



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

SUMMARY OF MEETING
DATE: March 12, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE

Regular Associations

Brawley Police Sgt Assn.
Brawley Public Safety Assn.
Calexico POA
Calipatria POA
Carlsbad PMA
Carlsbad POA
Chula Vista POA: Fred Rowbotham, David Martinez, Brian Olsen (*via ZOOM*); David Oyos, Dustin Bruzee,
Coronado POA
El Cajon POA
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: Mike Fender, Randy Dibb (*via ZOOM*); Arnold Page, James Mac Donald, Tom Simonds
SD CO DSA: Mike O’Deane, Ben Nazerian
SD CO Probation Officer Assn.: Veronica Limon
SD Community College POA
SD CO DA Investigators Assn.: Bob Rounds, 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.

Attorneys

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

CHAPTER WEBSITE

poracsandiego-imperialcountieschapter.org

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

[Minutes were motioned, seconded, and passed as amended at the April, 2025 chapter meeting.]

PORAC Endorsed Providers

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

Guests

Damon Kurtz (PORAC IBT); Mason Herron (Edgewater Strategies), Ben Therriault, (*via ZOOM*) (PORAC VP)

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, March 12, 2025, at 180 hours at the San Diego DSA Office. The meeting was also available via ZOOM,

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Simonds.

A moment of silence was held for the 7 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty since the February 12, 2025 meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call of the Executive Board was performed by Secretary Mac Donald. President McCullough, VP Oyos, VP Tanuvasa, VP Wilson, , Chapter Director Arnold, Treasurer Page, and Secretary Mac Donald were present. VP Crane was excused from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jared Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2025 chapter meeting as electronically distributed . The motion was seconded by David Oyos and passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Arnold Page requested that the list of the chapter officers be listed in the minutes, per the policy of the CAHPCU:

President Keelan McCullough, VPs David Oyos, Duke Tanuvasa, Jared Wilson, and Scott Crane, Treasurer Arnold Page, Secretary James Mac Donald, Chapter Director Caleb Arnold.

Those that will be signatories on the chapter account will be President Keelan McCullough, Treasurer Arnold Page, and Chapter Director Caleb Arnold.

He reported the February 2025 CAHP statement and transaction list, and the January-February 2025 profit and loss list. All accounts are current. Contact him for any further information.

COMMITTEE/DIRECTORS REPORTS

Memorial—Simonds

The SD County Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation is updating the website.

The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at noon, outside the SD County Administration Building.

The CA LE Candlelight Vigil will be held on Sunday, May 4, and the ceremony will be held on Monday, May 5, in Sacramento.

The National LE Memorial Candlelight Ceremony will be held on Tuesday May 13; the Memorial Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 14. Both will be at the Capital Mall in Washington, DC.

Technology—Wilson

There are some people who are having difficulties accessing the chapter meetings on Zoom.

Special Events—Oyos

Scott O'Mara distributed a flyer with information on a St. Patrick's Day celebration at his office (2370 Fifth Avenue, SD) on Saturday, March 15, from 0900-1300 hours.

Membership – Arnold

There are 45 associations and 7,552 members in the chapter.

RAM—Fender

The Social Security Administration has begun distributing the adjusted Social Security benefits for those eligible after the passage of the elimination of WEP/GPO.

Chapter Director — Arnold

He deferred his report to Chapter VP Wilson to report on the PORAC Executive Committee meeting held on March 10.

Jared Wilson, in turn, deferred to PORAC VP Therriault, who provided a summary of the meeting.

Merchandise – Oyos

He will provide samples at the April meeting for possible chapter shirts to be worn at the 2025 PORAC Conference in San Diego.

LOCAL ISSUES/PROBLEMS

PORAC

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

There was a meeting in Sacramento on March 11. He deferred to IB&T Executive Director Damon Kurtz.

The administration of the program has been completely moved in-house as of March 1.

He summarized many of the available programs.

DISABILITY, LIFE & AD&D PROVIDERS

AFLAC

Mike Hontucan announced that claims can be paid using the app.

California Casualty

Inez Morales reported that the company was still servicing claims from those affected by the LA wildfires.

Anyone with any questions can contact her directly.

CAHP CU

Danny Van Attenhoven reported that there will be a four-hour P.O.S.T.-approved credit for attending a course on Financial Wellness For Law Enforcement.

CAHPCU will present the course at interested agencies.

The company also has fire relief loans available.

POLITICAL UPDATE—Wilson

He reported that the chapter has \$31,260.71 (PAC) and \$7, 013.94 (PIC).

PAC

Mike O'Deanne reported that CVPOA is fully behind Chula Vista Mayor John McCann's candidacy for the District 1 seat on the SD County Board of Supervisors and SD County Supervisor Jim Desmond's candidacy for US Representative (District 49).

He also announced that Poway City Councilman Tony Blain (District 2) is facing a recall. Mayor Steve Vos will be attending the DSA meeting on March 13.

Mike O'Deanne made a motion for the chapter to support the recall of Poway City Councilman Tony Blain. The motion was seconded by Caleb Arnold and passed.

LEGISLATION—Wilson

Mike Fender reported that AB 814 (Schaivo (D), AD40) would establish a five-year trial, beginning January 2025, of no taxes to be paid on law enforcement retirement payments.

Numerous bills were summarized, some of which PORAC is a co-sponsor. Check the PORAC website for further information.

LEGAL/MEMBER CONCERNS

LDF – Rowbotham

The next meeting will be on March 20, in Oahu, HI. Rates will be set at that time.

He summarized several of the 137 cases that are currently being defended in court.

There are currently 21 murder/manslaughter, 34 excessive use of force, 15 traffic collisions, 11 deprivation of rights, and four false report cases currently being defended by the Trust.

LEGAL UPDATES – Pinckard/Fields; Mastagni, Holstedt; Ferrone & Ferrone
Rick Pinckard summarized a Las Vegas, NV case where the 9th Circuit Court ruled against the officers having qualified immunity.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – Dugan/O'Mara

Andrew Lockard summarized bills AB1498 (Soria (D), AD27); SB555 (Caballero (D), SD14); and SB447 (Umberg (D), SD34).

Scott O'Mara distributed copies of Law1199.com Newsletter (2025 Issue #4) . He outlined several areas of the newsletter "Removal of Antiquated Standards By Modification." See www.law1199.com for more information.

LOCAL SUPPORTERS

Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp– Conklin

He reported that mortgage rates have decreased slightly. Through the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (Reverse Mortgage) he can assist aging homeowners who are 62+ years old.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

Chapter meeting—McCullough

He thanked RAM for bringing the dinner and Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp. for providing refreshments at the meeting.

The April 9 and June 11 chapter meetings will be held at SDPOA Office, and the July 9 meeting will be held at the SDCDSA in Poway. All meetings are available via ZOOM.

Dave Dugan will bring dinner to the April meeting, and Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp. will provide refreshments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None.)

NEW BUSINESS

The San Diego County Peace Officer of the Year is requesting sponsorship.

James Mac Donald made a motion for the chapter to be a Silver Sponsor for \$3,000 of the San Diego County Peace Officer of the Year Awards Ceremony. The motion was seconded by David Oyos and passed.

The 16th Annual SDPOA Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, March 21, at the Coronado Golf Course.

David Oyos made a motion for the chapter to sponsor a foursome at the SDPOA Golf Tournament for \$1600. He will be responsible for recruiting the four golfers. The motion was seconded by Jared Wilson and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection President McCullough adjourned the meeting at 1945 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
James Mac Donald
Chapter Secretary