



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

SUMMARY OF MEETING

DATE: July 10, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Regular Associations

Brawley PMA	Oceanside POA
Brawley Police Sgts. Assn.	Palomar College POA
Brawley PSA	<b>RAM:</b> <i>James Mac Donald, Arnold Page, Tom Simonds</i>
Calexico POA	<b>SD CO DSA:</b> <i>Michele Chism</i>
Calipatria POA	SD Community College POA
Carlsbad PMA	<b>SD County DAI Assn.:</b> <i>Bryan Zmijewski, Stan Schwarz</i>
Carlsbad POA	SD County Probation Officers Assn.
<b>Chula Vista POA:</b> <i>Fred Rowbotham</i>	<b>SD County Public Assistance Investigators Assn.:</b> <i>Danielle Ferrara</i>
Coronado POA	<b>SD Harbor POA:</b> <i>Jon Taylor</i>
El Cajon POA	SD POA
El Centro POA	<b>SD Schools PMA:</b> <i>Jesus Montana</i>
El Centro Sgts. Assn.	SD Schools POA
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](http://poracsandiego-imperialcountieschapter.org)**

*[Minutes were motioned, seconded, and passed at the August 14, 2019 meeting]*

### PORAC Endorsed Providers

Jamie Amstutz (AFLAC); Eric Swartz (Myers-Stevens & Toohey)

### Supporters

Curt Conkling, Bobbi Octavo (Nationwide Mortgage)

### **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, July 10, 2019, at 1801 hours at the San Diego POA Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zmijewski.

A moment of silence was held for the 14 law enforcement officers, including Sacramento P.D. Officer Tara O'Sullivan [E.O.W.: June 19, 2019], who died in the line of duty since the June 12, 2019 chapter meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLL CALL**

Roll call was performed by Secretary Mac Donald. All members were present except VP Dawn Morabe (vacation).

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Arthur Mogilevski (Valley Recovery Center) did not attend the meeting to make his presentation.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Zmijewski requested that EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLL CALL be amended to show the reason for his absence was work, not vacation. Jack Schaeffer made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2019 chapter meeting, as amended. The motion was seconded by Arnold Page and passed. [ABSTENTIONS: SD County Public Assistance Investigators Assn. and SD Harbor POA]

### **CHAPTER REPORTS**

#### FINANCE – Page

He provided copies of the June 2019 CAHP statement and transaction list, and the January-June 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 at the meeting.

**DISABILITY, LIFE & AD&D PROVIDERS**

AFLAC

Jamie Amstutz reminded everyone to reconcile the listed beneficiaries in their policies. She also urged that new employees be informed of the opportunities that are available through the company.

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 was nothing new to report.

**POLITICAL UPDATE**

PAC – Zmijewski

There were two open seats at the chapter table at the Reagan Lincoln dinner.

Jesus Montana reported that a questionnaire has been developed for candidates seeking chapter recommendation to the PORAC state office for endorsement. He asked for direction as to whether candidates that have received chapter support in previous elections also be required to complete the questionnaire during this election cycle. An e-mail informing candidates who have been endorsed in prior elections will be sent notifying them of the new questionnaire requirement.

Brian Avera and James Mac Donald volunteered to assist Montana in interviewing candidates seeking chapter recommendation for endorsement.

LEGISLATION – Montana

He updated several bills that were being monitored by PORAC:

- AB392 (Weber, AD 79)—has been sent back to the Assembly for concurrence. Assembly member Lorena Gonzalez (AD 80) is currently holding the bill in committee.
- SB230 (Caballero, SD 12)—is in the Senate Appropriations Committee. [Governor Newsome wants both bills on his desk simultaneously.]
- AB484 (Jones-Sawyer, AD 59)—would remove mandatory confinement of 180 days for certain narcotics violations prior to the granting of probation. [Active Oppose]
- AB516 (Chiu, AD 17 and Santiago, AD 53)—would, among other things, extend the amount of time a vehicle may be parked prior to being removed by law enforcement.
- SB385 (Jones, SD 38)—this bill has been amended so that private investigators will not be provided badges. It also will require honorably retired law

enforcement officers to pay for, however, not attend the firearms course.

[Support]

- AB1600 (Kalra, AD 27)—this bill regards reform to the Pitchess motion process.  
[Neutral]
- SB416 (Hueso, SD 40)—this bill adds probation officers to the worker compensation presumptions and is in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

## **PORAC**

CHAPTER DIRECTOR – Montana

He distributed a flyer for the Region IV meeting to be held on Saturday, September 7, 0900-1300 hours at the Island Palms Hotel & Marina. There is a special PORAC room rate of \$125, per night. Parking will be \$15, per night.

There has been a bylaw amendment proposal to raise PORAC dues 25 cents, per month, for Limited and Reserve members.

## **LEGAL/MEMBER CONCERNS**

LDF – Rowbotham

There are 350 registered participants for the LDF Conference in Las Vegas, NV, to be held July 22-23.

As of June 19<sup>th</sup> there are 135,884 members representing 1341 associations in 47 states and four U.S. territories.

There are 80 active criminal cases, including seven for murder/manslaughter and 17 for use of force.

POLICE REVIEW BOARDS – Pinckard/Fields

CLERB, the county board, is finalizing several minor amendments to its rules

CRB, San Diego city board, are in discussions regarding changes to its rules.

BODY-WORN CAMERAS – Fields/Pinckard

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - Dugan/O'Mara/Hopkins

Dugan requested associations that have publications to contact him for an article regarding the effects of cumulative trauma to be included.

The Law1199.com Newsletter (2019 Issue 7) was distributed. (For further information go to [www.law1199.com](http://www.law1199.com).)

## **CHAPTER INTEREST**

MEMBERSHIP – Ferrara

There was nothing new to report.

**MEMORIAL – Simonds**

There was nothing new to report.

**MERCHANDISE --**

The chapter is still seeking a person to be on this committee.

**SPECIAL EVENTS - Susi**

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

**TECHNOLOGY – Simonds**

PORAC has a contract with ZOOM.com, an audio/video streaming service. There was discussion regarding the possible broadcasting of chapter meetings in order to encourage additional participation.

Photographs from associations are being sought for inclusion on the chapter website.

Chapter minutes are in the process of being uploaded to the website. Viewing of minutes requires a password.

**LOCAL SUPPORTERS**

Nationwide Mortgage – Conklin/Octavo

Rates are currently down. Contact them for assistance.

**ISSUES/PROBLEMS**

Michele Chism reported that the SD DSA vote on discontinuing PORAC membership will be tabulated prior to the August chapter meeting.

**GOOD OF THE CHAPTER**

Arnie Page made a motion for the chapter to purchase \$500 in gift cards to donate to the Region IV meeting. The motion was seconded by Danielle Ferrara and passed.

Registration for the PORAC Conference is open.

Danielle Ferrara made a motion for the chapter to award four scholarships (two for each county) to attend the 2019 PORAC Conference of Members. Associations wanting to participate in this offer must be a member of PORAC and e-mail President Bryan Zmijewski ([porac.sdi@gmail.com](mailto:porac.sdi@gmail.com)) by August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM (PST). The drawing will occur at the August 14, 2019 chapter meeting. The award would include reimbursement for: registration fees, hotel accommodations, food, and travel. (NOTE: travel would be from the members' POA mailing address to the conference and back.) Receipts are required. If the chapter does not receive the maximum number of requests from one particular county, then the remainder will go to the other county. No association shall receive more than one sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Brian Avera and passed.

Discussion was held and there was no interest in producing new chapter shirts to be worn at the PORAC conference.

The San Diego Pan Pacific Law Enforcement Association will hold the 2019 Annual Summer Scholarship Awards Luau on Saturday, July 27, from 1700-2100 hours at the Balboa Park Club. The Officer Jonathan "JD" De Guzman Memorial Scholarship Award will be presented at the event.

The California District Attorney Investigators Association is having a golf tournament at the Riverwalk Golf Club during their conference September 3-6. Danielle Ferrara made motion for the chapter to be a \$500 sponsor at the CDAIA Golf Tournament. The motion was seconded by Jon Taylor and passed.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual San Diego Regional Teddy Bear Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 20, at the Willow Glen Course at the Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan. For additional information go to [www.ncpoliceandfirefoundation.org](http://www.ncpoliceandfirefoundation.org).

President Zmijewski announced that the next chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 1800 hours. The meeting will be held at SDPOA Office in San Diego.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tom Simonds proposed having a chapter meeting closer to Imperial County, perhaps at the Acorn Casino. President Zmijewski will contact Imperial County chapter presidents to gauge interest.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Zmijewski opened nominations for chapter officers (all those nominated must accept the nomination):

- Jack Schaefer nominated Bryan Zmijewski for chapter president.
- Brian Avera nominated Jon Taylor for chapter vice president.
- Tom Simonds nominated Danielle Ferrara for chapter vice president.
- Danielle Ferrara nominated Arnie Page for chapter treasurer.
- Michele Chism nominated James Mac Donald for chapter secretary.

All those nominated accepted their nomination.

The vote will be conducted at the November chapter meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection President Zmijewski adjourned the meeting at 1923 hours.