

MINUTES

California Public-Safety Radio Association November 17, 2005 Santa Barbara, California

Meeting Host: Jim Ward, City of Santa Barbara

Sponsors: Steve Grove, Applied Technology Group

Secretary's Report: Filed

Treasurer's Report: Unavailable

Program: "An Insider's Look at the La Conchita Landslide Disaster."
Battalion Chief John Stockton, Carpinteria Summerland Fire District

Attendance: 45

President Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m. All officers present except Treasurer John Wright. Also in attendance were new Board members Mike Rowles and Gary Poon.

1. Incoming President Ron Wong is seeking a volunteer to Chair the Operations Committee for 2006, particularly with respect to overseeing the Telecommunicator Awards Banquet in April. Danita Crombach of Ventura County expressed interest in the appointment.
2. Robert Uribe has received from APCO the 2005/2006 membership roster. The schedule of meetings for 2006 has been set. The July meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Long Beach to accommodate a tour of the Convention Center, which will be the site of the APCO 2007 Western States Regional Conference and Exposition.
3. Richard Granado reported on recent activities of the Executive Council, which will hold its mid-year meeting at the end of January. The review of the APCO budget looks fine, thanks in large part to the success of the Denver conference. The search for a new Executive Director is progressing, and the Board is taking this opportunity to review and redefine the duties. It may be desirable to have the Chief Financial Officer handle more of the day-to-day affairs at Headquarters, to free up the Executive Director to travel with the APCO President. Next year's annual conference in Orlando is shaping up well.

4. Travis Williams reported the FCC's First Report and Further Notice in EB Docket No. 04-296, which will extend the reach of the Emergency Alert System to new digital technologies including satellite radio and television and digital cable.
5. David Buchanan reported on the Transition Administrator's activities, requests for planning funding, and the FCC's anticipated review of its rules for bi-directional amplifiers, NPSPAC's plans for channels left over after rebanding. NPSPAC will write separate letters to the FCC and the State Department with recommendations regarding border issues.
6. Ray Grimes reported on 4.9 GHz issues. The next meeting will be set for six months from the last meeting, and planning is moving ahead. Robert Uribe anticipates an airborne demonstration next Spring; Mike Doble is organizing the event. A channel plan is being developed, and Long Beach will be hosting a series of demonstrations.
7. Gary Poon made contact with the City of Los Angeles regarding their possible need of technical assistance. CPRA's body of technical experts are available to assist public safety agencies in resolving equipment and system-level problems.
8. Jim Acosta reported on the status of the December harbor cruise. The dinner commitment has been reduced from 100 to 75, and only about 40 reservations have been made so far. Jim recommends that the Executive Committee make direct contact with members who attended the cruise two years ago. Toward that end, Jim will distribute a list of potential attendees with assignments to contact them.
9. Because the harbor cruise is just two weeks away, the deadline for the December CommLink will be Monday, November 21.
10. Richard Granado reported on planning for the Ontario conference. The Conference Committee held its first teleconference last Tuesday and discussed registration, website promotion, and the need for confirmed program offerings to generate publicity. The next teleconference will be on November 28.
11. Robert Uribe reported that the Executive Committee is in the process of reviewing the Hilton Hotel contract for the 2007 Western States Regional Conference in Long Beach.
12. Ron Wong reported that there has been no response as yet in the search for an Alternate Frequency Coordinator.
13. A seminar regarding APCO's "Project Retains" will be held in Los Angeles on February 22.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Minutes by Travis Williams, Secretary