



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

SUMMARY OF MEETING  
DATE: January 8, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE

Regular Associations

Brawley PMA  
Brawley Police Sgts. Assn.  
Brawley PSA  
Calexico POA  
Calipatria POA  
Carlsbad PMA  
Carlsbad POA  
**Chula Vista POA:** *Fred Rowbotham*  
Coronado POA  
El Cajon POA  
El Centro POA  
El Centro Sgts. Assn.  
Escondido POA  
Imperial County District Atty Invest Assn.  
Imperial County DSA  
Imperial County Public Safety Mngr Assn.  
Imperial POA  
La Mesa POA  
MiraCosta College POA

National City POA  
Oceanside POA  
Palomar College POA  
**RAM:** *James Mac Donald, Arnold Page, Randy Dibb, Ernie Susi, Tom Simonds, Doug Oliver*  
**SD CO DSA:** *Michelle Chism*  
**SD Community College POA:** *Paul Hubka*  
**SD County DAI Assn.:** *Bryan Zmijewski*  
SD County Probation Officers Assn.  
SD County Public Assistance Investigators Assn.  
**SD Harbor POA:** *Jon Taylor*  
**SD POA:** *Brian Avera, Jack Schaeffer*  
SD Schools PMA  
**SD Schools POA:** *Jay Grisham*  
Southwestern Community College POA  
UCSD POA  
Westmorland POA

Limited Associations

Border Patrol Supervisors Assn  
Brawley FFA  
Peace Officers of CA (DMV Investigators)

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

Reserve Associations

Carlsbad RPOA  
Chula Vista PRA  
Coronado PRA  
Escondido PRA

La Mesa Reserves POA  
National City PRA  
**SD County DA Reserve Investigators.:**  
*Bryan Zmijewski:*  
SD RPOA  
San Diego Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Assn.

Attorneys

*Brad Fields, Rick Pinckard* (Bobbitt, Pinckard & Fields APC); *Jason Ewert, Jose J. Cuervo* (Mastagni, Holstedt APC); *Jennifer Krikerian, Brooke Reno* (Adams, Ferrone & Ferrone)

### PORAC Endorsed Providers

Eric Swartz (Myers-Stevens & Toohey)

### Supporters

Curt Conkling, Bobbi Octavo (Cross Country Mortgage)

### Guests

Brian Marvel (PORAC President); Damon Kurtz (PORAC Vice President)

## **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, January 8, 2020, at 1800 hours at the San Diego POA Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PORAC VP Damon Kurtz.

A moment of silence was held for the 134 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in 2019, the 228 who committed suicide in 2019, and the 14 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty since the December 11, 2019 chapter meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLL CALL**

Roll call was performed by Secretary Mac Donald. Except for VP Danielle Ferrara (illness), all members were present.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

President Zmijewski welcomed and thanked PORAC President Brian Marvel and PORAC VP Damon Kurtz for attending the meeting.

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

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Arthur Mogilevski (Valley Recovery Centers) was unable to attend due to an emergency.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Michele Chism made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2019 chapter meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded by Jon Taylor and was passed. [ABSTENTIONS: SD Community College POA]

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

FINANCE – Page

He provided copies of the December 2019 CAHP statement and transaction list, and the 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**

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

#### **California Casualty**

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

#### **Myers-Stevens & Toohy**

Eric Swartz reported that Alameda County DSA has joined. They have over one thousand members.

He also reported that in December he had met with some San Diego County associations.

### **RETIRED ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Simonds**

He reported that there is a teleconference scheduled for January 13.

### **POLITICAL UPDATE**

#### **PAC – Zmijewski**

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

#### **LEGISLATION – Marvel**

He reported that the California legislature returns on January 14.

He also summarized several pieces of legislation that may be introduced:

AB 1599 (Cunningham, AD 35) -- Expansion of open records to include accusations.

AB 855 (McCarty, AD 7) – Would direct the AG through the Civil Rights Division of DOJ to create a task force to develop a state-wide deadly use of force policy.

He stressed the necessity of associations establishing and actively being involved in relationships with local legislators at all levels (i.e., city, county, and state). By doing so associations can greatly assist the PORAC State Office and its political advocates in developing legislation that benefits law enforcement.

### **PORAC**

#### **CHAPTER DIRECTOR – Montana**

The first board meeting of the year will be January 10.

### **LEGAL**

#### **LDF – Rowbotham**

The next meeting will be in Nashville, Tennessee on January 12.

He summarized the Jared Mullis (Fresno DSA) case: the trial was two weeks long. The jury deliberated one hour before returning a not guilty verdict.

There are currently 97 active cases including 13 relating to traffic accidents, and six for murder/manslaughter.

LEGAL UPDATES – Pinckard, Fields; Ewert; Krikerian, Reno  
Jennifer Krikerian and Brooke Reno (Adams, Ferrone & Ferrone) introduced themselves and summarized some of the services they provide.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - Dugan/O'Mara  
Arnie Page distributed copies of Law1199.com Newsletter (2020 Issue 1). (For further information go to [www.law1199.com](http://www.law1199.com).)

## **CHAPTER INTEREST**

BYLAWS – Mac Donald

President Zmijewski reported that he had contacted the PORAC State Office for clarification on a bylaw amendment regarding weighted voting at region and chapter meetings (Article X, Section 5A) that had been passed at the November 2019 PORAC Conference of Members. The amendment indicates that an association will have one vote, plus one vote for each one hundred members for whom PORAC dues are paid. The question is whether the current chapter bylaw (Article VI, Section 3) indicating that each association is entitled to one vote at chapter meetings must be changed. The question will be addressed by corporate counsel at the PORAC board meeting to be held January 10.

MEMBERSHIP – Ferrara

There was no report due to her excused absence from the meeting.

MEMORIAL – Simonds

The SD County Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation board will meet on January 15.

PORAC President Marvel explained that the reason the law enforcement California license plates were not going to be produced is that regulations require that an agency must “sponsor” the plate’s production. Due to court decisions no agency (i.e., DOJ, CHP, etc.) would be a sponsor.

MERCHANDISE – Dawn Morabe

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS – Susi**

Wine Tour – the 2019 tour cost \$1735. He requested that the chapter approve an expenditure of up to \$2200 for the 2020 tour. If approved, flyers would be distributed via e-mail with details.

Jack Schaeffer made a motion to provide up to \$2200 for the 2020 Wine Tour. The motion was seconded by Jay Gresham and passed.

**TECHNOLOGY – Simonds**

The website is continually being updated. Each association receives an individual password to provide access to the protected area.

He and President Zmijewski encourage associations to provide details for events that may be listed on the website.

**LOCAL SUPPORTERS**

Cross Country Mortgage – Conklin/Octavo

Rates have remained steady allowing for a 4% rate up to \$500,000. Contact them for any assistance.

**ISSUES/PROBLEMS**

SD County DSA – The election results for the board of directors will be announced tomorrow (January 9).

**GOOD OF THE CHAPTER**

Brian Avera made a motion for the chapter to sponsor up to three associations, at least one from each county, for the April 2020 PORAC Symposium. The sponsorship will include registration, hotel, parking, and meals consistent with PORAC bylaws regarding per diem. The sponsorship does not include the POREF Golf Tournament. The drawing will be held at the March chapter meeting. The motion was seconded by James Mac Donald and passed. Those associations interested in applying should contact President Zmijewski.

President Zmijewski announced that the next chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 1800 hours. The meeting will be held at Moose Lodge (2310 Myrtle Road, Imperial).

Discussion was held regarding renting a bus to transport people to/from the chapter meeting in Imperial County. It was agreed that those taking the bus be charged \$20, per person, to offset the cost. The bus will leave from El Cajon Courthouse (250 E. Main Street, El Cajon) between 3:30PM-3:45PM.

President Zmijewski directed Ernie Susi to check on the cost, and Tom Simonds to send an e-mail requesting those interested in taking the bus

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection President Zmijewski adjourned the meeting at 1856 hours.