



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

SUMMARY OF MEETING

DATE: January 11, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Border Patrol Supervisors Assn.	La Mesa POA
Brawley PMA	MiraCosta College POA
Brawley Police Sgts. Assn.	National City POA: <i>Bill Phillips</i>
Brawley PSA	Oceanside POA
Calexico POA	RAM: <i>James Mac Donald, Tom Simonds</i>
Calipatria POA	SD Community College POA:
Carlsbad POA	SD County DAI Assn.: <i>Brian Zmijewski,</i>
Chula Vista POA	<i>James Clark</i>
Coronado POA	SD County Probation Officers Assn.:
DSA of San Diego County: <i>Shane A. Stiles,</i>	<i>Arnold Page, Ernie Susi</i>
<i>Keith Crowl</i>	SD County Public Assistance Investigators
El Cajon POA: <i>Randy Dibb, Travis Howard</i>	Assn.: <i>Danielle Ferrara</i>
El Centro POA	SD Harbor POA: <i>Johnathan Taylor</i>
El Centro Sgts. Assn.	SD POA: <i>Brian Marvel, Mike Fender</i>
Escondido POA	SD Schools POA: <i>Jesus Montana, Dana</i>
Imperial County DA Assn.	<i>Ellis</i>
Imperial County DSA: <i>Gary Hayes</i>	SUPA
Imperial POA	Southwestern Community College POA
Imperial PD Supervisors Assn.	UCSD POA
Imperial PSMA	

Attorneys:

David Dugan (Dugan & Rader); Brad Fields (Bobbitt, Pinckard & Fields APC); Howard Liberman, David P. Mastagni, Kevin Plautt, Joe Yalon (Mastagni, Holstedt); Jeff Deverett, Jim Hopkins (Hopkins Law)

PORAC Endorsed Providers:

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

Guests: Jon Wooddell (PSC)

CALL TO ORDER:

The monthly meeting of the San Diego and Imperial County Chapter of PORAC was called to order by President Brian Marvel on January 11, 2017, at 1802 hours at Claim Jumper Restaurant,

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La Mesa.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PORAC RAM Trustee (Region IV) Tom Simonds.

A moment of silence was held for the nine U.S. law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty since the November 9, 2016, meeting. President Marvel also asked everyone to keep in their prayers those who are serving in the United States military and law enforcement at home and abroad.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MacDonald

Brian Marvel noted that under Guests, Detlef Kania was visiting from Germany, not German

Dana Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2016, chapter meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Arnold Page, and was passed.

[ABSTENTIONS: Harbor POA]

REPORTS

FINANCE – Page

He provided copies of the December 2016 CAHP statement and transaction list, and the 2016 profit and loss report. All accounts are current. Contact him for any further information.

INSURANCE

Jamie Amstutz (AFLAC) reported that after several personnel changes she is now responsible for Tri-County, Orange, San Diego and Imperial Counties. The company is seeking new agents, preferably those that are familiar with law enforcement.

Eric Swartz (Myers-Stevens & Toohey) requested assistance in being able to provide presentations to associations.

RETIREMENT – Simonds

Chairman Bob Valladon will include a RAM article in the PORAC Law Enforcement News when there is an issue relating to the membership.

POLITICAL ACTION – Marvel

The State Senate committees have been filled. State AG Kamala Harris was elected to the U.S. Senate. To fill her vacancy, Governor Brown wants to appoint U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra. PORAC has a pocket endorsement to endorse Becerra.

Jesus Montana made a motion that the chapter endorse Xavier Becerra to be appointed as California Attorney General. The motion was seconded by , and passed. [ABSTENTION: RAM]

He and Mike Fender met with Assistant Majority Leader Assemblyman Jim Cooper (AD 9) and Assemblyman Evan Low (AD 28).

Jesus Montana reported that the chapter PAC has \$63,606, and there is \$8,015⁷¹ in the chapter PIC.

He also reported that he represented the chapter at the wedding of California Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzales to Nathan Fletcher.

Marvel congratulated Brad Fields on Fields' wife being appointed to the San Diego County Superior Court by Governor Brown.

Fields thanked the chapter for its support for his wife. She was sworn in on January 9. Marvel attended the ceremony.

Marvel also reported that Robert Brewer is in contention to be appointed by President-elect Trump to replace U.S. Attorney Laura Duffy who represents San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Mike Fender made a motion for the chapter to endorse Robert Brewer to be appointed as U.S. Attorney for San Diego/Imperial County. The motion was seconded by Danielle Ferrara, and passed.

CHAPTER DIRECTOR – Montana/Fender

Fender reported that the State Office will be reconstituting the Training Committee. It will be tasked with enhancing accreditation by P.O.S.T. of PORAC training courses. CalPERS has reduced its expected rate of return on its investments to 7%. This will result in higher costs to employees (except those who are already paying the maximum of 9% of salary) and agencies.

POLICE REVIEW BOARDS –Fields

The new name of the San Diego Police Review Board is the Community Review Board.

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND - Marvel

He summarized several cases from a report provided to him by Region IV Trustee Fred Rowbotham.

Kevin Flautt and David P. Mastagni reported that the criminal defense bar has challenged the passage of Proposition 66 (revision of California death penalty) to the state supreme court. (Mastagni, Holstedt) law firm has produced an amicus brief in support of the proposition.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - Dugan/Hopkins

Dave Dugan reported that cumulative trauma continues to be challenged. He also reported that for California State Senator Toni Atkins (former SD city councilwoman and former California Assembly Speaker) is on the Industrial Relations Committee.

Brian Marvel welcomed James Hopkins of Hopkins Law, a new worker compensation firm.

Hopkins is a retired judge. He offered his firm's services to the chapter association members.

MEMBERSHIP – Ferrara/Howard/Susi/White

Danielle Ferrara requested that each association contact her in order to update their association contact information and also contract information.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Susi

He asked those interested in attending another Brew Cruise in March to e-mail either himself or Tom Simonds. There are openings for 45 people.

TECHNOLOGY – Simonds

He reported that the chapter domain name is up for renewal. Marvel directed him to send the bill to Treasurer Page for payment.

Mike Fender reported that PORAC congratulated the professionalism of the chapter website and the communication with its members.

LOCAL ISSUES/PROBLEMS

Freedom Mortgage—Curt Conklin stated that he is available to make presentations to associations. The company is offering to assist associations in sponsoring events. He reported that at the PORAC Conference they raffled an iPad. The Bermuda trip has yet to be raffled because there are still one hundred tickets (\$20 each) are sold. The tickets are only being sold to law enforcement. Already distributed to the chapter is 10% of the funds collected. The trip includes 4-days & 3-nights and round-trip airline tickets.

SD County DSA—in their recent raffle they earned approximately \$40,000.

National City POA—based on comparable departments they received a 4% raise.

SD County DAI Assn.—in March the second and third people in the chain of command will be retiring. The department is currently hiring. It is expected to lose 10% of their personnel by the end of the year.

SD County Probation Officers Assn.—their new chief is the former chief of SD City Schools.

SD County Public Assistance Investigators Assn.—they will be beginning negotiations in February.

SD Harbor POA—it is estimated that the department will lose 50% of their personnel in the next three years.

SD Schools POA—they anticipate losing 45% of their personnel.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

Jesus Montana congratulated Danielle Ferrara for becoming the new SPAC representative. He also mentioned that she paid her own way to the PORAC Conference. He recommended that the chapter reimburse her for at least part of her expenses.

She estimated that conference registration was \$185, and approximately \$438 for other expenses (hotel and travel).

Jesus Montana made a motion to reimburse Danelle Ferrara up to a maximum of \$800 for conference expenses. The motion was seconded by James Mac Donald, and passed.

Both the PORAC Symposium and conference will be held in San Diego this year. The registration fee for the symposium is \$125, and the hotel will be \$139, per night.

Jesus Montana made a motion for the chapter to reimburse one-half of the registration fee for the symposium up to a maximum of two members, per association. The member must submit a receipt for the symposium registration. The motion was seconded by Danielle Ferrara, and passed.

President Marvel announced that the next chapter meeting will be held on February 8, 2016, at 1800 hours. The meeting will be held at Claim Jumper, La Mesa .

NEW BUSINESS

President Marvel directed Tom Simonds to e-blast the information regarding deadline and requirements for submittal for POREF scholarships.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Simonds, and passed. President Marvel adjourned the meeting at 1932 hours.