



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

SUMMARY OF MEETING

DATE: August 14, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Regular Associations

Brawley PMA	Oceanside POA
Brawley Police Sgts. Assn.	Palomar College POA
Brawley PSA	RAM: <i>James Mac Donald, Arnold Page, Steve Craig, Ernie Susi, Tom Simonds, Randy Dibb</i>
Calexico POA	SD CO DSA: <i>Dawn Morabe, Michele Chism, Keith Crowl</i>
Calipatria POA	SD Community College POA
Carlsbad PMA	SD County DAI Assn.: <i>Jim Clark, Bryan Zmijewski</i>
Carlsbad POA	SD County Probation Officers Assn.
Chula Vista POA: <i>David Oyos, Rusty Rea, Fred Rowbotham</i>	SD County Public Assistance Investigators Assn.: <i>Danielle Ferrara</i>
Coronado POA	SD Harbor POA: <i>Jon Taylor</i>
El Cajon POA	SD POA: <i>Brian Avera</i>
El Centro POA	SD Schools PMA
El Centro Sgts. Assn.	SD Schools POA: <i>Jay Gresham</i>
Escondido POA	Southwestern Community College POA
Imperial County District Atty Invest Assn.	UCSD POA
Imperial County DSA	Westmorland POA
Imperial County Public Safety Mngr Assn.	
Imperial POA	
La Mesa POA	
MiraCosta College POA	
National City POA	

Limited Associations

Border Patrol Supervisors Assn	SD County DDA Assn.
Brawley FFA	Transit Enforcement Officers

Reserve Associations

Carlsbad RPOA	La Mesa Reserves POA
Chula Vista PRA	National City PRA
Coronado PRA	SD County DA Reserve Investigators
Escondido PRA	SD RPOA
	San Diego Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Assn.:

Attorneys

Brad Fields, Rick Pinckard (Bobbitt, Pinckard & Fields APC); *David Dugan* (Dugan & Rader);

CHAPTER WEBSITE

poracsandiego-imperialcountieschapter.org

[Minutes were motioned, seconded, and passed as corrected at the September 11, 2019 meeting]

Scott O'Mara (O'Mara); *Jason Ewert* (Mastagni, Holdstedt APC)

PORAC Endorsed Providers

Jamie Amstutz (AFLAC)

Supporters

Curt Conkling, Bobbi Octavo (Nationwide Mortgage)

Guests

Jeff Stine, Francisco Gonzalez (Cover Now)

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, August 14, 2019, at 1800 hours at the San Diego POA Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by VP Dawn Morabe.

A moment of silence was held for the six law enforcement officers, including CHP Officer Moyer [E.O.W. 8-12-29], who died in the line of duty since the July 10, 2019 chapter meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLL CALL

Roll call was performed by Secretary Mac Donald. Except for VP Jesus Montana (work) all members were present.

PRESENTATIONS

Jeff Stine (Cover Now)

Jonathan Taylor introduced former El Cajon POA member Jeff Stine, President and Chairman of Cover Now Law Enforcement Emergency Fund.

Stine outlined that the company began a year ago and is based in San Diego. Its mission is to raise funds to distribute to law enforcement officers and their families in time of need. They also collaborate with private companies, national organizations, and grants to provide further benefits and services.

Cover Now VP Francisco Gonzalez is a retired National City POA member.

The company is seeking infrastructure assistance in developing a headquarters building in San Diego. The PORAC state office directed them to seek chapter support.

Michelle Chism reported that the DSA contributed \$100,000 to the company.

Brian Avera reported that SDPOA has contributed \$5,000 to the company.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnie Page made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2019 chapter meeting. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Taylor and was passed. [ABSTENTIONS: SD Schools POA]

CHAPTER REPORTS

FINANCE – Page

He provided copies of the 2019 July CAHP statement and transaction list, and the January-July 2019 profit and loss report. All accounts are current. Contact him for any further information.

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

There was no report due to his absence from the meeting.

DISABILITY, LIFE & AD&D PROVIDERS

AFLAC

Jamie Amstutz reminds people to update their policies, i.e., beneficiaries, coverage, etc.

California Casualty

There was no report due to the absence of a representative at the meeting.

Myers-Stevens & Toohey

There was no report due to the absence of a representative at the meeting.

RETIRED ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Simonds

There are 8,099 members, 4,127 of which have LDF Plan 5 coverage.

He has authored an article in the August edition of the PORAC Law Enforcement News.

POLITICAL UPDATE

PAC – Zmijewski

He distributed a copy of the Chapter’s PAC/PIC Funds report.

Brian Avera reported that the future goal is to have chapter endorsements completed before the August PORAC Board of Directors meeting

LEGISLATION – Avera

Michelle Chism and he met with county legislators on August 13, regarding issues important to PORAC.

Chism spoke about concerns regarding SB 555 (Holly Mitchell, SD30; co-authors: Assembly members Jose Medina, AD 61; and Buffy Wicks, AD 15) and its deleterious effects on department budgets.

PORAC

CHAPTER DIRECTOR – Avera

The PORAC logo is being illegally used by other organizations. PORAC will continue to seek all available remedies to stop this activity.

There was discussion regarding a new PORAC state office building. As currently planned, I&B will have a separate building next to the state office. There will be further information at the PORAC Convention.

President Brian Marvel and VP Damon Kurtz are seeking re-election. To date, there are no opponents.

An additional IT specialist has been hired at the state office.

Avera will be seeking to be elected to the PORAC Executive Committee.

LEGAL/MEMBER CONCERNS

LDF – Rowbotham

The LDF Conference held in July was very successful and received much positive feedback. The 350 registered participants represented all 50 states and four U.S. territories. Another conference will be scheduled for 2020, with the addition of vendor booths.

As of July 19, there are 136,816 members from 346 associations throughout the U.S.

There are currently 84 active court cases-seven charging murder/manslaughter and 30 for excessive force.

POLICE REVIEW BOARDS – Pinckard/Fields

The county review board (CLERB) is finalizing several minor changes to their practices.

BODY-WORN CAMERAS – Fields/Pinckard

There was nothing new to report.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - Dugan/O'Mara/Hopkins

Scott O'Mara distributed copies of Law1199.com Newsletter (2019 Issue 9) which he outlined. (For further information go to www.law1199.com or the chapter website.)

He will be meeting with PORAC President Marvel and legislative advocate Randy Perry tomorrow regarding the cost of medical care to employers.

Dave Dugan reported that due to personal reasons Dudley Phoenix has withdrawn his

name from consideration by Governor Newsom for the position of Administrative Director of the Worker Compensation board.

CHAPTER INTEREST

MEMBERSHIP – Ferrara

There was nothing new to report.

MEMORIAL – Simonds

To date, there have been six line of duty deaths of California law enforcement personnel and 73 in the U.S. this year. Texas has suffered the most loses with California second.

MERCHANDISE --

There was nothing new to report.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Susi

There was no report due to his absence from the meeting.

TECHNOLOGY – Simonds

The Law1199.com Newsletter has been uploaded to the chapter website.

Bryan Zmijewski reported that with the ZOOM service the first 40 minutes are free with only one other person on the line. The ICDSA president would be the representative for Imperial County.

There was discussion regarding possible benefits and challenges for an audio conference. There will be a trial run for the September meeting.

LOCAL SUPPORTERS

Nationwide Mortgage – Conklin/Octavo

It is now possible to apply for mortgages and re-financing on-line including uploading documents.

With the rates currently down, it's possibly a good time for those considering a HELOC or for first time buyers.

The company is seeking to expand its participation with PORAC throughout the state.

ISSUES/PROBLEMS

SDDSA—71% of the membership who voted chose to remain in PORAC. Dawn Morabe recognized Keith Crowl as being an integral part of presenting the benefits of doing so.

Dawn Morabe met with the chief of Escondido PD regarding him not wanting SD deputies in Escondido. He believes that the deputy sheriff uniforms resemble Border Patrol uniforms.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

Region IV meeting

Will be on Saturday, September 7, beginning at 0900 hours, at the Island Palms Hotel & Resort. President Zmijewski urged all chapter associations to attend.

Chapter Scholarship for PORAC Conference

President Zmijewski reported that ICDSA will represent Imperial County. Bobbi Octavo drew the three San Diego County recipients—SD Schools POA, Oceanside POA, and SD County Public Assistance Investigators Assn.:

President Zmijewski announced that the next chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 1800 hours. The meeting will be held at SDPOA Office in San Diego.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapter officer nominations

There were no additional nominations.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Avera made a motion to make a one-time contribution of \$5,000 to Cover Now. Dawn Morabe seconded the motion.

During discussion Tom Simonds made a motion to table the motion until the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Taylor and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection President Zmijewski adjourned the meeting at 1938 hours.