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MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING

APRIL 14, 2011

THE QUIET CANNON CONFERENCE CENTER
MONTEBELLO, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Jack Daniel, Jack Daniel Company
Early Bird Sponsor: Jonah Teeter-Balin, Altery Systems
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
AT&T Disaster Preparation & Capabilities During Emergencies
Presenter: Chris Salkeld, AT&T, Associate Director NSEP
Attendance: 52 (43)

AGENDA

Greeting – Ken Shearen. Ken opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Opening. Ken welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mike Rowles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

National Telecommunicator's Week. Ken commented that this was the CPRA celebration of "National Telecommunicator's Week." He 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. Ken commented that a very important part of the celebration was the presentation of the CPRA Annual Technical Awards. He noted that the awards would be presented later in the meeting.

Host, Sponsor & Program. Ken thanked the Jack Daniel Company for serving as the meeting host. He also thanked Altery Systems for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments and AT&T for providing the program.

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

Membership Report – Tim Trager. Tim reported that we have 412 members that are active for 2011. He noted that there were four new members: John Gannon, Lieutenant, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Carolina Milan, Emergency Communications Chief, Vandenberg Fire Department; Wes Hishina, Communications System Analyst, City of Simi Valley; Mark Wilkins, Lieutenant, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Tim indicated that new members and their guests receive a complimentary lunch. He asked that people contact him for any membership questions.

Meeting Program Review – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings. Details for the 2011 meetings are on the website. She commented that the next meeting is planned for May 19th in Victorville.

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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 \$7,457.23 and the total expenditures were \$3,368.34. Income included meeting registrations, Telecommunicator's Banquet registrations, supplementary receipts from the Western Region Conference, and sponsorships. Expenses included the March luncheon, Telecommunicator's Banquet expenses, and printing costs for the CommLink.

Regional Director Report – Richard Granado. Richard provided advisory information regarding radio frequency interference (RFI) related to forthcoming wide band services provided by LightSquared and existing GPS operations. He encouraged each agency to submit written objections relating to this issue to the FCC. Ken Shearen commented that a template letter would be made available to assist with this action. Topic was noted in the FCC Updates below.

Executive Council – Jim Acosta. Jim presented Executive Council information as follows:
APCO News – Public Relations. APCO International was in 426 articles during the month.
FCC Interoperability Forum. President Bill Carrow provided opening remarks at this first ever event. Held at the FCC, this event focused on developing a path to a public safety broadband network.

Professional Celebrations. The E911 Institute hosted the 911 Honors Gala at the Ronald Reagan Center in Washington.

APCO International 77th Conference & Exposition. Registration is now open. The conference will be held in Philadelphia, August 7 – 10, 2011.

APCO Committees. The deadline to register is April 15th.

APCO-opoly. There were 36 games available. CPRA bought them all for use at future meetings as raffle items.

Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray.

Art McDole, Silent Key. Gary announced that Art McDole died April 13th. For over 60 years Art was a dedicated professional, mentor, friend, and knowledgeable resource to many APCO leaders and members. Ken led the chapter meeting in observing a time of silence out of respect for him. He commented that Art will be truly missed.

Ca/SIEC SPA. It was noted that the next Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13th in Arcadia.

FCC Announcements.

-NPRM: BDAs. There was discussion about the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) pertinent to bi-directional amplifiers (BDAs).

-LightSquared. Also comments were presented regarding LightSquared's proposed mobile broadband offering that would operate in the L Band. Concerns were expressed regarding potential interference with GPS signaling.

-NPRM: P.S. Broadband Network. It was noted that the comment process was underway.

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. No update for this meeting. (Please check the "Resources" portion of the CPRA web site to see Ray's Rebanding Notes.)

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APCO Public Safety Magazine-April 2011, Editorial Board Member – Chuck Taylor. Chuck called attention to the Telecommunicator Spotlight article on Gary Poon (p.15). The interview features Gary's background, his work with L.A. County, and his leadership in CPRA. Chuck noted that it took a little coaxing but the end result was an excellent write up. Chuck also commented about the Radiohead author giving kudos for the CPRA hosted Western Region Conference (p.56).

CPRA 2011 Telecommunicator's Banquet – Courtney Allison. Courtney reported that all last minute preparations for the CPRA Telecommunicator's Banquet were well underway. She indicated that over 250 people would be attending. Courtney emphasized that support from the 26 donors was a true success factor for the 2011 CPRA Telecommunicator's Banquet. She also thanked the Banquet Committee for their superb efforts.

Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel. Jack 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 – Chris Salkeld, Associate Director, National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP). Chris presented a thorough review of AT&T's disaster preparation and emergency response capabilities. He addressed best practices, coordination processes with Federal, State, and local agencies, and ongoing training exercises to prepare AT&T teams for their next emergency. Ken thanked Chris for his very interesting and informative talk.

CPRA Annual Technical Awards Presentations for 2011 – Ken Shearen. Ken 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 Rowles would be reading the Award Citations and Adriana Spirescu would be taking photos. Ken and John then presented awards as follows:

-THE WINNER OF THE 2011 "CPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER OF THE YEAR" IS [ANNA TELLEZ](#), CITY OF COSTA MESA, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION. HER NOMINATOR IS REENA BOLLE, CITY OF COST MESA COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION.

-SELECTED AS RUNNER UP OF THE 2011 "CPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER OF THE YEAR" AWARD IS [JOSE REVERA](#), SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBIC COMMUNICATIONS AUTHRORITY. HIS NOMINATOR IS GARY STEVENS, SOUTH BAY REGIONAL.

-SELECTED AS HONORABLE MENTION FOR THE 2011 "CPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER OF THE YEAR" AWARD IS [DANAH PALMER](#), OXNARD POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT. HER NOMINATOR IS MEGAN BOCANEGRA, OXNARD POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT.

-AND THE WINNER OF THE 2011 "CPRA RF TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR" IS [ANNA HOLMES](#), COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO. HER NOMINATOR IS DON ROOT, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO.

Ken asked the award recipients to join for a group photo, and then concluded the award ceremony by asking for one more round of applause for them.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary