

General Membership Meeting
March 12, 2014

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Tommie Haffelder –
Past President	Robert Wisian
Vice President	Elizabeth Merrill -
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Malone
Sgt. at Arms	Dennis Smith
Board 1	Carl Pardinek
Board 2	Norman Toungeate
Board 3	George Vanderhule
Board 4	Andy Waters

2. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Brother Rodman to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting as written, Second by Brother Keirsej.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

3. Membership report: (Resignations and new members)

Of the current 596 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership we have 364 active members, 59 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 14 Honorary Members and 8 Associate Members.

Brother Haffelder reported that we had many retired female officers but only two made our meetings so he was going to ask Sister Merrill to send a letter to all femail officers to try to het more participation.

Sister Merrill presented the following nominations to the Membership:

Honorary Member Rick Randall

Motion made by Brother Waters to accept Rick Randall as an Honorary Member, Second by Brother Tomlin.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

Honorary Member Carole Keeton

Motion made by Brother Waters to accept Carole Keeton as an Honorary Member, Second by Brother Vanderhule.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

Associate Member Robert Chody

Motion made by Brother Wood to accept Robert Chody as an Associate Member, Second by Brother Bilberry.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

Associate Member Cheryl Carpenter

Motion made by Brother Keirsej to accept Cheryl Carpenter as an Associate Member, Second by Ernie Hinkle.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

4. Reports of Committees-

Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone –

We are booked for Saturday, April 26, 2014, at the APA Hall. We will start gathering at noon, Catfish served at 1PM. More information will be sent out soon. The Membership voted to go to one big Social per year, so this is the only one we are planning for so mark the date and plan to attend today! Due to

low attendance at the last Social we booked this at the APA Hall, so, if we have a big crowd, we will move the next one to a larger location.

Legislative/Retirement Committee – Pete Morin – Not Present

Brother Jordan was present and he introduced Mark Harkrider, the Retirement System Lobbyist reporting that they had just renewed his contract for another session of the legislature.

Mr Harkrider gave member a run down of the current statewide elections and what we could expect out of the next Session of the legislature in regards to the fights we may have over our pension system. He indicated he would be calling upon members to contact those they vote for or against legislation when needed. He stressed the importance of this program, as elected officials seem to listen more to those who vote in their districts and could, in the future be voting for them.

APA Liaison Committee – Robert Gross – Brother Robert Gross reported that there had been issues with AT&T billings for those on the APA Contract. He indicated members might want to check their bills and make sure they are current on the account.

Brother Gross taled about the pensions sytem and asked Sister Merrill about the future of our health care, Sister Merrill in on the City Benefits Committee.

Sister Merrill reported that Obama Care binds the City Insurnace and at this time we do not know who would end up paying for the higher cost of insurance, the City or Retirees.

Recruitment Committee – Ruth Bullock – Not present

Treasurer Report - Randy Malone Copies attached to minutes.

Attached you will find our 2013 Year End report as well as our current 2014 report.

Motion made by Brother Wisian to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Brother Schulle.
Discussion –None - Approved by voice vote.

5. Communications and Bills –

Thank you letter from St John the Evangelist Catholic Church for Claiborne donation

Thank you card from Raymond Sanders family

Thankyou card from Betty Collins

Thank you card from the Claiborne family

6. Unfinished Business –

Winnie Project – Jim O’leary – Brother O’leary reported that the hold up in the delivery was due to title issues the current owner of the home was having. They hope to have this resolved soon.

7. New Business –

Cap patches on order – APROA Logo design - Brother Haffelder reported that we had ordered patches for caps with the APROA logo. The patches were ordered “heat sensative” so that can be ironed on or sewed on. The patches will be sold for \$3.00 each so members can get a patch and pick out the cap they want to wear and add the patch to it.

Door Prize - Robert Wisian

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Brother Raines to adjourn, Second by Brother Vanderhule.

No discussion. - Meeting Adjourned

Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer