

SCOPO MEETING LOS ANGELES COUNTY

12/9/11

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen Peace Officers, President Paul Brennan thanked the Los Angeles County Probation Officers Union for hosting the meeting. He also asked all present to take a moment of silence for former SCOPO Secretary and Marin County Probation Supervisor, Steve Shapiro, who recently passed.

The Organization's attorney, Chris Miller, discussed various items including retirement case in Orange County and possible legislation for arming requirement for Assembly Bill 109.

Legislative Advocate, Alberto Torrico, spoke about the importance of SCOPO continuing to increase its profile with State Legislators. He stressed the importance of ongoing state funding for such programs as AB 109. Mr. Torrico talked about CCP meetings and how rank and file should be present at those meetings. He also talked about arming for AB 109 unit.

Alberto talked about presumptions under the Worker's Compensation context, which police officers currently enjoy, but probation peace officers are not afforded.

He mentioned the "Legislative Day" was a huge success earlier in the year and emphasized the importance of probation meeting with their respective representatives in March 2012.

Mr. Torrico talked about various state initiatives, including the governor's pension reform and he mentioned the idea of "slate card/mailer" for various political candidates for 2012 Primary and General Elections.

Legislative Vice President Rich Berkery discussed SCOPO's "Legislator Of the Year" award for 2011 candidates. Rich gave an overview of each of the six candidates (3 Senate, 3 Assembly). The awards will be presented at SCOPO's Legislative Day/Board Meeting on March 14, 2012. The group voted for Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla, District 11, and Gloria Negrete-McLeod, District 32, as Legislators of the Year.

Host County, Los Angeles Probation Officers Union Department President, Ralph Miller, introduced members of that group's Executive Board and thanked them for their dedicated work. He also introduced Jimmy Gomez, who is campaigning for State Assembly 51st District.

Round Table discussion was held and present Board Members gave reports on what has been going on in their counties.

Senator Alex Padilla was introduced by Paul. The senator talked about various policy issues, especially realignment with state and how that impacts the state's budget. He encouraged all present to get engaged in local and state politics.

Travis Rowe gave his Treasurer's report, which included the proposed budget for 2012. This included the "Jim Frayne Scholarship Fund".

A request was made by the OCEA (Orange County Employees' Association) for SCOPO to endorse Julio Perez for his election to the 69th Assembly District. Rich will forward letters of endorsement to Mr. Perez and the previously mentioned, Jimmy Gomez.

Paul presented long-time SCOPO Board Member and Ventura County Probation Officer, Diane Hubbard with a commemorative plaque thanking her for her dedicated and tireless contribution not only as a probation officer, but as a SCOPO Board Member. Diane is stepping down from SCOPO's Board and anticipates retiring from her job in December 2012. Good Luck Diane! San Diego's Ernie Susi will replace Diane on the PAC.

Let's Be Careful Out There!

Trivia Question/Answer from last edition:

Which U.S. Amendment allows jurisdictions to be able to require offenders under such supervision to waive their constitutional rights regarding Search and Seizure?

4th Amendment

This edition's Trivia Question:

Actor Hugh Grant was sentenced to two years probation after an undercover sting arrest revealed he attempted to purchase services from a prostitute in 1995. What was the "heavenly"-like name of the prostitute?

