



New APCO Life Members T. G. Mieux, Gregg Riddle, Carrie Jackson, Charles Taylor, Barry Luke and Nancy Dzoba.

Six Approved for Life Membership

APCO welcomed six new Life Members at the 70th Annual Conference in Montréal. Life Membership is an honor given to a select few APCO members who have served the association consistently and significantly throughout years of membership. The criteria are stiff. Those who achieve Life Member status must be nominated formally, their qualifications for the honor verified and their nominations confirmed by a majority vote of the quorum at the first general business session during the conference.

Gregg Riddle – Illinois Chapter

Gregg Riddle, a 23-year member of APCO, was nominated for Life Membership by the Illinois chapter. His service to his chapter includes stints as an Executive Board member (1988-93), second vice president (1993-4), first vice president (1994-95) and president (1995-96). In addition, he has chaired many Illinois chapter committees, including Constitution and Bylaws, Communicator of the Year, 9-1-1 & Wireless Technology, Scholarship Fund and Nominating. He has been a member of its APCO/NENA/ICC Annual Communications/9-1-1 Conference Committee since 1992 and, in 1999, he served on the APCO International Conference Bid Committee.

At the national level, Riddle has served on the Chapter Enhancement Task Force (one year), the Conference Manual Review Committee (one year), the C & B Committee (one year to date), the Executive Council Management Committee (three years to date), the Member and Chapter Services Committee (three years to date), the Executive Council Management Committee (seven years to date), the APCO Refarming Response Committee (one year), the PSWAC Committee (two years), the Executive Director Search

Committee (one year) and the Conference Manual Review Committee (one year). In addition, he served on the Chapter Enhancement Task Force (two years), the Homeland Security Task Force (two years), the Legislative/Regulatory/External Affairs Task Force (one year) and the Fire Rescue Committee (four years). He spent two years as APCO's liaison to the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

He also chaired the North Central Regional Conference committee in 1989 and again in 1992.

Carrie Jackson – New Mexico Chapter

The New Mexico Chapter overwhelmingly approved Carrie Jackson's nomination for Life Membership in 2004. In 1977, she was instrumental in starting the organization that later became the New Mexico chapter of APCO. She later chaired the Western Regional Conferences held in Albuquerque in 1980 and 1990. She served as chapter secretary/treasurer in 1978-79, vice president in 1980 and president in 1982-83. Subsequently, she was New Mexico's representative on the Executive Council from 1981 to 1997.

In 1997, she resigned her Executive Council position to assume the role of chair of the 1998 Annual Conference & Exposition, held in Albuquerque. In her letter of nomination, New Mexico Chapter President El Armijo pointed out that Jackson was "single-handedly responsible for New Mexico getting the bid for this conference," as she was the only chapter representative present at the conference in Detroit where the city for the 1998 conference was chosen.

Barry Luke – Florida Chapter

Barry Luke's career in public safety reaches back to his days as a police explorer/volunteer dispatcher in 1974. He entered the

profession officially as soon as he graduated from high school in 1977 and has, at various times, held positions as dispatcher, firefighter, police officer, EMT, paramedic, flight medic, flight-program communications supervisor, flight-program coordinator and instructor. In 1988 he became the director of public safety communications at the Gainesville (Fla.) Police Department, responsible for police and fire communications operations. In 1996, he served on the committee that decided to merge public safety communications countywide in a single PSAP and, as stated by Randy Kerr in his nomination letter, "merged himself out of a job." In 1997, he became communications manager for the Orange County (Fla.) Fire Department and currently holds the position of deputy chief of fire communications there.

Throughout his career, he has taught, made presentations and written numerous articles on public safety topics, thus sharing his knowledge with colleagues nationwide.

At the chapter level, Luke has served on the Florida chapter board, including serving as chapter president in 1996-98. He chaired a Florida chapter conference, chaired the chapter Retirement Task Force and helped write the Florida chapter communications and mutual-aid plan, as well as its chapter policy manual.

At the national level, Luke was Florida's representative to the Executive Council from 1997-2002, also serving a stint as its meeting facilitator. He chaired the Project 35 (non-emergency access) Committee, served on the Editorial Advisory Committee (2002-3) and acted as an assessor for the MAAP program and the Third-Party Call-Center Task Force (2003). He served on the Executive Council Finance Committee in 2001-2, was a member of and presenter for the Homeland Security Task Force and has been a member of the 9-1-1 Operating Procedures Committee and the 9-1-1 PBX Subcommittee. He has been a frequent contributor to APCO's magazine, *Public Safety Communications/APCO BULLETIN*, and a frequent presenter at APCO's annual conferences.

Charles Taylor – CPRA

The CPRA chapter of APCO proudly nominated Charles Taylor. An APCO member since at least 1974 (some years have possibly been missed!), his contributions to APCO are considerable. He served on the committee to revise the 10-codes in 1974 and the Constitution and Bylaws Task Force in 1978-79. He chaired the Western Regional Conference twice, in 1979 and 1982. In 1980, he worked on Project 17, providing consulting services to local public safety agencies.

Taylor has been a member of both the CPRA Frequency Advisory Committee and the 800 MHz Regional Planning Committee since 1989. In 2003-4, he served on the Editorial Advisory Committee.

Nancy Dzoba – Florida Chapter

Nancy began her public safety career in 1976 as a telecommunicator at Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Police Department. She was promoted to senior telecommunicator in 1984 and public safety communications manager in 1995, a position she still holds. She manages a staff of more than 120 in communications, records and crime analysis, with a budget of \$2.8 million.

Her service to APCO at the chapter level includes work on the statewide mutual-aid plan for comm centers. She was chapter president in 1993-4 and chaired the state conference in 1989 and 2000. She currently serves on the Chapter Training Committee and the Florida Disaster Preparedness Committee.

An APCO member for 23 years, Dzoba served as Florida's Executive Council representative from 1993-97 and on the Institute Advisory Committee in 1995-96. She has served on the Executive Council Financial and Budget Committee from 1996-97 and the Homeland Security Task Force from 2001-2. She has been a MAAP member since 1998. She was Standing Committee chair for the Gulf Coast Regional Conference, held in Orlando, and also chaired the training program.

T. G. Mieure – Illinois Chapter

T. G. Mieure, a 30-year APCO member and longtime member of the Gurnee (Ill.) Police Department, has given extensively of his time and energy to APCO. At the chapter level, he served on the Illinois Executive Board from 1980-84, treasurer from '84-88 and 2004-present; second vice president from 1988-90 and 1997-98; first vice president from 1990-92 and 1998-2000; and president from 1992-94 and 2000-2. He was past president in 1996, 1998 and 2003 and Executive Council representative in 1995. This means Mieure has been in some office in the Illinois chapter continually for the last 24 years.

In addition to the many articles he has written for APCO's monthly magazine, Mieure writes APCO's popular monthly historical column, "Then and Now," and has served on APCO's Editorial Advisory Committee since 2000. He was chair of APCO's Operating Procedures Committee from 1989-96 and chair of the Historical Committee from 1997-present. He served as chair of the North Central Regional Conference's exhibits committee in 1989 and of the North Central Regional Conference itself in 1992. He was appointed manager of APCO Information Systems (APCO-IS) in the mid-1980s. He rewrote and updated APCO's Standard Operating Procedures Manual. And he received Presidential Awards in both 1992 and 1993 for procuring the presidential proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

APCO offers its warmest congratulations on a job well done to these six new inductees. ■

All Resolutions Passed

All resolutions up for voting by the quorum at the 70th Annual Conference passed. The revised Constitution and Bylaws will be posted on APCO's Web site.

Membership Awards

Highest percentage of increase: Wyoming
Highest percentage per population density: N. Dakota
Highest increase in number of members: S. Carolina