



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

SUMMARY OF MEETING  
DATE: November 13, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Regular Associations

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

Limited Associations

Border Patrol Supervisors Assn	<b>Investigators):</b> <i>Mark Falcione</i>
Brawley FFA	SD County DDA Assn.
<b>Peace Officers of CA (DMV</b>	Transit Enforcement Officers

Reserve Associations

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

**CHAPTER WEBSITE**

[poracsandiego-imperialcountieschapter.org](http://poracsandiego-imperialcountieschapter.org)

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

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

Attorneys

*Brad Fields, Rick Pinckard* (Bobbitt, Pinckard & Fields APC); *David Dugan* (Dugan & Rader); *Jason Ewert* (Mastagni, Holdstedt APC)

PORAC Endorsed Providers

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

Supporters

Curt Conkling (Nationwide Mortgage)

Guests

John Wainio (Political Consultant)

**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, November 13, 2019, at 1800 hours at the San Diego POA Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scott Laudner.

A moment of silence was held for the nine law enforcement officers, including El Dorado County Sheriff Deputy Brian Ishmael [E.O.W.: 10-23-19] and Lemoore Police Officer Jonathan Diaz [E.O.W.: 11-2-19] who died in the line of duty since the September 9, 2019 chapter meeting.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLL CALL**

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Candidates for seats on the San Diego County Superior Court bench summarized their personal and professional experience and their judicial philosophy:

Seat 18—CJ Mody

He has been a SD County deputy district attorney for 17 years and has the support of almost all the county law enforcement associations.

Seat 30—Mike Murphy

He has been in the CA AG office for 24 years handling post-conviction cases.

Seat 36—Michelle Ialeggio

She has been an SD County DDA for 15 years and is currently the Ethics Advisor for the DA's office. For more information, go to [michelleiforjudge.com](http://michelleiforjudge.com).

Seat 22—Alana Wong Robinson

She has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California (San Diego) for the last 29 years. For more information, go to [www.robinson4judge.com](http://www.robinson4judge.com).

Steve Miller

For the last 30 years he has worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California (Los Angeles), and an SD County DDA. For more information, go to [www.stevemiller4judge.com](http://www.stevemiller4judge.com).

Mark Skeels

He has worked in both the SD City Attorney and County DA offices. For more information, go to [www.markskeels4judge.com](http://www.markskeels4judge.com).

Mike Blood spoke on behalf of the Better Choice measure that will appear on the 2020 San Diego County ballot. It is a project of Newland Sierra and will make available a portion of the development to public safety and military personnel. The measure is currently supported by SDPOA and Cal-FIRE and is seeking additional public safety support.

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

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone introduced themselves and the association/organizations that they represented. Those who would be voting in the chapter officer elections for each voting association was also identified.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tom Simonds' title is representative, not trustee as listed in the September 9, 2019, minutes. Dawn Morabe made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2019 chapter meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Arnie Page and was passed. [ABSTENTIONS: La Mesa POA, Oceanside POA, SD County Probation Officer Association, Harbor POA]

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

### **FINANCE – Page**

He provided copies of the October 2019 CAHP statement and transaction list, and the January-October 2019 profit and loss report. All accounts are current. The gift cards for the PORAC Conference raffle have been purchased. Contact him for any further information.

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

David Oyos reported that there was no report supplied by Trustee Rea.

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

**AFLAC**

Jamie Amstutz reported that representatives will be available throughout the holiday season to assist anyone with inquiries.

**California Casualty**

Suzanne Urban distributed two postcards with information about programs/services that are available: renter's insurance rates have been reduced 26% and can be reduced more when combined with vehicle insurance; Pets Best is available to reduce the cost of unexpected injuries, illnesses, and accidents.

**Myers-Stevens & Toohey**

Eric Swartz reported that he will be available at the company vendor booth at conference.

**RETIRED ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Simonds**

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

Region II Representative Mike Cavallero suffered a stroke a month ago. He is back at home and welcomes calls.

**POLITICAL UPDATE**

**PAC – Zmijewski**

Discussion regarding SD County Superior Court candidates was opened:

Brian Avera made a motion to endorse CJ Mody for Seat 18. The motion was seconded by Colin Atwood and passed.

Colin Atwood made a motion to endorse Michelle Ialeggio for Seat 36. The motion was passed by Jesus Montana and passed.

Possible endorsements of candidates for Seat 22 and 30 were tabled until after the primary election.

Brian Avera made a motion to support the Better Choice measure (a housing measure that would provide affordable housing for first responders and members of the military as part of a development in North County). The motion was seconded by Michele Chism and failed.

Jesus Montana reported that Brian Avera and he interviewed three political candidates seeking PORAC endorsement.

Jesus Montana made a motion to recommend to the PORAC Board of Directors that Marie Waldron (AD 75) and Randy Voepel (AD71) be endorsed for election to the California Assembly, and that Mike Levin (SD 49) be endorsed for election to the U.S. Congress. The motion was seconded by Dawn Morabe and passed.

LEGISLATION – Montana

The PORAC Executive Board went to Washington, D.C., to speak with legislators about WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision). As proposed legislation is currently written the board has a Support position.

## **PORAC**

CHAPTER DIRECTOR – Montana  
Reported under Legislation.

## **LEGAL**

LDF – Rowbotham

There are 94 active court cases (six-murder/manslaughter; 28-excessive force; 13-traffic collision).

Las Vegas, NV, has been selected as the site for the 202 LDF Symposium during the third week of July.

### **LEGAL UPDATES**

Rick Pinckard reported meeting with SD County DA Summer Stephen regarding Brady index designations of peace officers. The issues will be discussed with her staff.

Jason Ewert encouraged personnel to watch the P.O.S.T. video on how the passage of AB 392 (Weber) will affect law enforcement.

### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION - Dugan/O'Mara**

Copies of Law1199.com Newsletter (2019 Issue #12) were 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 –D. Morabe**

Arnie Page reported that the 2020 chapter decals will be available for purchase at the December chapter meeting.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS - Susi**

The San Diego Gulls would like to have a First Responder Night in January. If interested, please contact him.

**TECHNOLOGY – Simonds**

Both the PORAC and chapter bylaws are available in a link on the chapter website.

There is consideration regarding a vendor banner on the website.

The calendar on the website is being moved to the front page for easier access to information.

**LOCAL SUPPORTERS**

Nationwide Mortgage – Conklin

They have purchased a vendor booth at the PORAC conference.

**ISSUES/PROBLEMS**

President Zmijewski reported that SD County DA Summer Stephan has made it clear that if a law enforcement officer does not properly store their weapons prosecution will occur.

**GOOD OF THE CHAPTER**

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

President Zmijewski requested that any events (i.e., golf tournaments, competitions, etc.) that chapter associations will have to be forwarded to Tom Simonds for inclusion on the chapter website.

**Academy Sponsorship**

In February of this year there was discussion at the chapter meeting to possibly sponsor an award at the police academy. President Zmijewski suggested sponsoring a \$150 award for the recruit who scores the highest in Defensive Tactics.

Danielle Ferrara made a motion to sponsor a San Diego Regional Academy Defensive Tactics award. The award will be \$150 per academy graduation, with a maximum of \$600 in a year. The motion was seconded by Tom Simonds and passed.

**Chapter Officer election**

President Zmijewski reported that there was only one candidate for president, secretary and treasurer, and there was only one contested vice president position with two candidates from the same association seeking election.

Without objection, President Bryan Zmijewski, Secretary James Mac Donald, Treasurer Arnie Page, Vice Presidents Danielle Ferrara and Jon Taylor (SD County) and Emmet Fried (Imperial County) are elected by acclamation.

A vote for the third SD County vice president position was conducted by a show of hands of the Regular Associations present: Dawn Morabe—5; Michele Chism—6.

The newly elected chapter officers will be sworn into office at the December chapter meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

PORAC Conference

President Zmijewski reminded everyone to be sure that any association designation and/or proxy forms be submitted prior to noon on Friday 22 to the PORAC Credentials Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection President Zmijewski adjourned the meeting at 2019 hours.