

**Montana APCO Chapter Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2003
Grand Union Hotel, 1317 Front
Fort Benton, MT**

Chapter President Bill Rusche presiding

Attendees:

Bill Rusche	Fort Peck/Roosevelt Co	Corinne Davis	Chouteau County SO
Susan Bomstad	Missoula 9-1-1	Debbie Cornell	Blaine County SO
Anita Moon	State 9-1-1 Program	Hope Pallas	Wheatland County SO
Kimberly Burdick	Chouteau County SO	Charlie Stortz	Logistic Systems, Inc.
Jodie Butler	Chouteau County SO	Eric Lasell	Montana DNRC
Kurt Larson	Chouteau County SO	Robert Stine	Seeley Lake Rural Fire Dist
Jodi Deck	Chouteau County SO	Jody Pierce	Helena Police Dept

Anita moved to approve the **minutes** as sent. Jodie seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved. Anita moved to approve the **treasurer's report**. Jodie seconded the motion and the report was unanimously approved.

Training and Standards

The plan for money from the State from the sale of Wal-Mart stock was approved at the June 25th State 9-1-1 Advisory Council. The Council approved a proposal for a Public Safety Communicator Basic class in Miles City and another in Western Montana (location to be announced). Now we need to plan the classes and submit to P.O.S.T. Council.

Roxanna McGinnis's draft letter to P.O.S.T. from APCO (and signed by the MT APCO president) requesting **reciprocity between states to challenge the PSC Basic course** was reviewed by members and approved to send to P.O.S.T.

9-1-1 Committee

Bill appointed Ben Hess and Jodie Butler as co-chairs of the 9-1-1 Committee. Jodie spoke about a membership drive. Bill sees the need to educate people about what Montana APCO does, and will travel to eastern Montana counties for regional informational meetings to explain APCO and the need for participation. Jodie thought we could have Sheriffs, Police Chiefs or PSAP managers write letters of support, and could visit and call prospective members.

Bill repeated the **need for a website to encourage participation and make us accessible** to anyone using the internet. Anita will check on state assistance, could APCO be included on the State site?

Susan will submit the 2004 meeting dates to National APCO to be included on the 2004 APCO calendar.

MFAC Committee

No meeting.

Old Business

To pay Jody Pierce's expenses to the National APCO Conference. Bill Rusche was unable to attend the conference.

Jodie Butler reported that **State Mutual Aid for dispatchers** between agencies has not been approved yet by FEMA. Jodie is still working on it. Counties would have to have letters of agreement between them and the county that they want mutual aid with.

New Business

Anita moved to send **\$100 to Homer Young in memory of his son**, who recently passed away. Jodie seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to do so.

Jody Pierce on the **National APCO Conference**: Jody brought back publications from the conference. She will make a list and make them available to others. She also brought back a notebook of vendors. Ask Jody if you'd like to access those. Becky Berger (State 9-1-1 Program) ordered tapes of the classes. Anita will check and advise on those. Jody reported that **Jenny Hansen has been appointed Chairperson of APCO International's 9-1-1 Committee**. Jody also has the National Constitution/Bylaws notebook and summarized Executive Council meeting minutes to be included in the MT APCO mailing.

Susan will look again for the **Montana APCO charter** in the paperwork she has. Anita will check with the Secretary of State to see if they have a copy of it. Should Montana APCO **appoint a historian**? We will talk about this at the next meeting.

Bob moved that we send a **letter of thanks to Chief Troy McGee** for letting Jody attend the National Conference. Anita seconded the motion, and members passed the motion unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 11, 2003, but had to be postponed.

Next year's scheduled APCO meetings:

March 11, 2004	Lewistown, MT
June 9 or 10, 2004	Missoula (during the Montana Chapter APCO conference)
September 9, 2004	Havre
December 9, 2004	Helena

Committee meetings usually begin at 9:30 AM. General chapter meeting at 11 AM