Montana APCO Chapter Meeting

March 21, 2016 1:30 PM

Conference Call

**Attendees**:

Wing Spooner PSCB

Zach Slattery Helena 911

Bill Hunter Great Falls/Cascade CO

Susan Bomstad APCO

Andrew Knapp MHP

Kerry O’Connell Gallatin 911

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Hunter at 1:33 PM.

Proposed changes to the February minutes were proposed. Erik and Zae are both from Ravalli County. Zach is spelled with an h. PSCB should be listed as Wing’s department. With those changes Zach made the motion and Wing seconded to accept the changes and the minutes. The motion passed.

**LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**:

We discussed the State A-Board meeting that was held last week.

Chris Lounsbury, Missoula 911 gave a presentation which served very well to explain how Counties manage their accounts (with reserve accounts for future spending), and how funds are spent at the PSAP level.

Bill reported that the A-Board received a firm cost from CenturyLink to update the ESINet network. Most of the network was updated in the last 7-10 years, but the routers need to be upgraded. They would like the State to come up with the money to upgrade the routers at a cost of $4 million. The group and ETIC believe that this should be funded through the Recovery fund. ETIC also agreed to do a study and develop a State plan to implement the NexGen 911. Also agreed to the recommendation of the $85,000 for a GIS audit to be given to the library.

Did not touch on the jurisdictional definitions that we discussed on the last conference call so that still needs to be discussed at the A-Board.

Kerry suggested that as a group we need to consider education on the legislative level so they understand how we use our reserves. We discussed that we should encourage our PSAPs to submit plans to the State so that the funds that are in their accounts have a paper trail and that it can be used as a way to show that the money in our accounts is being managed for the future. Discussion included:

* Should we encourage all PSAPs to develop a 5-year plan to submit to the State office before the end of the year? This would probably be a good thing and would do nothing but help our cause.
* We were required to have plans for Enhanced and Wireless and this should be considered no differently.
* We could use the 5-year plan spreadsheets to then compare to projected revenue which would prove that the funds we are receiving are being spent and then some.
* Include NexGen in the 5-year plan.
* Talk to other PSAPs about this proposal to help decide if we need to bring this to the next A-Board meeting.

Susan moved to propose to the 911 A-Board that each PSAP should have a 5-year plan which outlines State-permissible expenses over the term of the 5 years. In addition, Montana APCO could develop a template for the plan for use by PSAP managers and that Montana APCO would offer to the A-Board to coordinate developing the template with the PSAP managers. Zach seconded.

Motion passed.

This proposal will be carried forward by Kimberly, our APCO representative on the 911 A-Board.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**:

President Hunter stated we have pre-conference training proposals from the Healthy Dispatcher and from Dr. Gassoway. We discussed making the funding available for one of these trainings. Which training would be best was discussed. Dr. Gassoway could be more appealing to a wider audience which could bring in more attendees. The Healthy Dispatcher training would also be an excellent training.

We voted to have Dr. Gassoway present.

Senator Tester has been invited to be the keynote speaker but he has not committed yet.

President Hunter presented a draft flyer for the conference that we all oohed and aaahed over. We also discussed the social networking evening activity and various possibilities of other sessions.

**NO OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Andrew announced he has APCO classes scheduled at Fort Harrison. He has sent announcements through CJIN for the 3 classes. June 14th will be Crisis Negotiations for Dispatchers; June 15th will be Surviving Stress for Dispatchers; and June 16th will be Active Shooter for Dispatchers. All are welcome to attend.

Andrew Knapp moved to adjourn the meeting. Kerry O’Connell seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Kerry O’Connell, RPL

Vice President