

**Montana APCO Chapter Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 11, 2004**  
**Red Lion Colonial Motel**  
**2301 Colonial Drive**  
**Helena, MT**

Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Susan Bomstad presiding

**Attendees:**

Susan Bomstad	Missoula 9-1-1	Craig Jorgenson	APCO Project 25
Bill Jameson	SIEC	Gene McGathey	NLECTC-CO Chapter
John Walsh	Butte SilverBow Sheriff	Daniel Smith	Manon Engineering
Rachel Lunn	Jefferson County 9-1-1	Monica DeCock	Sweet Grass 9-1-1
Peggy Glass	Park County 9-1-1	Kerry O'Connell	Sweet Grass 9-1-1
Steve Stouffer	Alster Communications	Marc McGill	Lincoln County EMA
Ben V. Hess	Gallatin County 9-1-1	Chrystal Stacy	Eureka Dispatch
Bruce Cunningham	Gallatin County 9-1-1	Shanie Collins	Eureka Dispatch
Chuck Lee	Fallon County PSAP	Mike Zuhoski	Laurel Police
Brent Christopherson	Custer/Garfield 9-1-1	Dale Osborne	MT Highway Patrol
Kevin Krausz	Custer/Garfield 9-1-1	Dorothy Gremaux	Lewistown PD
Marilyn Petrik	Sheridan County 9-1-1	Jennifer Snyder	Lewistown PD
Jenny Hansen	MT Public Safety Svcs.	Lt. Levi Talkington	Lewistown PD
Becky Berger	State of MT 9-1-1	Kimberly Burdick	Chouteau County SO
Anita Moon	State 9-1-1 Program	Robert Stine	Seeley Lake Rural Fire Dist
Rick Bubrash	IEEE Comm. Soc. Member	Craig Jorgenson	APCO Project 25

Bill Jameson moved to approve the **minutes** as sent. Dale Osborne seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved. Bill Jameson moved to approve the **treasurer's report**. Bob Stine seconded the motion and the report was unanimously approved.

**Training and Standards**

Kim Burdick gave a bit of history of the plan for money from the State from the sale of Wal-Mart stock from the State 9-1-1 Program. The funds will be used for two regional Public Safety Communicator Basic classes. **The first regional PSC Basic class will be held in Miles City from June 6-11, 2004.** Jody Pierce is coordinating the instructors, Kim is coordinating the student registration. Becky asked Kim if there was a minimum on students. Kim replied that there was no minimum on students, but agencies were so interested in the regional school, they expected to have a good turnout.

### 9-1-1 Committee

Ben Hess spoke on getting more **membership and participation in our chapter**. There was much discussion on how to go about increasing membership. One way is through the upcoming MT APCO Conference in June. Anita thought that we should have had a booth at the 9-1-1 Expo in Helena to get the membership information to the attendees. Anita offered to share the vendor and attendee rosters from the 9-1-1 Expo so Susan could add them to the conference notices and to educate them on APCO. International APCO sent a list of former members whose membership had expired to the Secretary/Treasurers so they could follow up on whether they would like to re-join APCO. Susan has been following up on these. Most of the former members have moved on to other vocations, but a couple of them were interested in re-joining.

Jenny and Susan gave an overview of APCO, for those attending this meeting who were not familiar with APCO, including APCO International and MT APCO committees and projects.

Susan will solicit **2004 Telecommunicator of the Year** nominations shortly.

### MFAC Committee

Dale Osborne and Bill Jameson reported. Billings tried to re-license some frequencies but found they weren't needed. There are **nine new state mutual aid frequencies**. The State is working to update a new **state mutual aid handbook**. If anyone has recommendations or suggestions, contact Jack Spillman at the State.

### Conference Committee

Postcards announcing the **2004 MT APCO Conference** will be sent out the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Parkside, 2000 S. Pattee, in Missoula, and will have three tracks- Technical, Administrative/Training, and Telecommunicator. Conference registration for both days will cost \$60 for APCO members, \$75 for non-members with discounts for early prepaid registration, and will cost more if you sign up at the door. Contact Susan Bomstad at [sbomstad@co.missoula.mt.us](mailto:sbomstad@co.missoula.mt.us) to register. The Holiday Inn Parkside will offer room rates of \$55 per night, but rooms are limited, so attendees should make reservations as soon as possible. The number to register for rooms at the Holiday Inn Parkside is 1-800-HOLIDAY, 1-800-465-4329. Tell them you are with the APCO conference. Class brochures, registration forms, and host hotel registration information will be sent later in March or April.

### Old Business

Susan will contact Bob Leo to see if he knows where to find the **MT Chapter APCO charter**. Bob Stine moved that we offer to make Bob Leo the **Chapter Historian** or at least committee chair for a committee to include Bill Jameson. Members passed the motion unanimously. Bob S. also thought that Montana State University might be interested in housing our archives. Susan can e-mail members requesting any APCO historical memorabilia.

Logistic Systems will host the **website for Montana APCO**. The website is [www.mtapco.com](http://www.mtapco.com) and is currently under construction. We will post officers names, committee chairs, minutes, treasurer's reports, meeting dates, and conference information on the site.

### **New Business**

Bill Jameson moved to reimburse **Jody Pierce's expenses to the 2004 National APCO Conference in Montreal** up to \$1,500.00 and to let the executive board decide how much to reimburse Bill Rusche if he is able to attend. Bob Stine seconded the motion and those present passed it unanimously.

The RFP for the State 9-1-1 Deployment Plan will be sent out in May, and the contract is to be awarded in September. The information will be posted on the State 9-1-1 Program website, and Becky will contact each individual PSAP to consult with them about their own specific situation.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2004, at the Montana Chapter APCO conference in Missoula.