

## MINUTES

### **California Public-Safety Radio Association January 15, 2004 Maggie's Pub, Santa Fe Springs, CA**

Meeting Host: Jim Acosta  
Downey Fire Department

Coffee and Rolls  
Sponsor: M/A-Comm

Secretary's Report: Minutes Filed

Treasurer's Report: John Wright submitted a CPRA Account - Balance Sheet showing Total Liabilities and Equity of \$161,162.56. He also provided a 2004 Annual Budget projecting income and expenses equaling \$62,610.00.

Program: "Communications Interoperability"  
Presented by Robert Speidel, M/A-Comm

Attendance: 67

President John Sarkissian called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. All present with the exceptions of Director Ernest Gallo and Operations Chair Lorie Thompson.

1. John Sarkissian solicited any copies of letters that had been drafted for the purpose of welcoming new members to the Chapter.
2. Status of the April Telecommunicators' Banquet was discussed. The contract with the venue has been signed. Buttons are now available for purchase. John Sarkissian reported on his contact with Bryan Hawkins exploring the possibility of producing a video of the award recipients. Judging of nominees will occur on Friday, January 30, 2004 in Downey.

3. The Engineer/Technician Award Program was discussed. Flyers soliciting nominations have been mailed. The recipient of the Engineer/Technician Award, as well as the Telecommunicator of the Year Award, will be forwarded to APCO – International as nominees for the corresponding APCO awards. These nominations must be made not later than April 1, 2004.
4. President-Elect Chuck Taylor reviewed meeting venues and programs for the coming months, and asked that any suggested alternate venues for the September “No Ties Allowed” meeting be sent directly to him.
5. It was announced that long-time APCO/CPRA member Bill Williams had retired from the City of Pasadena. Proper recognition of Bill’s many contributions was discussed.
6. The dates of the FCC’s pleading cycle for the Region 5 (Southern California) 700 MHz Regional Committee Proposed Public Safety Plan were announced. Comments are due by February 13, 2004, and Reply Comments by February 27, 2004. Agencies were encouraged to file Comments in support of the proposal and also address band-clearing by television broadcasters.
7. Treasurer John Wright distributed a proposed Chapter budget for 2004.
8. Joe Parrino will chair the Audit Committee and solicit the assistance of two volunteers.
9. Committee members discussed the 2004 Statewide Training Conference. Registration and the program are being finalized.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Minutes by Travis Williams, Secretary

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