



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

SUMMARY OF MEETING

DATE: March 8, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Border Patrol Supervisors Assn.

Brawley Police Sgt Assn.

Brawley Public Safety Assn.

Calexico POA

Calipatria POA

Carlsbad PMA

Carlsbad POA

Chula Vista POA: *Fred Rowbotham, Eric Tarr, Rusty Rea*

Coronado POA

El Cajon POA: *Randy Dibb*

El Centro POA

El Centro Sergeants Assn.

Escondido POA

Imperial CO District Atty Invest Assn.

Imperial CO DSA: *Gary Hayes*

Imperial CO Public Safety Mngr Assn.

Imperial POA

Imperial Police Dept Supvr Assn.

La Mesa POA

MiraCosta College POA

National City POA

Oceanside POA: *Martin Morabe*

Palomar College POA

RAM: *James Mac Donald, Tom Simonds, Steve Craig*

San Diego CO DSA: *Keith E. Crowl*

San Diego Community College POA

San Diego DA Investigators Assn.: *Bryan Zmijewski*

San Diego CO Probation Offer Assn.:
Arnold Page, Ernie Susi

San Diego Pub Assist Invest Assn.:
Danielle Ferrara

San Diego Harbor POA: *Jonathan Taylor*
San Diego POA: *Brian Marvel, Mike Fender*

San Diego Schools POA: *Dana Ellis, Jesus Montana*

Southwestern Comm College POA

U C San Diego POA

Westmorland POA

Brawley FFA

San Diego Deputy DA Assn.

Transit Enforcement Ofcrs Assn.

Attorneys:

David Dugan (Dugan & Rader); *Rick Pinckard* (Bobbitt, Pinckard & Fields APC); *Scott O'Mara* (O'Mara & Padilla); *Howard Liberman, Joe Yalon* (Mastagni, Holstedt)

PORAC Endorsed Providers:

Jamie Amstutz (AFLAC)

Inez Morales (CA Casualty)

Guests: Curt Conkling (Freedom Mortgage); Summer Stephan, Steve Walter (SD DDA)

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 March 8, 2017, at 1800 hours at Claim Jumper Restaurant. (La Mesa)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former PORAC President (and current RAM member) Steve Craig.

A moment of silence was held for the seven law enforcement officers (three from California) killed in the line of duty since the February 8, 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.

Without objection, President Marvel suspended the Order of Business to take up REPORTS, PAC.

POLITICAL ACTION – Marvel

He introduced Summer Stephan from the SD DA Office. She distributed and summarized her background. She is seeking endorsements for her candidacy for SD DA in 2018. She has already received the endorsements of the DSA, Probation Officer Assn., DA Investigators Assn. and the Deputy DA Assn. To date, she has no opponent.

Marvel introduced former CA Assemblyman (AD71) and current Santee City Councilman Brian Jones. He is seeking the CA Senate seat of Joel Anderson (SD38), who will be termed out at the end of this term. He summarized his background in the CA Assembly (2006-2010), and his support for law enforcement issues. To date, he has no opponent.

President Marvel recognized PORAC President Mike Durant.

Without objection, President Marvel returned to the Order of Business.

REPORTS

FINANCE – Page

He provided copies of the February 2017 CAHP Credit Union statement and transaction list, and the January through February 2017 profit and loss report. All accounts are current. Contact him for any further information.

INSURANCE—Rea

Robert Trossel (SEBA) has resigned from the Trust. A special election will be held for his successor.

Jamie Amstutz (AFLAC) announced that they have new accident and heart plans. Contact her for details.

MEMORIAL – Simonds

The SD County ceremony will be held on May 3, at noon. There will be a breakfast held at Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Reservations for the breakfast are required.

Without objection, President Marvel suspended the Order to Business, tabling PAC until later in the agenda.

LEGISLATION – Fender/Montana

Montana summarized several pieces of proposed legislation at the federal and state levels.

CA Governor Brown believes that a recession is about to occur in the state. He proposes severe cuts to funding in multiple areas of the budget.

CHAPTER DIRECTOR – Fender/Montana

Montana reported that the PORAC State Office is expanding and revising the training courses being offered. Many, if not all, will be P.O.S.T. approved.

He also reported that FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) members will be able to join PORAC as individuals as long as their associations are not already PORAC members.

POLICE REVIEW BOARDS – Pinckard/Fields

Pinckard announced that Andy Anderson has been a liaison at the county review board for 20 years will be retiring. His service will be missed.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - Dugan/O'Mara

Scott O'Mara distributed copies of and outlined Law1199.com Newsletter (2017 Issue 4). (For further information go to www.law1199.com.)

He also spoke about how San Bernardino County have been delaying in dealing with the shooting victims of the terrorist attack.

AB 1295 (Chu) proposes that when care is denied to an applicant that time will not diminish the time that the applicant is eligible to receive 4950 L.C. benefits.

Howard discussed utilization review boards, i.e., King vs Comp Partners.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Susi

Distributed copies of Brew Cruise flyer. The event will begin at SDPOA office on Saturday, April 8, at 11 a.m. There are currently 20 openings for this event.

Without objection, President Marvel took up PAC.

POLITICAL ACTION –Marvel

Ernie Susi made a motion to endorse Summer Stephan for SD DA. The motion was seconded by Bryan Zmijewski, and passed. [NOES: SD Pub Assist Invest Assn.; ABSTENTIONS: Imperial County DSA.]

Mike Fender made a motion to endorse Brian Jones for CA Senate District 38. The motion was seconded by Randy Dibb, and passed.

LOCAL ISSUES/PROBLEMS

Freedom Mortgage—Curt Conkling thanked El Cajon POA and Travis Howard for inviting him to attend a POA meeting and a Wellness Fair.

Chula Vista POA—They have agreed to a 3-year contract.

San Diego POA—they are conducting a salary survey and would appreciate any information that other county associations may provide.

San Diego CO Probation Offer Assn.—Ernie Susi is retiring effective March 30. Relay for Life will be held on July 29-30, at Mar Vista High School. Those interested in participating or donating may contact him.

San Diego Pub Assist Invest Assn.—they are currently in mediation concerning contract negotiations.

SD Schools POA—the district has proposed reducing POA personnel by 40% due to expected state budget reductions.

The board of PERB is requiring sergeants who belong to the POA to change membership to the management association.

Oceanside POA—they are close to agreeing to a successor M.O.U.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

President Marvel recognized former PORAC President Steve Craig who was attending his first chapter meeting as a member of RAM.

Marvel announced that the next chapter meeting will be held on April 12, 2017, at 1800 hours. The meeting will be held at Claim Jumper Restaurant (La Mesa).

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Marvel announced that the CA Prison Board has once again voted to parole convicted killer of SDPD Officer Archie Buggs. He urged all associations to write opposition letters to Governor Brown's office.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by James Mac Donald, and passed. President Marvel adjourned the meeting at 2009 hours.