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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2008 HYATT REGENCY HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER GARDEN GROVE, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Chris Hinshaw, County of San Diego
Sponsor: Ron Lyons, EADS
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January 08 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: Chris Hinshaw – "Communications in the 2007 Fires in San Diego from a COMC Point of View"
Attendance: 46

AGENDA

Greeting – Bob Uribe. Bob opened the chapter meeting at 10:15 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the February 2008 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob thanked the Chris Hinshaw and the County of San Diego for their support as host of the meeting. He expressed sincere appreciation to Ron Lyons, EADS for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments.

Special Presentation – Bob Uribe. Bob presented Travis with a CPRA Life Membership Award. Travis recently retired from the County of Los Angeles after 30 years of service. Richard Granado offered comments and noted that Travis Williams provided great service to the Chapter with his Telecommunications Review. Travis also held many positions on the Executive Committee. Bob and Richard thanked Travis for his many contributions to the Chapter and wished him well in his retirement.

President's Notes – Bob Uribe. Bob commented about upcoming retirements of Richard Granado and Chris Hinshaw. Bob then shared information about the passing of Mary McDole, wife of Art McDole, long time Frequency Coordinator for Northern California.

Introductions - All. New members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Meeting Schedule – Ken Mann. Ken reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings including dates and locations. Details for the 2008 schedule are on the website. It was noted that the March 2008 meeting will be held in Riverside at the Riverside Marriott on March 20. Jack Daniel will serve as the Host, Sponsor, and he will also present a program on "In Building Communications."

Tech Awards – John Sarkissian. John noted that the suspense date for submission of CPRA Tech Awards is March 7th. He encouraged people to submit nominations for deserving engineers and technicians (RF and IT).

Membership Report – Chris Hinshaw. Chris reported that CPRA has a total of about 480 members. There are 8 new members for this month. Chris noted that there were 115 members that have yet to renew. He sent them emails inviting them to continue their membership. A portion responded that their memberships were still in purchasing.

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Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. The end of month status showed a net gain of \$970.60.

Telecommunicator Banquet – Dawn Lopez. Dawn provided updates about the annual Telecommunicator Banquet. It will be held on Thursday evening, April 10 at the Diamond Bar Center in Diamond Bar. The theme of the event will focus on “Oscar” ideas. This will be a 20th anniversary celebration. It will be a very enjoyable event to honor the Telecommunicator community. It was noted that sponsorship opportunities are now available.

Training Conference – Anna Holmes. The conference will be held 6 – 8 May 2008 at the Santa Ynez Marriott in Buellton. Dawn Lopez and Ray Grimes are organizing the training classes. An excellent program is being developed. Dawn shared comments and noted that APCO is co-hosting the EMC Concepts Course. This is a full day program that will be offered during the Training Conference. Registration will be available on the CPRA web site.

Executive Council – Richard Granado. Richard updated the membership on recent activities of the APCO Board.

Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray. Gary commented about 800 MHz Rebanding extension requirements for agencies that have received frequency assignments but will not meet a rebanding date of June 2008.

CalSIEC – Ken Mann. Ken reported on the Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting held January 23rd. He indicated that the next CalSIEC meeting will be held February 26th at the OES Headquarters in Mather, CA.

Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel. Jack provided information about sponsorship opportunities for the upcoming Telecommunicator Banquet and the CPRA Training Conference. He then asked commercials to introduce themselves.

Sponsor Presentation – Ron Lyons. Ron presented an interesting update on APCO P-25 standards. This included a reminder of the objectives of the P25 program. Following that Ron provided a forward look for the upcoming phases of the program.

Program Presentation – Chris Hinshaw. Chris provided a thorough review of the events of the 2007 wildfires in San Diego from a Communication Coordinator (COMC) standpoint. He included information about the National Incident Management System (NIMS). His presentation included real world conditions and challenges facing many of the agencies in southern California.

Meeting Adjourned. Bob thanked Chris Hinshaw for hosting the meeting and Ron Lyons (EADS) for sponsoring the “Early Bird” refreshments. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.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