

From the Desk of M. Jay Groce, III  
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**APCO INTERNATIONAL**  
**Mid-Year**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**2008**

The Mid-year Executive Council meeting was held in the usual two-day format. The first day, Saturday, was used to discuss key issues that would need action during the official Council meeting that was held on Sunday and to receive a variety of reports from committees and staff. Following the roll call, the APCO International 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidential Candidates, Barry Woodward and Gregg Riddle addressed the Council. Some of the topics that were presented on Saturday for discussion included APCO Policy Manual revisions; FY 2008 Financial Report; FY 2009 Budget revisions; membership dues increase; Strategic Governance Initiative report and reports by the Group Leaders and Staff members.

On Sunday, the Executive Council business meeting was convened. Following final discussions, actions were taken on the following items:

**FY 2009 Budget:** A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried to accept the budget as presented.

**Several APCO Policy Manual Changes** were presented and discussed. All sections changed were individually voted on and approved

**Approval of 2015 APCO International Conference Site:** The Conference Department offered three sites for consideration for the 2015 Conference. They were Washington D.C., Pittsburgh and Charlotte. On the first ballot, Washington received 20 votes, Pittsburgh received 11 votes and Charlotte received 16 votes. None of the cities received a majority vote (25 votes for a majority), so a second ballot was required per the policy for the two cities receiving the highest number of votes from the first ballot. On the second ballot, Washington D.C. was selected as the location for the 2015 Annual Conference.

**Board of Officer's Resolution:** The Board of Officers circulated a Resolution to allow them the authority to alter the meeting dates for the 2009 Winter Summit and Mid-year Executive Council meeting and possibly renegotiate the current contract with the Orlando Airport Marriott hotel. This was requested based on preliminary discussions with NENA about co-locating their ODC/TDC with the already scheduled APCO events. Because there were several details that staff still needed to work out with the NENA representatives, the Board was asking for the Council's permission to provide the needed flexibility to accomplish the co-location goal.

**Annual Dues Increase:** The Executive Council evaluated the increase in dues for the 2009 membership dues period per the requirements of the Association Bylaws Article II. The Consumer Price Index adjustment factor was discussed. Brent Finster, Northern California, made a motion to approve the proposed increase of 4.1%. Matt Stillwell, Oklahoma, seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

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**APCO Policy Manual Section 02-12:** Gregg Riddle, Illinois, motioned to approve APCO Policy Manual Section 02-12, Budget Change Authority. Pat Hall, Alabama, seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

**APCO Policy Manual Section 08-04:** Gregg Riddle, Illinois, motioned to approve APCO Policy Manual Section 08-04, Executive Director Selection Process. Bill Keller, Texas, seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.

**Other Business:**

- a. Brenda Gowdy, Mississippi, telecommunicator Mechelle Popplereiter's son had made it to the top 50 on American Idol and was in Hollywood auditioning and if he made it further to please vote for him.
- b. Pat Hall, Alabama, requested special thoughts and prayers for Life Member John Wyckoff as he recovers from surgery and prepares for upcoming surgery. John served as Alabama and Mississippi Frequency coordinator for several years.
- c. Lynne Feller, Ohio, spoke about the efforts of the Professional Events Development Committee and the work they are involved in to select the programs for the Association Conference and Winter Summit.
- d. Woody Glover, Louisiana, offered his thanks to the Professional Events Development Committee for the programs they bring to the membership.
- e. Wanda McCarley, Past President, spoke about the 911 Abuse program that Tarrant County is working to develop. COPS web site has a white paper on 911 Abuse issues.
- f. Terry Hall, Virginia, cautioned everyone that the PBX/MLTS legislation needs to be watched in each state. Avaya is introducing new equipment that won't be compliant with most legislation as it currently exists.
- g. Gregg Riddle, Illinois, asked that the President require staff to send letters to each Executive Council member that was absent, indicating that they were missed and encourage them to attend the next meeting. Copies should be sent to their Chapter Presidents also.

Larry Sheridan, Wyoming, motioned to adjourn the 2008 Mid-year Executive Council Meeting. Matt Stillwell, Oklahoma, seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with no opposition and the motion carried.