



## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

### **CHAPTER MEETING**

**April 12, 2012**

**Quiet Cannon**

**901 Via San Clemente  
Montebello, CA 90640**

#### **SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** CPRA Operations Committee  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Ron Lyons, SIMOCO  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the March 2012 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "FCC Regulatory Updates – Latest on narrow banding, 700 and 800 MHz, D-Block and the nationwide public safety system" presented by Alan Tilles  
**Attendance:** 70/50

#### **AGENDA**

**Welcome–Opening – Adriana Spirescu.** The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM. Adriana welcomed everyone and thanked them for supporting Telecommunicators Week.

*Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Rowles*

*Thank you (Host and Early Bird Sponsor):* Thanks were given to CPRA Operations Committee for hosting the meeting and to Ron Lyons from SIMOCO for being our Early Bird sponsor. Alan Tilles was also thanked for being our Program Presenter.

*Self Introductions:* Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group. Adriana introduced the RF/IT Award winners.

#### **Membership Report – Bill Carpenter.**

*Membership Numbers:* Bill advised we have 397 members. He is unable to report on new members due to a glitch in the APCO website.

#### **2012 Meetings Review – Tim Trager.**

*General Meetings:* Tim gave a quick overview of the upcoming meetings in the next two months. He advised members to access the website for further meetings. July's meeting will be at Knott's Berry Farm.

*Tech Talk/Dispatch Round Tables Dates:* Tim covered the upcoming Tech Talks and Dispatch Roundtables, specifically the upcoming Tech Talk in June.

**Executive Council Report – Jim Acosta.** Jim advised of the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Broadband Summit and Expo on May 14-15. He also reported that Early Bird registration is still open for the APCO International 2012 Conference & Expo. Flash day brought in 305 registrations in one day. Additionally, APCO was in 77 articles throughout the month of March. In articles where APCO and NENA were mentioned, APCO received 70% of the coverage, to NENA's 30%. Total APCO membership is 13,138, which is 1939 fewer members than last year at this time. Finally, APCO International's Commercial Advisory Council (CAC) is now accepting applications for membership. You're invited to nominate yourself. He will find out and

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advise if the nomination as our CAC Chapter Representative comes from our Chapter's Commercial Committee Chair or President.

**Regional Director Report – Richard Granado.** Richard let the group know to contact him, or Jim Acosta, if they have any concerns they would like taken to APCO. They have an upcoming telecom meeting and will be able to voice those concerns at that time.

### **Treasurer – John Wright.**

*Monthly Financial Report:* John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He stated the total income for the month was \$4604.34 and the total expenditures were \$14,088.19. Income was noted as CD Interest Income, banquet registration and button sales cash and credit card deposits, and APCO membership dues. Expenses included officer travel reimbursements, Visa card officer travel payment, and banquet expenses. The disparity between the income and expenditure totals will be made-up next month with revenue from the banquet. Additionally, John spoke of his candidacy for APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and encouraged everyone to vote.

*Telecommunicators Banquet:* The banquet is this evening. Currently we have 262 registered attendees. Also, we have three sponsors: Motorola Solutions (Silver Sponsor), and Evans Consoles and Advanced Electronics (Bronze Sponsors). We sold several thousand Telecommunicator Buttons. This was a big success. The buttons brought in approximately \$2000.00 towards the banquet.

**Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray.** Gary quickly mentioned there's a lot going on right now with narrowbanding. He also mentioned a western region Frequency Coordination Meeting suggested by the western region representative from the military, for those interested in participating.

*CalSiec/Spa – Adriana Spirescu:* The next CalSiec meeting will be on July 10<sup>th</sup>, the location is to be determined.

*700 MHz – Dave Buchanan:* Dave covered various frequency related reports and issues presently on the horizon.

**Commercial Membership Introductions – Larry Fiege.** The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

**Door Prize Drawing – Adriana Spirescu.** A drawing was conducted for two door prizes. Larry Weber donated a \$25.00 gift card, which Anna Holmes won. Ernest Gallo won a CPRA T-Shirt.

**Meeting Presentation – Alan Tilles, Esq.** After giving a brief biography of Alan Tilles, Tim Trager introduced the presenter. Prior to his presentation, Alan advised the members to contact him for further details regarding his presentation. He will be happy to provide that information. He then gave his presentation on FCC Regulatory Updates.

**RF/IT Awards – John Sarkissian & Mike Rowles.** Mike Rowles, Adriana Spirescu, and John Sarkissian presented awards to the following winners: Brent Rolf – 2012 CPRA IT Technologist of the Year Award; Todd Paulick - 2012 CPRA RF Engineer of the Year Award; Steve Hall – 2012 CPRA RF Technologist of the Year Runner-Up Award. Steven Page – 2012 CPRA RF Technologist of the Year Award recipient, was unable to attend. The award was accepted at this event by Joe Perrino, on Steven's behalf, to be presented to him in Pasadena at a later date.

**Meeting Adjourned.** Adriana adjourned the meeting at 12:08 PM.

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**Notes for the Record.**

*Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC).* Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Espindola  
Secretary