



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

SUMMARY OF MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Regular Associations

Brawley PMA	National City POA
Brawley Police Sgts. Assn.	Oceanside POA
Brawley PSA	Palomar College POA
Calexico POA	<b>RAM:</b> <i>James Mac Donald, Tom Simonds, Randy Dibb, Martin Morabe</i>
Calipatria POA	<b>SD CO DSA:</b> <i>Michele Chism, David Leonhardi, Dawn Morabe</i>
Carlsbad PMA	SD Community College POA
Carlsbad POA	<b>SD County DAI Assn.:</b> <i>Bryan Zmijewski</i>
Chula Vista POA	SD County Probation Officers Assn.
Coronado POA	<b>SD County Public Assistance</b>
El Cajon POA	<b>Investigators Assn.:</b> <i>Danielle Ferrara</i>
El Centro POA	<b>SD Harbor POA:</b> <i>Jon Taylor</i>
El Centro Sgts. Assn.	<b>SD POA:</b> <i>Brian Avera</i>
Escondido POA	<b>SD Schools PMA:</b> <i>Jesus Montana</i>
Imperial County District Atty Invest Assn.	<b>SD Schools POA:</b> <i>Jay Gresham</i>
<b>Imperial County DSA:</b> <i>Emmit Fried</i> (via ZOOM)	Southwestern Community College POA
Imperial County Public Safety Mngr Assn.	UCSD POA
Imperial POA	Westmorland POA
La Mesa POA	
MiraCosta College 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); *Jason Ewert* (Mastagni, Holdstedt APC)

**CHAPTER WEBSITE**

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

*[Minutes were motioned, seconded, and passed as corrected at the October 9, 2019 meeting]*

### PORAC Endorsed Providers

Eric Swartz (Myers-Stevens & Toohey)

### Supporters

Curt Conkling (Nationwide Mortgage)

### Guests

Rafael Castellanos (candidate for SD County Board of Supervisors)

### **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, September 11, 2019, at 1800 hours at the San Diego POA Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michele Chism.

A moment of silence was held for the six law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty since the August 14, 2019, chapter meeting. We also remember the 343 firefighters and 71 police officers that sacrificed their lives on September 11, 2001.

He welcomed Imperial County DSA President Emmet Fried who was joining the meeting by ZOOM, an audio/video service.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLL CALL**

Roll call was performed by Secretary Mac Donald. All members were present except for Treasurer Page (excused) and VP Montana.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Rafael Castellanos is seeking election to the SD County Board of Supervisors (District 1). He summarized his qualifications and goals. He is currently a Port Commissioner. He is the only candidate that has received any law enforcement (Harbor POA, SD CO DSA, and National Latino Peace Officers Association) support for his election. He pledged not to vote for any increase of pay for the Board of Supervisors that are higher than that received by other county employee groups.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Secretary Mac Donald said that Randy Dibb's name should be added to the RAM attendees at the August 14, 2019 meeting.

James Mac Donald made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2019, chapter meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Dawn Morabe and was passed. [ABSTENTIONS: SD School PMA]

**CHAPTER REPORTS**

FINANCE – Page

He provided copies of the August 2019 CAHP statement and transaction list, and the January-August 2019 profit and loss report to President Zmijewski who summarized the report.

Contact Page 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 & Toohey

He recommended that associations check their billing records to ensure that all of their members are included and that the list is up-to-date.

[Jesus Montana arrived at the meeting.]

**RETIRED ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Simonds**

There will be a vendor's booth at conference.

**POLITICAL UPDATE**

PAC – Zmijewski

He summarized the PAC/PIC Funds Available report.

Jesus Montana requested direction on interviewing candidates for local offices. Only three candidates to date have submitted the completed questionnaires. Another four have reported having difficulty with electronically submitting the questionnaires. Chapter endorsements are not required to be completed until the PORAC Conference. He recommended conducting interviews in October, allowing the chapter to vote on endorsements until the November meeting.

Without objection, the direction he recommended was approved.

He also recommended that endorsements for AD78 and SD53 be done after the primary election.

Without objection, the direction was approved.

There is a pocket endorsement by the PORAC Board of Directors to endorse the re-election of Senate Speaker Toni Atkins (D39), pending endorsement from the chapter. She will not be required to complete the questionnaire that other legislative candidates will be.

Jesus Montana made a motion to endorse Toni Atkins for the California State Senate (D39). The motion was seconded by Brian Avera and passed.

#### LEGISLATION – Montana

He summarized several bills:

- SB 230 (Caballero, SD 12)— Law enforcement: use of deadly force: training: policies. It has cleared both houses and is on its way to Governor Newsome’s desk. He is expected to sign the bill tomorrow.
- AB 1185 (McCarty, AD 7)—Sheriff oversight board. This bill is actively opposed by PORAC. It has been pulled by the author and is being held until next year.
- SB 416 (Hueso, SD 40)—worker’s compensation. This bill is being opposed by both the Department of Finance and the Department of Independent Review. It is waiting for a final vote.
- AB 516 (Chiu, AD 17 and Santiago, AD 53)—authority to remove vehicles. This bill has been held in the Appropriations Committee.

Brian Avera summarized:

- SB 555 (Mitchell, SD 30; co-authors Medina, AD 61 and Wicks, AD 15)— Jails and juvenile facilities: communications, information, and commissary services: contracts. PORAC is actively opposed to this bill. It has died in the Appropriations Committee.

## **PORAC**

### CHAPTER DIRECTOR – Montana

The new PORAC State Office building purchase is progressing.

He summarized some of the proposed bylaws amendments that will be voted on by the region at the meeting during conference:

- Out of state associations may join PORAC as Limited Members (no voting rights)
- Dues increase for Reserve Officers (from \$40 to \$48)
- A \$0.25, per month, dues increase for Limited Members, until 2023, when the dues will be set at 40% of Regular Membership dues.

- The implementation of an ad hoc Ethics Committee tasked with investigating complaints of board members, staff, or vendors. The committee will include one Executive Committee member from each region.

## **LEGAL**

LDF – Rowbotham

He provided a report to President Zmijewski prior to the meeting summarizing membership and updates on the number of cases that are being adjudicated.

PORAC Providers

Rick Pinckard discussed possible issues regarding the de-escalation training proposed by the district attorney, and also the county use-of-force policy.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - Dugan/O'Mara

Dave Dugan discussed the disturbing increase of public safety personnel suicides. Some agencies consider suicide an intentional act, and, as such, therefore, not compensable by some agencies, and that the theory has been successfully challenged.

Tom Simonds reported that COPLINE.org, 800-COPLINE (800-267-5463), is an outreach program that is available 24 hours a day and is staffed by current and former public safety personnel who are trained to assist those in crisis.

## **CHAPTER INTEREST**

MEMBERSHIP – Ferrara

There was nothing new to report.

MEMORIAL – Simonds

There was nothing new to report.

MERCHANDISE --

There was nothing new to report.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Susi

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

TECHNOLOGY – Simonds

There was nothing new to report.

## **LOCAL SUPPORTERS**

Nationwide Mortgage – Conklin

He thanked Emmet Fried for inviting him and other providers (Myers-Stevens & Toohey) to a two-day event of Imperial County associations.

They will once again have a booth at the PORAC Conference.

## **GOOD OF THE CHAPTER**

Issues/Problems

No one reported any of either.

President Zmijewski announced that Brian Avera (SDPOA) is the new Region IV Executive Committee member.

President Zmijewski announced that the next chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 1800 hours. The meeting will be held at SDPOA Office in San Diego.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chapter officer nominations

Danielle Ferrara nominated Jesus Montana for vice president

Danielle Ferrara nominated Emmitt Fried for vice president.

President Zmijewski announced that there were five people seeking election to vice president.

Without objection, President Zmijewski closed nominations for chapter officers. Per the bylaws, the election will be held at the November chapter meeting.

Cover Now

Brian Avera amended his motion to make a one-time contribution of \$1,000 to Cover Now. For discussion, it was seconded by Dawn Morabe.

During discussion, the inclusion of a letter for support was added to the motion and passed [ABSTENTIONS: Harbor POA and SD CO DSA].

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Zmijewski reported that PORAC President Marvel is looking for barbecue for use in Coronado during November 4-6.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection President Zmijewski adjourned the meeting at 1750 hours, in honor of former Chapter President Anthony "Skip" DiCerchio who passed away on August 2.