

ASSOCIATED POLICE COMMUNICATION OFFICERS

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE A.P.C.O.

Melbourne Hotel
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Monday, January 21, 1935.

→ The first annual convention of the A.P.C.O. was called to order at 10:00 AM by Sergeant Fisher, Radio Supervisor KGPC, and acting chairman who welcomed the visiting delegates, and emphasized the importance of the organization of the Associated Police Communication Officers. Major Albert Bond Lambert, vice-president of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners, spoke in behalf of the A.P.C.O. and the importance and efficiency of police radio. Acting chairman Sergeant Fisher stated that the name of the association may be changed if the members so desire.

— Mr. Scavarda of the Michigan State High-Way Patrol, spoke in favor of retaining the present name of the organization and to that effect he made a motion. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken, and the motion carried with one vote in the negative.

Mr. Scavarda suggested that the officers shall consist of President, Secretary-Treasurer as one office, and at least two Vice-Presidents. The election date for officers was set for the last day of the convention.

— Acting chairman Sergeant Fisher, suggested including more than one type membership in constitution arrangements. A committee was appointed to furnish plans for a constitution, consisting of Mr. Kelly, Mr. Scavarda, Mr. Kirchner, Mr. Smith, and Captain Leonard acting in advisory capacity.

— A committee consisting of Mr. Wilt, Mr. DeShaffon, and Mr. Carr were appointed to investigate the insignia of the association, and recommend whether or not it is to be retained in its present appearance. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

← The acting chairman brought up the offer which had been made by the editor of the National Police Officer, a magazine, and presented Mr. Hahn to the assembly. Mr. Hahn offered space consisting of two pages in the magazine without cost to the organization, the material to be edited by members of the A.P.C.O. He further stated that 15% of all money received from radio advertisers will be given to the organization. He further stated that the regular \$2.00 subscription rate would be disregarded, and that the magazine provided 100 members accepted it would be \$.50 each for a year.

He made the further provision that all cuts and pictures to be used by the organization would have to be paid for by the A.P.C.O.

The chairman stated that present finances indicated that the association would be able to furnish the magazine to members without additional cost. As the result of a motion the committee was appointed to investigate the offer as given by Mr. Hahn. Mr. Searle of Albany, New York, was appointed chairman of the committee and other appointments were: Mr. Wareing, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mr. Nelson, Niagra Falls, New York; Mr. Stanley, Davenport, Iowa; and Mr. Sigel, Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. Anderson of the Supreme Instruments Corporation, addressed the assembly, on the merits of Supreme Instruments.

The acting chairman inquired for suggestions regarding improvement. He reported that \$300.00 was to be received from the manufacturers for display booths. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

The meeting was called to order by acting chairman Sergeant Fisher, at 8:00 PM. Mr. Jett of the Federal Communications Commission, addressed the assembly on inter-city communications. Mr. Jett discussed several ways in which inter-city communication could be carried out, and Mr. Jett distributed literature from the Federal Communications Commission, and a general discussion followed. The chairman appointed a committee to obtain details which might improve upon the present form of inter-city communication, and to produce a report containing recommendations for improvement. This committee consisted of: Chairman: Mr. Scavarda, Lansing, Michigan. Other members were Mr. Kelly, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Captain Batts, Indianapolis, Indiana; Lieutenant DeShaffon, Kansas City, Missouri; Captain Hinds, Memphis, Tennessee; Mr. Otis Stanley, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Searle, Albany, New York; Mr. Densteadt, Detroit, Michigan and the chairman who was appointed by the assembly and Mr. Jett, Washington, D.C. was requested to act in advisory capacity.

Mr. E. P. Coffey, of the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation, in addressing the assembly, indicated that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the above department, was interested in inter-city communication, and Mr. Jett, stated that he would meet with the committee to discuss the subject of inter-city communication.

The subject of the insignia of the organization was brought to a close following a committee report and recommendations of acceptance by the members. The assembly voted unanimously to accept the insignia.

The acting chairman called for a general discussion on the subjects which might be of interest to the organization, and Mr. Padberg of St. Louis, Missouri, requested information as to ordinances pertaining to the operation of radios in automobiles by undesirables. After discussion and upon recommendation of Captain Leonard, Detroit, Michigan, the subject was left to the radio committee of International Association of Chiefs of Police for action.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Tuesday, January 22, 1935.

The meeting was called to order by the acting chairman at 11:05 AM. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the visit to the Anheuser-Busch Company be cancelled. A motion was made and seconded that the members substitute with a visit to Radio Station KMOX. The motion carried 14 to 6.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Captain Leonard, Detroit, Michigan, read the constitution which had been drawn up by the committee, and after an addition was made to the effect that a quorum shall consist of 25% of all members, a motion was made and seconded to accept the constitution, and the subject was put to a vote, and the constitution was accepted unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended by the members to the constitution committee, and to Captain Leonard for the very able work that they had done. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

The afternoon session was opened at 2:25 PM. by the acting chairman. Mr. Searle of Troy, New York, chairman of the committee investigating the offer of the National Police Officer, was asked to report. Mr. Searle, indicated that the committee thought it unwise to take advantage of the offer of the magazine at this time. A motion was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the offer was unanimously rejected. Members were requested to indicate the type of periodical they read most consistently.

Professor Roy S. Glasgow of Washington University gave a very interesting talk on the operation of Cathode Ray Tubes. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM, by acting chairman Sergeant Fisher. Mr. Briggs of the Gamewell Westinghouse Companies gave a talk on police communications.

The acting chairman appointed Mr. Coffey of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation in advisory capacity to the committee on inter-city communication.

Lieutenant Jack Wilt, Kansas City, Kansas, talked on the advantages of two-way communication. *GAVE DEMONSTRATION OF HIS SYSTEM*

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Wednesday, January 23, 1935.

The meeting of the A.P.C.O. was called to order by the acting chairman at 10:30 AM. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Anderson, a representative of the Supreme Instruments Co., made a statement that the company would be glad to furnish any equipment to members of this organization, at ten days free trial of their instruments, and if not satisfactory they may be returned.

A nominating committee of five members was appointed by the acting chairman for the election of officers. The following men were appointed to the committee: Mr. Smith, chairman, Mr. Kirchner, Mr. Harington, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Wareing.

A talk by a representative of the Graybar Company on Western Electric products was given.

Lieutenant Wilt of Kansas City, Kansas, gave a demonstration of his two-way radio system.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM. by the acting chairman. Mr. Batts represented Mr. Scavarda, chairman of the inter-city communications committee, and made a report of findings. Captain Batts in representing the committee, listed ten objectives around which definite plans for inter-city communication could be built. Mr. Jett, of the Federal Communications Commission, occasionally interjected explanations regarding the recommended objectives. Following a discussion a motion was made and seconded that the objectives be adopted as read. After the discussion the proposition was subjected to a vote, and the recommendations unanimously accepted.

A motion was made and seconded that a telegram be forwarded to the Federal Communications Commission, to the Department of Justice, and to the International Association of the Chiefs of Police, informing them that action had been taken regarding inter-city radio communication.

A motion was made and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Jett and Mr. Coffey for their work in the inter-city communication. The vote was unanimous.

A talk regarding Pioneer Genemotors was given, and also a talk on crystal microphones. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Thursday, January 24, 1935.

The meeting was called to order by the acting chairman at 10:55 AM, A motion was made and seconded and the minutes were accepted as read with corrections as given by Captain Batts. A motion was made and seconded that the report of the inter-city communication committee be sent to all police departments engaged in police communication work, requesting comments regarding the plan. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded that in the future the departments to which mail should be forwarded, be decided upon by the committee being responsible for the material being mailed. There were no objections.

A motion was made and seconded that the constitution committee previously appointed be instructed to forward a report concerning proposed minor changes. The vote was unanimous.

The following members were nominated for office by the nominating committee, and the committee was appointed. President- Everett E. H. Fisher; 1st Vice-President - E.J. Scavarda; 2nd Vice-President - Robert L. Batts; - Secretary-Treasurer - Louis Padberg, Jr., and Sergeant at Arms - Mr. H. O. Kelly.

Mr. Padberg, declined the nomination giving as his reason that it would be impossible for the President and the Secretary-Treasurer to leave the city simultaneously for the meetings, conventions, etc. He also pointed out that men representing other cities would possibly feel that representation of the organization might be localized where more than one official was appointed from the same city. A general discussion followed, during which Mr. Searle of Troy, New York, pointed out that the other business of the organization could be best handled by the close cooperation of the President and Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Padberg was asked to reconsider and withdrew his declination.

The assembly was informed by the chair that members were privileged to nominate other candidates, which they failed to do. A motion was made by Mr. Searle to the effect that the secretary-treasurer pro tem be instructed to cast one ballot representative of the entire assembly in favor of the nominees. After the motion was seconded, the subject was voted upon, and it was unanimously agreed. The ballot was cast by the secretary pro tem, and the nominated officers were elected. A talk was given by the newly elected president, in which he thanked the members and promised full and complete cooperation during the year.

A motion was made and seconded that the next convention be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, and a short speech of welcome was given by Captain Batts of that city. The subject was put to a vote and unanimously approved.

A motion was made and seconded to the effect that the next meeting be held during the year 1935. The vote was unanimously in favor and the date is to be decided by the executive committee, in cooperation with Captain Batts.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

The meeting was called to order by the president at 6:20 PM. Mr. P.M. Smith, represented the constitution committee and read the following recommended modifications to the constitution: an amendment to section 6 article 6, an addition to article 2 section to be known as articles 4 and 5. A motion was made and seconded to accept the modifications. A vote was taken, and the modifications were accepted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.

The following were in attendance:-

25 Members:-

Robert L. Batts	WMDZ	Indianapolis, Ind.
B.J. Burnley	KGPC	St. Louis, Mo.
W.H. Carr	W9XCA	Kansas City, Kansas
Roy DeShaffon	KGPE	Kansas City, Mo.
Myron Y. Eck	WNFP	Niagra Falls, N.Y.
Everett E.H. Fisher	KGPC	St. Louis, Mo.
Conrad F. Harington	KGHZ	Little Rock, Arkansas.
M.A. Hinds	WPEC	Memphis, Tennessee.
H.O. Kelly	KGPB-KGPR	Minneapolis, Minn.
Carl H. Kiehl	KGHZ	Little Rock, Arkansas.
J.A. Kirchner	WPEB	Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Ray H. Mitchell	KGPN	Wichita, Kansas.
Wm. H. Nelson	WNFP	Niagra Falls, N.Y.
Louis R. Padberg Jr.	KGPC	St. Louis, Mo.
C.F. Scavarda	WRDS	Lansing, Michigan.
E.J. Scroggin	KGPE	Kansas City, Mo.
George M. Searle	WPGC	Albany, New York.
A.J. Sigel	KGPI	Omaha, Nebraska.
Otis J. Stanley	KGPN	Davenport, Iowa.
P.M. Smith	WPDS	St. Paul, Minnesota.
A.F. Wareing	WPDK	Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Emil Wander	KGPC	St. Louis, Mo.
Edward Winter	KGPC	St. Louis, Mo.
T.C. Wood, Jr.	WPDV	Charlotte, N.C.
Jack Wilt	W9XCA	Kansas City, Kansas.

Associate members:-

C. Hubert Anderson Supreme Instruments Corp.

Manufacturers' representatives:-

C.L. Berman	Shure Bros. Company.
J.M. Briggs	Gamewell-Westinghouse Company.
Frank Ecoff	Walter Ashe Radio Company.
L.E. Lowry	Gamewell-Westinghouse Company.
Allen S. Wise	Graybar-Western Electric Company.
L.W. Wood	Wood and Anderson Company.
R.D. Wright	Pioneer Genemotor Company.

Others in attendance:-

E.K. Jett	Federal Communications Commission.
E.P. Coffey	U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Investigation.
Donald S. Leonard	Michigan State Police.
Barton N. Grant	Missouri Crime Prevention Bureau.
Lawrence Burrows	Carondelet Township, St. Louis County.
Charles J. Hahn, Jr.	Editor National Police Officer.
John McAdam	KGPC St. Louis, Mo.
Wm. S. Rosen	KGPC St. Louis, Mo.