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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 12, 2007 THE QUIET CANNON MONTEBELLO, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Hosts: Joe Parrino, City of Montebello
Sponsors: Terrance Jordan, Evan Consoles
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 2007 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Dispatch Console Technology"
Attendance: 52

AGENDA

Greeting – Anna Holmes. Anna opened the chapter meeting at 10:30 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the April 2007 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Anna thanked Joe Parrino for his support as meeting host. She expressed sincere appreciation to Terrance Jordan for sponsoring the early bird portion of the meeting.

Introductions - All. It was noted that new members are always welcome. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Anna introduced the RF Award winners: Don Miller (CPRA Engineer of the Year), and Victor Murray (CPRA Technician of the Year). They stood and were applauded in recognition for their achievements.

Anna provided information about the Telecommunicator's Banquet. She commented about the Telecommunicator's Week buttons available for purchase at \$1. She also announced the availability of WRC and Training Conference bags. Jim Acosta provided additional details about the banquet and invited people to attend. It was noted the chairperson Terri Nelson and her committee members have done an outstanding job preparing the banquet. Decorations, program, and the dinner were thoughtfully put together so the evening would be a big success in honoring the dispatcher award winners. Plans for next year - 2008 (the 20th Anniversary Year) will begin immediately upon the conclusion of the 2007 banquet.

Meeting Schedule – Bob Uribe. Bob announced that the next meeting will be held May 17th in Victorville and hosted by Jack Daniel Co. Jack Daniel presented information about the lunch arrangements and panel discussion that he will moderate. The title of the panel is "Interfaces Between Public Safety and Non-public Safety Organizations." This should be an extremely interesting program. Jack noted that he had made arrangements at a nice hotel for those who wish to stay overnight in the conjunction with the meeting. The June meeting will be in Santa Barbara on June 21st. Bob indicated that he would seek hotel arrangements at a favorable rate for those who wished to stay overnight in conjunction with this meeting. He asked for a show of hands of those interested in staying overnight. Bob commented that all the meeting information is on the web site. It was noted that companies interested in supporting the chapter as a sponsor should contact Jack Daniel. Sponsorships are open for a number of upcoming meetings.

Membership Report – Ken (Information sent by email). We have 481 members through March 07. There are 62 memberships that show expired. We have received 7 new members. A welcome letter was sent to each new member.

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Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John reviewed the bank account and CD balances. He commented about plans regarding current and new CD investments. John reported that the WRC was a successful event. He expressed thanks for the support from commercial and chapter members who participated.

FCC Matters – Gary Gray. Gary commented that there will be potential changes to the 700 MHz plan due to the signing of the Mexican protocol. The 800 MHz protocol is still in process with no known specific end date. In another area, he noted that the FCC is hosting a summit on First Responders. He also commented about amateur licenses that are available without Morse code. Periodic training and testing classes are available for people to get their amateur license.

800 Rebanding – Ray Grimes. Ray gave a brief summary of rebanding issues. He commented about proposed rebanding actions in the state of Michigan. Ray reported on the progress of rebanding efforts in Orange County. He noted that the interoperability channel issues have yet to be resolved. Additionally Ray provided information about the TA Subscriber Equipment Deployment plan dated 4/11/07.

Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard commented that efforts to fill positions on the APCO staff were underway. These include the Assistant Director and the Chief Financial Officer.

Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel. Jack asked commercials to introduce themselves and give a short pitch on their respective products/services. He thanked the commercials and the Chapter for the shared privilege of having the opportunity to work together on a win-win basis. Jack announced that all the commercial members are automatically members of the commercials' committee. He invited all those interested in participating and serving on the committee to let him know. Jack welcomed company representatives that were in attendance for the first time. Jack thanked Mel Samples for his superb support of the Western Region Conference. During their respective announcements, the commercial vendors provided information about a variety of new products.

Other Chapter Business – All. No report this meeting.

Program Intro – Anna. The program was presented by Terrance Jordan, Evans Consoles. Terrance conducted an entertaining current events quiz and presented prizes. He presented a very interesting program titled "Consoles 101."

Award Presentation (RF Awards) – John Sarkissian, Anna Holmes. During lunch a formal presentation was made to the RF Award winners. John noted the accomplishments of Don Miller (CPRA Engineer of the Year) and Victor Murray (CPRA Technician of the Year). Anna presented each individual their award elements. These included a very nice plaque and a certificate from the California Senate.

Meeting Adjourned. Anna thanked the program presenters for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Notes for the Record. Following the luncheon, Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary