



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

SUMMARY OF MEETING
DATE: January 8, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE

Regular Associations

Brawley Police Sgt Assn.
Brawley Public Safety Assn.
Calexico POA
Calipatria POA
Carlsbad PMA
Carlsbad POA
Chula Vista POA: David Oyos; Fred Rowbotham (via ZOOM)
Coronado POA
El Cajon POA: Anthony Vigil
El Centro POA
Escondido POA
Imperial CO District Atty Investigators Assn.
Imperial CO DSA
Imperial CO Public Safety Mngr Assn.: Duke Tanuvasa (via ZOOM)
Imperial POA
La Mesa POA
MiraCosta College POA

National City POA
Oceanside POA
Palomar College POA
RAM: Arnold Page, James Mac Donald, Tom Simonds; Randy Dibb, Mike Fender (via ZOOM)
SD CO DSA: Scott Crane
SD CO Probation Officer Assn.
SD Community College POA
SD CO DA Investigators Assn.: Dan Leja
SD Harbor POA
SD POA: Keelan McCullough, Jared Wilson
SD Public Assistance Investigators Assn.
SD Schools PMA
SD Schools POA: Caleb Arnold
Southwestern Community College POA
UCSD Police Supervisors Assn.
Westmorland POA

Limited Associations

Brawley FFA
Escondido SWAT Medics Assn.
SD County DDA Assn.

Transit Enforcement Officers
Vista Fire Chief Officers Assn.

Reserve Associations

Carlsbad RPOA
Coronado PRA
El Cajon Reserve POA
Escondido PRA

National City PRA
SD County DA Reserve Investigators
SD RPOA
San Diego Sheriff's Reserve Assn.

CHAPTER WEBSITE

poracsandiego-imperialcountieschapter.org

<https://www.facebook.com/SDImperialCountyChapterPORAC/>

[Minutes were motioned, seconded, and passed at the February 12, 2025 chapter meeting.]

Attorneys

Bobbitt, Pinckard & Fields APC: *Rick Pinckard, Rico Dominguez*; **Dugan & Rader:** *David Dugan, Andrew Lockard*; **Mastagni, Holstedt APC:** *Jason Ewert*; **Scott A. O'Mara:** *Scott O'Mara*; Rains, Lucia, Stern, St. Phalle & Silver

PORAC Endorsed Providers

AFLAC: *Jamie Amstutz Berry, Mike Hontucan*; CAHP Credit Union; **California Casualty:** *Inez Morales*; **Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp.:** *Curt Conkling*

Guests

Brian Marvel (PORAC President); Ben Therriault (PORAC VP); Damon Kurtz (PORAC IBT); Mason Herron (Edgewater Strategies); Christopher J. Torres (ARK Law Estate Planning)

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the San Diego and Imperial County Chapter of PORAC was called to order by President Keelan McCullough on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 1800 hours at the San Diego POA Office. The meeting was also available via ZOOM,

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Caleb Arnold.

A moment of silence was held for the 17 law enforcement officers and one K-9 who have died in the line of duty since the November 13, 2024 meeting, including Riverside SO Deputy Timothy Corlew [E.O.W.: January 8, 2025].

President McCullough congratulated Caleb Arnold for being elected and sworn in as the Chapter Director.

ROLL CALL

Roll call of the Executive Board was performed by Secretary Mac Donald. President McCullough, VP Oyos, VP Wilson, Chapter Director Arnold, Treasurer Page, and Secretary Mac Donald were present. There are two VP positions vacant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Former Chapter Director Jesus Montana had electronically submitted the minutes of the November 13, 2024 chapter meeting.

Caleb Arnold made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2024 chapter meeting as electronically distributed . The motion was seconded by David Oyos and passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Arnold Page provided copies of the December 2024 CAHP statement and transaction list, and the January-December 2024 profit and loss report to those in physical attendance at the meeting.

All accounts are current. Contact him for any further information.

COMMITTEE/DIRECTORS REPORTS

Memorial—Simonds

There was a San Diego County Law Enforcement Officer Memorial meeting earlier today. Planning for the May 7 Memorial Ceremony is in progress.

The website is being updated and is anticipated to be current in one week.

Technology—Wilson

He reported that the updated technology has been installed and is working as intended.

The \$576 website maintenance fee has been paid to SmartWeb.

Special Events—Oyos

The only interested chapter people to participate in the 2024 PORAC Conference golf outing were from CVPOA.

Membership – Arnold

There are 46 associations and 7,493 members in the chapter.

RAM—Fender

Due to technical difficulties his report was tabled until later in the meeting.

Chapter Director — Arnold

The PORAC board of directors will be interviewing candidates seeking election as California governor and Attorney General.

Merchandise – Montana

President McCullough appointed VP Oyos to be the chairman of the committee.

LOCAL ISSUES/PROBLEMS

PORAC

Insurance & Benefit Trust (PORAC I&BT) – Bruzee

VP Oyos reported that there was nothing new to report.

DISABILITY, LIFE & AD&D PROVIDERS

AFLAC

Jamie Amstutz reported that she continues to work from home and is available to assist those with questions, concerns, etc. She urged participants to call her directly, rather than AFLAC, for quicker service.

She reminded everyone to update their beneficiaries on all their policies.

A raffle of Maker's Mark was won by Andrew Lockard.

California Casualty

Inez Morales recommended that participants either text or call her at (619) 807-4479 for a policy review. There has been an increase in quote calls due to the chaos in the insurance industry.

Without objection, President McCullough suspended the Order of Business to return to COMMITTEE REPORTS, RAM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RAM—Fender

With President Biden signing HR 82, eliminating the GPO/WEP the IRS anticipates that it will take a significant amount of time to recalculate benefits for those who qualify.

Without objection, President McCullough returned to the Order of Business, LOCAL ISSUES/PROBLEMS, POLITICAL UPDATE.

LOCAL ISSUES/PROBLEMS

POLITICAL UPDATE—Montana

President McCullough appointed VP Wilson as the chairman of the committee.

PAC

He deferred his report to PORAC President Marvel.

President Marvel reported that on Saturday, February 8th there will be interviews of candidates seeking election as California governor and Attorney General.

LEGISLATION—Wilson

He deferred his report to PORAC President Marvel.

President Marvel reported that there are several legislative proposals in the California legislature regarding retiree worker compensation.

Mason Herron reported that SD County Supervisor Nora Vargas is resigning. A special election will possibly be held to fill the vacancy.

The District 5 Supervisor seat, currently held by Jim Desmond will be up for election next year,

California State Senator Brian Jones will not be eligible for reelection due to being termed out.

LDF – Rowbotham

The first meeting of the year will be on Thursday, January 23, in Sacramento,

There are 21 murder/manslaughter, 37 excessive use of force, 16 traffic accidents, ten under color of authority, and four false report criminal cases currently being defended by the Trust.

LEGAL UPDATES – Pinckard/Fields; Mastagni, Holstedt; Ferrone & Ferrone
Rick Pinckard summarized a U.S. Border Patrol case that was successfully defended.

Jason Ewert summarized three law enforcement decertification actions being considered by P.O.S.T. One was issued a temporary suspension, and another will possibly be moving on to consideration by the board.

Christopher J. Torres, a former PORAC LDF panel attorney, is now associated with ARKLAW Estate Planning. There is special pricing for public safety members and their parents. He may be reached at chris@arklawestateplans.com, or (619) 800 8386.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – Dugan/O'Mara

Scott O'Mara distributed copies of Law1199.com Newsletter (2015 Issue #3, 2016, Issue #11, 2017 Issue #1, 2019 Issues #7 & 12, 2020 Issue #1, 2021 Issues #6 & 9, 2023 Issue #11, 2024 Issues #11, 13 & 14) . He outlined several areas of the newsletters. He also discussed the need to amend CA Senate bill 542 regarding P.T.S.D. and its impact upon the injured worker, their family and privacy rights which expires on January 1, 2029.

He also distributed a flyer regarding those who are retired or considering retirement and the impact upon worker compensation claims and/or cases.

He may be contacted at (800) LAW-1199, or www.law199.com.

LOCAL SUPPORTERS

Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp– Conklin

He reported that mortgage rates are likely to be lowered this spring.

For further information contact him at curt.conkling@fairwaymc.com or call him at (800) 300-0141.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

Chapter meeting—McCullough

He thanked SDPOA for bringing the dinner to the meeting, and Fairway Independent Mortgage Company for providing refreshments.

The next chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 1800 hours. The meeting will be held at SDPOA Office in San Diego, and available via ZOOM.

SDDSA will be bringing the dinner and Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp. will bring the refreshments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None.)

NEW BUSINESS

President McCullough appointed Duke Tanuvasa (Imperial County Public Safety Manager Association) to fill the vacancy of the Chapter VP2, and Scott Crane to fill the Chapter VP4 vacancy.

Duke Tanuvasa suggested having the April chapter meeting at the Moose Lodge as in previous years. He will provide more information at the February chapter meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection President McCullough adjourned the meeting at 1933 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
James Mac Donald
Chapter Secretary