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MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING

APRIL 15, 2010

THE QUIET CANNON CONFERENCE CENTER
MONTEBELLO, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Operations Committee
Early Bird Sponsor: Craig Bassett, Bassett Sales
Secretary's Report: Minutes for the March meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: CPRA RF/IT Awards Presentations
Raytheon Technology Demonstration Vehicle
Presenter: David Bremson
Attendance: 56

AGENDA

Greeting – Gary Poon. Gary opened the chapter meeting at 10:15 a.m.
National Telecommunicator's Week. He welcomed everyone to the April 2010 meeting and noted that this was the CPRA celebration of "National Telecommunicator's Week." Gary stated that all across the nation, public safety organizations were setting aside time to say "thank you" to technical support teams and 911 dispatcher centers for their dedication and hard work.
CPRA Annual Technical Awards. He commented that a very important part of the celebration was the presentation of the CPRA Annual Technical Awards. Gary noted that the awards would be presented later in the meeting however he did ask each of the award recipients and their respective nominators to stand and be recognized.
Additional Items. Mike Rowles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dawn Lopez provided information about the luncheon arrangements. Gary thanked the Operations Committee for their support. He also thanked Bassett Sales for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments.

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

Membership Report – Ken Shearen. Ken reported that we have 450 members that have renewed for 2010. He noted that there were six new members from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office and one new commercial member. Ken indicated that many members' renewals are still in process through their respective organizations.

Meeting Program Review – Dawn Lopez. Dawn reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings. Details for the 2010 schedules are on the website. She commented that the next meeting is planned for May 20th in Victorville.

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75th Anniversary Celebration Report – Jim Donovan.

Chapter Celebration. It was noted that the “No Ties” meeting in September has been designated as the meeting for the formal 75th anniversary recognition. The planning committee has been actively moving forward with preparing for the event.

Planning. The committee reported that the celebration will include a world-class BBQ, special events amateur station operation, a display of mobile command unit vehicles, a presentation of CPRA history via a commemorative album, dignitary recognition, etc.

Location. It was announced that the Irvine Regional Park, Area 3 would be the location for the event.

Treasurer’s Report – John Wright. John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He stated that total income for the month was \$9,029.07 and the total expenditures were \$5,895.70. Income included meeting registrations, Telecommunicator’s Banquet registrations and sponsorships. Expenses included the March luncheon, Telecommunicator’s Banquet expenses, and printing costs for the CommLink.

Regional Director Report – Richard Granado/Executive Council – Jim Acosta. Richard provided a consolidated report as Jim was unable to attend.

APCO Planning Meetings. Teams of members, elected leaders, and staff recently held meetings to initiate updates to the Strategic Plan, begin work on the FY 2012 budget, and to develop a branding plan for enhancing the image of the Association.

Public Safety Communications Magazine. It was announced that APCO redesigned the header to ensure clarity of APCO’s ownership of the magazine.

Membership Level. It was noted that the APCO membership stands at 14,408 which is 3.3% less than last year at this time.

APCO National Conference – Super Sessions: Keynote Speakers and Featured Presentations.

Recently APCO announced featured speaker information. On August 2nd Frank Miles will present “Laugh at Fear: finding the Courage to Achieve. On August 3rd John Chappelle will present “Build Balance and Reduce Stress, Secrets from The Daily Six.”

Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray.

CalSIEC SPA. It was noted that the next Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting will be April 28th. Jim Donovan reported on recent a data gathering visit provided by Willdan Homeland Solutions in support of SPA services for the development of Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) documents.

FCC Announcements. Gary G. indicated there were no specific FCC actions to report.

700 MHz Update. Dave Buchanan noted that there will be a 700 MHz Committee Meeting to be held in conjunction with the May CPRA/FAC meeting.

800 MHz Update. Jim Donovan commented there were no specific updates to report.

800 MHz Rebanding. Ray Grimes provided an updated report. He noted that there had been no progress regarding a treaty with Mexico pertinent to use of spectrum in the border region. (Please see the “Resources” portion of the CPRA web site to see Ray’s Rebanding Notes.)

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CPRA 2010 Telecommunicator's Banquet – Dawn Lopez. Dawn reported that all last minute preparations for the CPRA Telecommunicator's Banquet were well underway. She indicated that over 250 people would be attending. Dawn recognized and thanked the major sponsors of the Banquet. They included: GeoComm, Spillman Technologies, Inc., and EADS North America. She emphasized that support from the major sponsors and all the other sponsors was a true success factor for the 2010 CPRA Telecommunicator's Banquet. She also thanked the Banquet Committee for their superb efforts.

Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel. Jack was unable to attend. He asked Larry Weber to stand in for him. Larry invited each of the Commercial Members in attendance to do a self introduction and give a brief comment about their respective products and services.

CPRA Annual Technical Awards Presentations for 2010 – Gary Poon. Gary commented that this was a very special part of the meeting. He asked John Sarkissian, Committee Chair for the CPRA Technical Awards to come forward and assist with the presentations. He also noted that Mike would be reading the Award Citations and Adriana Spirescu would be taking photos. Gary and John then presented awards to the following individuals:

Don Root, "CPRA Telecommunications Manager of the Year", serving as the Assistant Communications Systems Manager, Wireless Services Division, Sheriff's Department, County of San Diego.

McKinley Orr, "CPRA RF Engineer of the Year", serving as a Special Projects Leader, Telecommunications Services Division, Information Services Department, County of San Bernardino.

Alec Martinez, "CPRA IT Technician of the Year", serving as an Information Systems Analyst III for the Consolidated Fire Agencies of the East Valley Joint Powers Authority (CONFIRE JPA), County of San Bernardino.

Barbara Scannell, "CPRA RF Technician of the Year", serving as a Senior Management Analyst, Administrative Services Department, City of Simi Valley.

CPRA Membership Photo – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana guided everyone outside to the lawn area where she expertly arranged for and took a CPRA membership photo. She noted that this photo would be included in the commemorative album for CPRA 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Technical Presentation – David Bremson, Network Centric Systems, Raytheon Corporation. David and his team members presented a technical demonstration of radio systems interoperability. He had arranged for a static display of the Raytheon Technology Demonstration Vehicle. Ron Lyons, EADS participated in the demonstration to portray the viability of multi band, multi vendor operations. Members commented about the value of seeing "hands on" testing of interoperability between various frequency bands and multiple vendors' equipment. Gary thanked David, Ron and the Raytheon technical team for their support of the CPRA meeting.

Meeting Adjourned. Gary thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Notes for the Record. Following the CPRA Chapter meeting, Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting.

CPRA Certificate of Appreciation. At the beginning of FAC meeting, Gary Poon requested time to present a CPRA Certificate of Appreciation to Barbara Scannell on the occasion of her retirement from the City of Simi Valley. He commented that the certificate was “presented in recognition of the many years of participation in Frequency Coordination service for us all, and for her consistent support of the association over these years.” All those attending the FAC gave her a strong round of applause.

Frequency Request Actions. Ongoing and new frequency requests were then presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary