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MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING MARCH 18, 2010 THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY RESTAURANT SAN MARCO, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Anna Holmes, County of San Diego
Early Bird Sponsor: Motorola, Inc.
Secretary's Report: Minutes for the February meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Regional 3Cs" – *Inspiring Regional Collaboration Across the Southwest Region*
Presenter: Sara Diaz, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department
Attendance: 45

AGENDA

Greeting – Gary Poon. Gary opened the chapter meeting at 10:10 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the March 2010 meeting. Mike Rowles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Anna Holmes provided information about the luncheon arrangements. Gary thanked the County of San Diego for their support. He also thanked Motorola, Inc. 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 there were 430 members now on the membership list. There are approximately 145 members who are in the renewal process. 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 April 15th at the Quiet Cannon Conference Center in Montebello. It was noted that this meeting is one of the highlights for the year. The CPRA Annual RF/IT Awards will be presented at the luncheon as a part of the National Telecommunicator Week sponsored every year in April by APCO.

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. A work sheet with comprehensive action item details and schedules has been developed. Key event location planning factors and initial publicity steps have been completed.

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

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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 \$3,515.34 and the total expenditures were \$5,800.79. Expenses included the February luncheon, officer travel to the Western Region Conference (WRC), and printing costs for the CommLink. John provided an update on the three CDs that serve as a critical resource for Chapter finances.

Regional Director Report – Richard Granado.

APCO 2013 Conference. Richard reported that the City of Anaheim has been selected as the conference location. It was noted that CPRA will serve as the host chapter for the conference. There will be multiple opportunities to volunteer in support of the conference.

Executive Council – Jim Acosta. Jim several topics in his report:

- APCO reported that from the onset of the disaster in Haiti they participated with U.S. and Haitian officials to restore public-safety communications.
- It was noted that the APCO membership stands at 14,358 which is 2.6% less than last year at this time.
- Jim advised that the keynote speaker for the 2010 APCO Conference & Expo to be held in Houston in August will be Captain Jim Lovell, Commander of Apollo 13.
- Finally, Jim commented that APCO has received 47 nominations in the 2010 Public Safety Communications Awards Program. Nominations will be accepted until April 1st.

Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray.

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

FCC Announcements. Gary G commented that applications for converting licenses to narrowband can now go straight to the FCC without going through formal coordination processes.

700 MHz Update. Dave Buchanan reported on a NPTSTC petition to allow the use of certain interoperable channels for air to ground communications (on a secondary basis). Bob provided information about programs by Shure and other companies to change out wireless microphones with ones that are FCC compliant.

800 MHz Update. Jim Donovan commented about a coordination request from the State of Nevada specific to mutual aid frequencies. He noted that he sent a letter of concurrence.

Broadband Spectrum. Gary Gray reported on initiatives pertinent to broadband services and the use of spectrum from the broadcasters.

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2010 Telecom Banquet – Dawn Lopez. Dawn reported that preparations are on track. She noted that Assembly Person Norma Torres will be an honored guest. Special commemoration will be noted for Leanna McConnaughey who died recently. It was noted that she was recognized as a CPRA Dispatcher of the Year back in 2007. Dawn stated that the program for the banquet is looking excellent. She commented that so far everything is coming in under budget. The APCO History DVD will be used as the entertainment. There was discussion about the history of the Banquet. Spence Leafdale gave background on how the idea came about. Jim Acosta emphasized that the roots of the Banquet began with Spence and other visionaries who worked together to establish the tradition. Subsequent to that APCO picked up the idea and put in place the National Telecommunicator's Week celebrated every year in April.

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.

Technical Presentation – Sara Diez, City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. Sara Diaz, Manager, Emerging Technologies Unit, City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department gave an outstanding presentation titled "Regional 3Cs" – *Inspiring Regional Collaboration Across the Southwest Region*. Sara explained that the 3Cs stands for command, control, & communications. She noted that the Regional 3Cs is a public safety grade data network designed to securely link public safety agencies. The primary use of the network is to foster inter-agency collaboration, and improve situational awareness during large scale emergency events. Sara explained how 3Cs is constructed to function when all other communications have failed. In her presentation she gave an overview of lessons learned from the 2003 Fire Season, and gave other examples how the system provides data communications services for first responders in the San Diego regional area. Finally she addressed plans for expanding its service base in the future. Sara concluded the talk with an excellent Q & A session. President Gary Poon extended to Sara a sincere "thank you" for her superb presentation.

Meeting Adjourned. Gary thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.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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**ATTACHMENT TO THE CPRA CHAPTER MINUTES, 031810
800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes)**

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