent pension adjustments with respect to expected AND actual returns. 62% of

funding for pensions comes from investments. Unfunded liabilities were expected to more than double in next five years. 1937 Act Counties are likely to follow suit. Our firm is offering no cost meeting with client associations to present the realities of this financial mess and how they will affect negotiations, as well as changes in cell phone privacy, BWC policies, etc. Go to [RLSlawyers.com](http://RLSlawyers.com) to sign up for update blasts. We also offer Work Comp representation for those needing representation on WC matters. Information / presentations on medical insurance carveouts is also available.

Howard Lieberman (Mastagni Holstedt)

Spoke on the opportunities presented to assist in collective bargaining through the use of Public Records Act Requests of Council Members' emails regarding association matters. Also spoke on the issue of members' privacy expectations with respect to their personal cell phone use for work related purposes.

**C. Retiree Medical Trust                      Virginia Tinoco                      5 min**

RMT has hired a new field rep to work with Terry Moore.

**D. Political Action                              Mike McGrew                              5 min**

PAC Bal \$15100    PIC Bal \$6500

Tony Sanders (VCDSA)

Our lobbyists strongly suggest us establish a Federal PAC account. We need to start discussing the realities of setting monies aside for this. It is a complex issue that will require assent from member associations.

## **VII. Directors' Reports**

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

No report

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

No report

## **VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports**

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

No SLO members present

**B. Santa Barbara County                      Mary Linda Arroyo                      5 min**

No report

**C. Ventura County                              Scott Peterson                              5 min**

Not much. Ventura Star article recently attacked pensions. We need to start rallying the troops to fight this posturing. Introduced Kasey Sirody as the new VCDSA executive director.

## IX. Unfinished Business

Mike McGrew

5 min

Nothing

## X. New Business

Brian Marvel (San Diego POA)

Running for PORAC President in November, upon Mike Durant's retirement. Has been President of SDPOA since 2009. Experience dealing with the Demaio and Reids of the world. Believes social media is underutilized to get our message out. See [www.brianmarvel.net](http://www.brianmarvel.net) for additional information on Brian's platform.

Fred Robotham (Chula Vista POA / LDF Trustee) is another candidate, as well as Jacky Parks (Fresno POA) and Brent Meyer (PORAC V.P. / Sac POA).

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

Tony Sanders (VCDSA)

Asked how many members were looking to making it to symposium. Highly recommends groups attend.

Tim Wedemeyer (SVPOA)

New chief; start contract negotiations next week

Roger Garcia (OPOA)

Introduced Martin Perez, a fellow OPOA board member in attendance.

Bryan Marvel (SDPOA)

SDPOA has a Federal PAC. Please get ahold of him if you have any questions

Ben Canuck (VPOA)

April 29th, memorial mud run fundraiser

Bill Penzo (Body Scan Intl)

Provided service to numerous Simi Valley members recently, as well as several ALADS members. Will be at SB County fire station 11 on April 18 - 20th.

Go to website to see video on services.

~ Adjournment ~

Next meeting: Monday July 17, 2017 Location: Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara



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