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MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING JUNE 16, 2011 TALLEY CORPORATION SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Larry Fiege, Talley Corporation
Early Bird Sponsor: Larry Fiege, Talley Corporation
Secretary's Report: Minutes for the May meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Interference Identification, Coverage Mapping & Acceptance Testing"
Presenter: Jeff Boettcher, Field Applications Engineer, Anritsu Company
Program: "Interference and Remote Monitoring"
Peter Craven, Western Regional Sales Manager, Bird Technologies
Attendance: 53/45

AGENDA

Greeting – Ken Shearen. President Ken opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the June CPRA meeting.

Opening. In recognition of Flag Day, and the upcoming 4th of July, Mike Rowles and John Wright provided an inspirational video that presented a vocal rendition of verse 4 from the National Anthem. Mike then led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sponsorship. Ken thanked Talley for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments and hosting the meeting.

Recognition – Bob Uribe. President Ken invited Bob Uribe to come to the front of the room. Ken announced that Bob would be returning to his Navy duties with a deployment scheduled for the near future. Bob indicated that he would be back in uniform for the next 18 months. Ken extended a big "thank you" to Bob for his service. All in attendance applauded with a standing ovation.

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

Membership Report – Tim Trager. Tim reported that we have 425 members. He noted that eight new people joined APCO and CPRA. They included:

Active

- Michael Anderson, City of Menifee, Public Safety Coordinator
- Miguel Guardado, City of San Luis Obispo, Network Services Supervisor
- Steve Schmidt, City of San Luis Obispo, IT Manager
- Sue Willy, San Diego County Sheriff's Communications, Wireless Services Division Manager

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Commercial

- Paul Bennett, RPInc., President
- Abe Bui, GreatCall, Inc., Director, Customer Operations
- Joe Hasson, ATT, Chief Operating Officer
- Jon Mitchell, PB Telecom, Area Manager/Project Manager

Tim commented that each individual had been sent a welcome letter. He let them know in the letters that they had a complimentary lunch coming when they attended their first CPRA meeting.

Meeting Program Review – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings. It was noted that details for the 2011 schedule are on the website. Adriana reminded everyone that the next CPRA meeting would be held in San Barbara on July 21st. Applied Technologies will serve as the sponsor for the meeting. Adriana noted that the December meeting would a dinner cruise that will depart from the Long Beach area. She encouraged everyone to “save the date” for Friday evening, December 9th.

Treasurer’s Report – John Wright.

Monthly Financial Report. John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He stated that total income for the month was \$2,127.22 and the total expenditures were \$2,416.91. Income included button sales, meeting registrations, and sponsorships. Expenses included luncheon reimbursements, Visa card officer travel payments, and printing costs for the CommLink.

Regional Director Report – Richard Granado.

APCO Board of Directors Meeting. The APCO Board of Directors conducted its quarterly meeting on May 18th. The meeting included a week of activities in Washington D.C. that included the APCO Broadband Summit, Leadership in Policy Awards Dinner, Tech Roundtable, and the Capitol Hill outreach on D Block legislation.

D Block. Richard noted that the legislation allocating the D Block to public safety communications had passed the Science & Technology Committee and would continue working its way through Congress.

APCO Logo. Richard also provided status of the APCO logo conversion. It was noted that a new logo design was approved by the Board. Members of the chapter expressed sincere concern about the process and results of the Branding Task Force project.

Executive Council – Jim Acosta.

Membership. Jim reported that there were 111 new members registered in APCO during the month of May. He indicated that total APCO membership was 12739.

APCO Executive Director. It was noted that George Rice was taking a new position. Jim reported that a search committee effort was underway.

APCO 2011 Conference & Exposition. Jim reported on attendance, exhibitors, and sponsorships for the conference. He also noted that the entertainment for the Blue & White Gala would be the Dueling Pianos of Michael and Amy. He indicated that they were last seen on stage at the 2007 Gala. They were being welcomed back for another evening of comedy antics and great music.

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CommLink Editor – Jim Acosta. Jim commented that the July CommLink will be a full length printed edition.

APCO-OPOLY Games. Jim noted that the chapter had purchased 36 games. They were the last ones available from APCO. He announced that they would be for sale to chapter members for \$15. Also the games would be used as a raffle at the Chapter meetings.

Web Site & Telecomm Services – Ernest Gallo. Ernest provided information on website technologies

Website Advertising. It was noted that spaces are available with pricing posted.

Cvent Renewal. Ernest reported on the offer from Cvent. It was noted that its primary use was for major events like the WRC. Ken announced that this topic would be addressed further at the July Quarterly Workshop.

Social Media Account. There was discussion about CPRA having a Facebook account to “keep up with the times” and attract people to the chapter. Ken noted that this will also be discussed further.

2012 Telecommunicator’s Banquet – John Wright.

Banquet Volunteers. John indicated that the volunteer staff was pretty well in place for the 2011 banquet. Most of the 2011 committee members were repeating their service for 2012.

Buttons. John indicated that the number of buttons will be reduced to more accurately reflect that actual sales reflected over the last few years.

Frequency Coordinator Updates – Gary Gray.

The following reports were provided:
CalSIEC SPA. It was noted that the next Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting will be held on July 13th at the Arcadia Police Department.

FCC Announcements. Gary G. presented information pertinent to the NTIA.

LightSquared Report. Dave reported on the ongoing process of addressing the interference problems associated with LightSquared services. He indicated that National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) intends to send a letter to the FCC with their comments attached. The primary issues surround interference with GPS signal applications.

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.)

APCO Publications – Chuck Taylor. Chuck invited people who are attending the APCO Conference to serve on the “Hot Topics” evaluation committee. He also encouraged CPRA members to set up a PSC Connect account.

Chapter Officer Elections – Ken Shearen. President Ken commented about the importance and value of serving as a chapter officer. He encouraged chapter members to consider serving CPRA as a chapter officer.

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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. Jack announced that there would be a meeting of the Commercial Members following lunch, to be held at the same time as the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting.

Technical Presentations - Speakers. Jeff Boettcher, Field Applications Engineer, Anritsu Company gave a presentation that covered interference identification, coverage mapping, and P25 system testing. Peter Craven, Western Regional Sales Manager, Bird Technologies presented additional information focusing on interference, remote monitoring, and methodologies to find interference. President Ken commented how informative the presentations were and those in attendance extended to each speaker a strong round of applause.

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

Notes for the Record.

Commercial Committee. Jack Daniel convened the Commercial Committee for an idea sharing session.

Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC). 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