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MINUTES

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2008 THE POMONA MINING COMPANY RESTAURANT POMONA, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Frank Westphal, Pomona Police Department Comm Systems Manager
Sponsor: TriPower Group
Secretary's Report: October 2008 minutes are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: Wide Area Rapid Notification (W.A.R.N.) Systems
Presenter: Brenda Gray, W.A.R.N.
Attendance: 50

AGENDA

Greeting – Bob Uribe. Bob opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the November meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob thanked Frank Westphal and the TriPower Group for their support of the November meeting.

Announcements: Bob announced "first call" for nominations for the Telecommunicator and RF Technician Awards. Information will be on the web site.

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

Award Recognition. Bob recognized Gary Poon for having his membership raised to the APCO Senior Member level. Bob presented Gary with a letter of congratulations, certificate, and a pin for his outstanding service to the CPRA Chapter and APCO.

Membership Report – Ken Mann. It was noted we have a total of 557 members. There was 1 new member for the month of October 2008.

Meeting Program Review – Ken Mann. Ken reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings including dates and locations. Details for the 2008/9 schedules are on the website. He commented that the next meeting will be Annual Officer Installation Luncheon to be held on December 4th at the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He noted that total income for the month was \$ 17,618.85 and the total expenditures were \$ 9,501.42. The primary income came from the Table Top meeting. The main expenses were for Quiet Cannon services.

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Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard reported on the progress of the Strategic Governance Initiative (SGI) efforts. Answering the “questions” from the APCO Conference is underway. Further opportunities for chapter and region inputs are forthcoming. Turning to APCO finances, Richard reported that the recent quarter report showed favorable results. APCO Institute training has reported profitable operations. Gary Gray presented information about progress within the Constitution & Bylaws update. He indicated the Committee has asked for a side-by-side comparison of what will remain or move to the Policy & Procedures Manual. Gary stated that this comparison is under review by the Committee.

FCC Update/Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray. The following comments were provided:

CalSIEC. The CalSIEC charter is being revised. A Southern Planning Area meeting was convened via teleconference on 11/19/08 to develop inputs. The next CalSIEC meeting will be on December 2nd in Sacramento.

700 MHz. The next workshop will be held on January 14th at 1:30 pm in the Riverside County PSEC Offices.

800 MHz Rebanding. The completion of a treaty with Mexico is still underway. No end point is in sight. Ray Grimes summarized the rebanding processes underway for Orange County. See the Attachment to the Minutes.

Media FLO. Ray presented status of this critical issue. There is great concern regarding the potential for interference. Ryan Baron, Deputy County Counsel, Orange County provided a review of the legal contests underway with Medio FLO. Information will be posted on the CPRA web site. All CPRA members were encouraged to become informed and take action accordingly.

Operations Chair – Dawn Lopez. Dawn reported that the 2009 Telecommunicator’s Banquet will be held on April 16, 2009 at the Quiet Cannon. Planning is on time and on budget. The theme is “Mardi Gras.” The 2009 Telecommunicator Button is now available for purchase. Telecommunicator Award nomination packages will be released shortly. Dawn noted that the banquet committee is seeking sources of door prizes and sponsorships.

Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel. Jack asked commercial members and guests to introduce themselves and give a brief comment about their respective products and services.

Program Presentation – Brenda Gray, W.A.R.N. The following program was presented: “Wide Area Rapid Notification Systems.” Brenda introduced Joshua Evans. He presented a very interesting overview of the W.A.R.N. system. Bob offered comments of sincere appreciation to Brenda and Joshua for providing the program.

Meeting Adjourned. Bob thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary

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800 MHz Rebanding Overview

November 20, 2008

By: Ray Grimes

- 1. No further information has been released as to 2008 Mexico Treaty Agreement negotiations between the U.S. State Department and the Mexican government. Expect further activity in mid-2009 at the earliest.**
- 2. Uniden recently released a Rebanding (and other features) radio scanners firmware upgrade notice that affects the BCD386T/BC996T (09/30/08 release), BC246T/BCT15 (11/20/08 release), BCT8/BC898T (12/21/08 release), and BC296D/BC796D/BR330T (01/31/09 release). Uniden also recently issued software revisions or patches to fix digital trunked reception problems caused by the earlier software revision. Check their web site for details.**
- 3. FCC Public Notice DA 08-1529 addresses (another) extension of the Wave 4 Border Area NPSPAC Negotiation Period from October 1, 2008 to November 12, 2008. Remember that Wave 4 incumbents are encouraged by the FCC to proceed with their Rebanding activities though a frequency plan is not yet available. Border impacted Wave 4 incumbents are not held to the mandatory negotiation dates.**
- 4. Sprint-Nextel advised that a new Motorola Small Change Request (SCR) procedure for Rebanding is available to expedite requests for minor adjustments to Motorola SED replacement equipment, missing battery chargers or microphones, etc. This process may be substituted by Sprint-Nextel in place of Change Orders or Amendments, in order to expedite a solution. There is nothing published in either FCC or TA Rebanding documentation that describes a Motorola Small Changes Request process. A concise and well-documented paper trail is recommended for this (and all) Rebanding processes to minimize later problems during 'true-up' meetings with Sprint-Nextel and the TA. **Motorola will not release details for this SCR program, including a cost threshold maximum amount. It appears that the SCR program still requires Sprint-Nextel approval and is NOT Motorola autonomous as was earlier implied.***
- 5. BDA's that support public safety radio communications which are owned and installed privately must be considered as an integral part of an agency's 800 MHz Rebanding program. A local agency may have no obligation to manage a private BDA owner's Rebanding program, though it is to the agency's advantage to steer the building owner/operator toward a Rebanding Consultant that can assure that BDA equipment will work after reconfiguration is completed. Failure to address privately owned BDA's will likely result in lost public safety radio coverage in large and high-density structures.**
- 6. Motorola has sent several Rebanding SED Incumbent Acknowledgement (IA) forms to the County of Orange for payment signoff of SED subscriber**