



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

SUMMARY OF MEETING
DATE: December 11, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Regular Associations

Brawley PMA	National City POA
Brawley Police Sgts. Assn.	Oceanside POA: <i>Justin Wilms</i>
Brawley PSA	Palomar College POA
Calexico POA	RAM: <i>James Mac Donald, Arnold Page, Martin Morabe, Ernie Susi, Tom Simonds</i>
Calipatria POA	SD CO DSA: <i>Dawn Morabe, Michele Chism</i>
Carlsbad PMA	SD Community College POA
Carlsbad POA	SD County DAI Assn.: <i>Bryan Zmijewski, Jim Clark</i>
Chula Vista POA: <i>Fred Rowbotham, Rusty Rea</i>	SD County Probation Officers Assn.: <i>Scott Laudner</i>
Coronado POA	SD County Public Assistance Investigators Assn.: <i>Danielle Ferrara</i>
El Cajon POA	SD Harbor POA: <i>Jon Taylor</i>
El Centro POA	SD POA: <i>Brian Avera, Jack Schaeffer</i>
El Centro Sgts. Assn.	SD Schools PMA: <i>Jesus Montana</i>
Escondido POA	SD Schools POA: <i>Jay Gresham</i>
Imperial County District Atty Invest Assn.	Southwestern Community College POA
Imperial County DSA: <i>Emmit Fried</i> (via ZOOM)	UCSD POA
Imperial County Public Safety Mngr Assn.	Westmorland POA
Imperial POA	
La Mesa POA	
MiraCosta College POA	

Limited Associations

Border Patrol Supervisors Assn	SD County DDA Assn.
Brawley FFA	Transit Enforcement Officers: Francisco J. Moreno
Peace Officers of CA (DMV Investigators)	

Reserve Associations

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

Attorneys

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

CHAPTER WEBSITE

poracsandiego-imperialcountieschapter.org

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

[Minutes were motioned, seconded, and passed as corrected at the January 8, 2020 meeting]

Jason Ewert (Mastagni, Holstedt APC)

PORAC Endorsed Providers

Jamie Amstutz (AFLAC); Suzanne Urban, Inez Morales (California Casualty); Eric Swartz (Myers-Stevens & Toohey)

Supporters

Curt Conkling (Nationwide Mortgage)

Guests

Garrett Trainor (One Line Foundation)

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, December 11, 2019, at 1800 hours at the San Diego POA Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zmijewski.

A moment of silence was held for the 12 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty since the November 13, 2019 chapter meeting.

Without objection, President Zmijewski suspended the Order of Business to take up Executive Board Roll Call.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLL CALL

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

Without objection, President Zmijewski returned to the Order of Business, Swearing In of 2020 Chapter officers.

SWEARING IN OF 2020 CHAPTER OFFICERS

PORAC Executive Director Brian Avera directed the oath of office of the incoming chapter officers.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves and the association/organizations that they represented.

Without objection, President Zmijewski suspended the Order of Business to take up Approval of Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Mac Donald reported that a correction Good of the Chapter, Chapter Officer Election in the November 13, 2019, minutes will be made. After cross-checking the list of the eleven

voting associations present at the meeting (determined by the sign-in sheet) there were twelve votes cast. The total for Dawn Morabe was correct, however, one vote will be deducted from Michelle Chism's total of seven. This updated voting result would not have made a difference in the election of Chism as vice president.

Michele Chism said that under POLITICAL UPDATE, PAC the paragraph regarding endorsement of Michelle Ialeggio should be corrected to read "The motion was seconded...", not "passed".

Michele Chism made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2019 chapter meeting, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Tom Simonds and was passed. [ABSTENTIONS: Imperial County DSA; San Diego Schools POA]

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

PRESENTATIONS

Garrett Trainor (One-Line Foundation)

"The foundation is dedicated to providing financial aid to families of first responders working in San Diego County through educational scholarships, mental and physical health assistance, and memorial funds."

The foundation was recently established and is a registered California non-profit organization. They are awaiting approval from the IRS. While they gratefully accept donations, at this time the focus is on publicizing their purpose and the opportunity to support first responders through partnering with businesses and others who support first responders.

For further information, go to one-linefoundation.com

On January 25, 2020, from 0900-1800 hours, first responders will be treated to free haircuts at Evolv Hair Parlor (409 University Avenue, San Diego, 92103; 619-291-2887).

CHAPTER REPORTS

FINANCE – Page

He reported that the chapter had income of \$29,614 and expenses were \$20,835. All accounts are current. Contact him for any further information.

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

There was nothing new to report since the PORAC Conference.

DISABILITY, LIFE & AD&D PROVIDERS

AFLAC

Jamie Amstutz distributed raffle tickets to all those in attendance for a gift basket. Francisco Moreno won the basket.

California Casualty

The chapter thanked California Casualty for providing the food for the meeting.

Myers-Stevens & Toohey

There was nothing new to report.

RETIRED ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Simonds

There was nothing new to report.

POLITICAL UPDATE

PAC – Zmijewski

He distributed copies of the Chapter PAC/PIC Funds available.

Jack Schaeffer reported that SDPOA is endorsing Todd Gloria for San Diego mayor.

LEGISLATION – Montana

Brian Avera reported that PORAC will establish a Super PAC next year, beginning with a \$5,000-20,000 seed. There are no spending limits and will be for federal elective offices.

He also reported that HR2570 would allow first responders to join Medicare.

Michele Chism reported that there is possible legislation in California to privatize court security. She is on a committee that is monitoring this and will report to the chapter as necessary.

PORAC

CHAPTER DIRECTOR – Montana

Brian Avera reported that billionaire George Soros is actively financially supporting district attorneys throughout the United States in an attempt to emasculate the criminal justice system.

LEGAL

LDF – Rowbotham

He reported that there will not be a December meeting of the Trustees.

He also reported that there are currently 94 criminal cases being prosecuted including an increase in charges being filed against law enforcement personnel involved in traffic accidents while operating agency vehicles.

The LDF Conference will be presented on July 30. Check the PORAC LDF website for additional future information.

LEGAL UPDATES

Jack Schaeffer reported that there appears to be an increase in the denial of a retiree badge and identification card to those who defer their retirement.

Legal counsel present reported that this would be a violation of 25905(a)(1) P.C.

Brad Fields will be one of the speakers at the PORAC LDF Training to be conducted in San Diego this month.

Jason Ewert reported that rehire provisions will be eliminated after January 1, 2020, due to the passage of AB 749 (Stone, AD 29).

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - Dugan/O'Mara

Arnold Page distributed copies of Law1199.com Newsletter (2019 Issue 13). (For further information go to www.law1199.com.)

CHAPTER INTEREST

MEMBERSHIP – Ferrara

There was nothing new to report.

MEMORIAL – Simonds

He reported that the 2020 SD County Memorial will be on May 6, at noon. A breakfast will be at 0730 hours.

James Mac Donald reported that the Tunnel To Towers Foundation (TunnelToTowersFoundation.org) paid off the home mortgage for the family of El Dorado County Deputy Sheriff Brian Ishmael [E.O.W. 10-23-19].

MERCHANDISE – Dawn Morabe

Arnold Page reported that 2020 chapter decals are available for \$1.50 each at meetings (\$2, otherwise).

SPECIAL EVENTS - Susi

He reported that there will be a Wine Tour on March 21, 2020. Anyone interested in attending should contact him.

He also reported that there was no interest shown to attend the First Responders Night at a San Diego Gulls hockey game.

TECHNOLOGY – Simonds

He requested ideas for changes to the chapter website. He would like to add a special banner highlighting the various vendors who support the chapter.

Both President Zmijewski and Tom Simonds urged all chapter associations to have any information regarding upcoming events (i.e., golf tournaments, etc.) placed onto the chapter website.

LOCAL SUPPORTERS

Nationwide Mortgage – Conklin/Octavo

On January 1, 2020, his division of business will once again be transferred to Cross Country Mortgage. The same stellar service can be assured by him.

Curt Conklin thanked the chapter for the opportunity for the company representatives to be part of the chapter meetings.

ISSUES/PROBLEMS

None were reported.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

2020 Chapter meeting calendar

The following dates were agreed upon for chapter meetings in 2020:

January 8, February 2 (in Imperial County), March 11, April 8, June 10, July 12, September 9, October 14, and December 9. All meetings will begin at 1800 hours. Those meetings in San Diego County will be held at the San Diego POA Office.

Cross Country Mortgage generously offered to provide drinks at chapter meetings.

CPOMF (California Peace Officer Memorial Fund) tax donation

President Zmijewski directed association leaders to remind their membership of the opportunity to support the CPOMF through a tax-deductible donation on their individual income tax filings.

2020 POREF Scholarship Application

President Zmijewski asked to have association members informed that the deadline for submission of scholarship applications is Friday, March 6, 2020. More information is available on the PORAC website.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee chair assignments

The following committee chair assignments were made by President Zmijewski:

Bylaws—James Mac Donald

Finance—Arnold Page

Legislation—Bryan Zmijewski and Brian Avera

Membership—Danielle Ferrara

Memorial—Tom Simonds

PORAC San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter
Merchandise—Dawn Morabe
Special Events—Ernie Susi
Technology—Tom Simonds

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ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, President Zmijewski adjourned the meeting at 2004 hours in memory of former SDPD captain and former Harbor PD Chief Dave Hall who passed away last week.