



P.O.R.A.C.  
*Peace Officers Research Association of California*  
SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES CHAPTER

SUMMARY OF MEETING  
DATE: March 13, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Border Patrol Supervisors Assn.  
Brawley PMA  
Brawley Police Sgts. Assn.  
Brawley PSA  
Calexico POA  
Calipatria POA  
Carlsbad POA  
**Chula Vista POA:** *David Oyos*  
Coronado POA  
El Cajon POA  
El Centro POA  
El Centro Sgts. Assn.  
Escondido POA  
Imperial County DA Assn.  
Imperial County DSA  
Imperial POA  
Imperial PD Supervisors Assn.  
Imperial PSMA  
**La Mesa POA:** *Colin Atwood*  
MiraCosta College POA

Border Patrol Supervisors Assn  
Brawley FFA

Carlsbad RPOA  
Chula Vista PRA  
Coronado PRA  
Escondido PRA  
La Mesa Reserves POA

Regular Associations

**National City POA:** *Bill Phillips*  
**Oceanside POA:** *Martin Morabe*  
**RAM:** *James Mac Donald, Arnold Page, Ernie Susi, Tom Simonds*  
**SD CO DSA:** *Dawn Morabe, Michele Chism*  
SD Community College POA  
**SD County DAI Assn.:** *Bryan Zmijewski, James Clark*  
SD County DDA Assn.  
SD County Probation Officers Assn.  
**SD County Public Assistance Investigators Assn.:** *Danielle Ferrara*  
**SD Harbor POA:** *Jonathan Taylor*  
**SD POA:** *Brian Avera, Jack Schaeffer*  
**SD Schools PMA:** *Jesus Montana*  
**SD Schools POA:** *Jay Gresham*  
SUPA  
Southwestern Community College POA  
UCSD POA

Limited Associations

SD County DDA Assn.  
**Transit Enforcement Officers:** *Francisco Moreno*

Reserve Associations

La Mesa Reserves POA  
National City PRA  
SD County DA Reserve Investigators  
SD RPOA

Attorneys

*Brad Fields, Rick Pinckard, Michael Begovich* (Bobbitt, Pinckard & Fields APC); *David Dugan* (Dugan & Rader); *Scott O'Mara* (O'Mara); *Jason Ewert* (Mastagni, Holdstedt APC)

### PORAC Endorsed Providers

Suzanne Urban (California Casualty); Eric Swartz (Myers-Stevens & Toohey)

### Guests

Damon Kurtz (PORAC VP); Ed Fishman (LDF Administrator); Humberto Peraza (Edgewater Consultants—SDCPOA, SDPOA, CVPOA, SDCDDA)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The monthly meeting of the San Diego and Imperial County Chapter of PORAC was called to order by President Bryan Zmijewski on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 1800 hours at the San Diego POA Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by LDF Administrator Ed Fishman.

A moment of silence was held for the eight law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty since the February 13, 2019 chapter meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLL CALL**

Roll call was performed by Secretary Mac Donald. All members were present.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

SDPOA President Jack Schaeffer introduced SD Councilman Chris Ward (District 3). Ward is seeking election to the California Assembly (78 AD). He summarized his experience, history, goals and that he has been endorsed by SDPOA. Currently no one else has filed to seek the seat.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

President Zmijewski said that with new association board members and members who are attending chapter meetings perhaps for the first time he will be asking those who attend chapter meetings to identify themselves and their associations at the beginning of meetings. When more than one member from an association attends a chapter meeting it is important to identify who will be casting any votes on behalf of the association.

Without objection, President Zmijewski suspended the Order of Business to take up LEGAL, LDF.

### **LEGAL**

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND – Rowbotham

Trustee Rowbotham was not present. LDF Administrator Ed Fishman provided the report.

He summarized several cases that are currently pending or have recently been adjudicated.

Without objection, President Zmijewski returned to the Order of Business.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dawn Morabe made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2019 chapter meeting. The motion was seconded by Jack Schaeffer and was passed. [ABSTENTIONS: La Mesa POA; Oceanside POA; SD Community College POA.]

### **CHAPTER REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE – Page**

He provided copies of the February 2019 CAHP statement and transaction list, and the January-February 2019 profit and loss report. All accounts are current. The annual donation to the SD County Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Foundation has been sent.

Contact him for any further information.

#### **INSURANCE & BENEFIT TRUST (PORAC I&BT) – Rea**

The effects of the Janus case has resulted in challenges with associations paying dues for people who are not association members. He urged associations to review and update their membership rosters.

### **DISABILITY, LIFE & AD&D PROVIDERS**

#### **Myers-Stevens & Toohey**

Eric Schwartz reported that a long-term care program is being developed in conjunction with Mutual of Omaha. Check Myers-Stevens.com for more information.

He also reported that he is available to speak with members who are about to retire in order to make sure their future needs will be met.

### **POLITICAL UPDATE**

#### **PAC – Zmijewski**

After the February meeting the PAC/PIC (90%/10%)split has been updated. He also provided a copy of chapter PAC/PIC Funds available through 2018.

Jack Schaeffer made a motion to endorse Chris Ward for California Assembly District 78. The motion was seconded by Morabe and passed.

Jesus Montana reported that the SD County Democrat Committee is having a dinner. They are again requesting that the chapter be a major sponsor at a cost of \$5,000. He made a motion for the chapter to purchase a sponsorship for the SD County Democrat Committee Dinner for \$5,000, from PAC. The motion was seconded by Colin Atwood and passed.

#### **LEGISLATION – Montana/ Dawn Morabe**

PORAC VP Damon Kurtz stressed how important it is that not only law enforcement members, but also their family members, friends and neighbors send letters of support to

California legislators and newspapers in support of the PORAC-sponsored bill SB 230 and opposing AB 392 (Weber—SD). For further information go to the ProtectCA.org website.

Jesus Montana reported that the several PORAC state leaders will be going to Washington D.C. March 25-28 to speak with legislators on issues that are of importance to law enforcement.

He also summarized several bills, that are either supported or opposed by PORAC in the California or United States legislatures.

## **PORAC**

CHAPTER DIRECTOR – Montana  
The next meeting will be March 25.

## **LEGAL**

POLICE REVIEW BOARDS – Pinckard/Fields  
Brad Fields reported that the County Law Enforcement Review Board is proposing modifications to its rules

Rick Pinckard introduced Michael Begovich, a new attorney in their office.

### **LEGAL DEFENSE FUND**

Jason Ewert (Mastagni, Holdstedt APC) reported that their firm is filing a brief with the California Supreme Court opposing the provisions of AB1421.

### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION - Dugan/O'Mara/Hopkins**

Scott O'Mara distributed copies of Law1199.com Newsletter (2019 Issues 3 & 4). He and Dave Dugan outlined areas of the newsletters. (For further information go to [www.law1199.com](http://www.law1199.com).)

## **CHAPTER INTEREST**

### **MEMORIAL – Simonds**

SD County Law Enforcement Memorial will be held on Wednesday, May 1, at noon at the County Administration Building in San Diego. If anyone is interested in attending the breakfast at the Officers Club at the Marine Corp Recruit Depot at 0700 hours. Please contact Tom Simonds.

He made a motion for the chapter to purchase a table at the SD County Law Enforcement Memorial Breakfast for up to \$150. The motion was seconded by Jesus Montana and passed.

The California Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 8, in Sacramento.

National Law Enforcement Week is May 12-18.

He reported that longtime SD County Law Enforcement Memorial board member Doug Oliver has resigned. His position will be filled by Brian Story (La Mesa POA).

**SPECIAL EVENTS - Susi**

Temecula Wine Tour—There are only ten openings left on Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$35, per person. Contact him for reservations.

SD Officer of the Year Dinner—Contact Jesus Montana for reservations for Friday, April 26, at the Omni Hotel.

**TECHNOLOGY – Simonds**

Update on website—please forward any photos to him.

RAM Members-Only contact person/password—he will be the contact person for RAM.

**ISSUES**

Chula Vista POA—urged associations to remind their members who may have purchased an assault weapon utilizing department letterhead that they are still required to register the weapon and submit a fee with the California DOJ. This requirement has a 90-day window after the purchase of the weapon.

There have been reports that DOJ agents have been contacting law enforcement members who have not registered their assault weapons, sometimes at their homes, and confiscating the weapon. Criminal charges are also being sought against violators.

This information will be forwarded to Tom Simonds to be distributed via the chapter e-mail blast.

**GOOD OF THE CHAPTER**

President Zmijewski announced that the next chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 1800 hours. The meeting will be held at SDPOA Office in San Diego.

The deadline to submit applications for the CLEA Scholarship is May 1.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection President Zmijewski adjourned the meeting at 2004 hours.