



OFFICIAL MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING

December 19, 2013
Proud Bird (LAX)
11022 Aviation Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90045

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: CPRA Chapter
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Year-in-Review" presented by Tim Trager; "History of CPRA" presented by Charles Taylor; Banquet & Officer Installation
Attendance: 43

AGENDA

Call to Order – Tim Trager. The meeting was called to order at 10:14 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles:

Welcoming Remarks – Tim Trager: Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the December meeting. He acknowledged those in the room who have served our country in the military and thanked them for their service. Tim spoke of his tenure as President in 2013. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Chapter. He also mentioned CPRA is quickly approaching its 80th anniversary. He thanked all those who have been actively involved in the Chapter. Tim introduced officers from the Los Angeles Airport PD, Lieutenant Masis Sossikian and Officer Michael Manahan. Lt Sossikian welcomed everyone to the Proud Bird. He gave an overview of the span and scope of LA Airport PD, which includes three other airports. He also spoke of other departments and agencies, local to federal, within the realm of public safety, which also operate within their jurisdiction. He talked about communications and how surrounding and support agencies will be addressing issues to improve communications within.

Self Introductions: Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

Program Presentation – Tim Trager and Charles Taylor. Tim spoke of the past year, and subsequently showed a slideshow of pictures from 2013. After conquering some technical difficulties, Tim gave an amusing and enlightening synopsis of each slide. He also presented Mike Rowles with APCO Senior Membership status. Tim then called Chuck Taylor to the podium. Chuck's thorough, creative, and amusing presentation encompassed our Chapter history dating back to 1935.

President's Awards Presentation – Tim Trager. Tim, with the help of Jim Acosta, presented awards to the following individuals: Teri Nelson (who was unable to attend) for being the Dispatcher Banquet Chair; Adriana Spirescu for being the Volunteer Chair for the APCO International Conference & Expo in Anaheim in August 2013; Ken Mann and Don Miller for Co-Chairing the 2013 APCO Conference Committee, and the countless hours they contributed to make the event a success; and Scott Espindola for facilitating the Dispatcher's Round Tables since their inception.

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Proud Bird Fire of 1984. Tim asked Kevin Nida to the podium to speak to the group. Kevin reflected on the fateful fire, which happened on the grounds of the Proud Bird on December 4, 1984, and the untimely demise of Firefighter Benjamin Pinel (www.lafire.com), who was a first responder on this tragic call.

Installation of Officers – John Wright. APCO 1st Vice-President John Wright, with the assistance of Gary Gray, administered the oath of office to the 2014 CPRA Executive Committee Officers on behalf of CPRA, the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. (APCO). Each officer, as identified below, acknowledged acceptance of his respective duties and responsibilities by stating “I do.”

CPRA Officers for 2014. The following individuals were installed as officers to serve the Chapter for 2014. A warm round of applause was given for:

President – Richard Granado

President-Elect – Don Miller

Vice-President – Ken Mann

Secretary – Scott Espindola

Treasurer – Joe Parrino

Sergeant-at-Arms – Jeff Loveland

Executive Council Delegate – Jim Acosta

Presentation of the Gavel – Tim Trager. Tim asked Richard to come forward. As noted, he will serve as the CPRA President for 2014. Tim said “here you go” and presented him with the official gavel for his use in the upcoming year. The transfer of responsibilities was duly accomplished.

Recognition Award for Outgoing President – Richard Granado. Richard presented Tim with an engraved plaque in recognition for his service to the Chapter. On behalf of the Chapter membership, he thanked Tim for his commitment, vision, and leadership while serving as CPRA President for 2013.

Final Words – Richard Granado. Richard spoke of changes made in the past year, specifically changes to the nomination procedures for the upcoming Dispatchers Awards banquet. He also mentioned Chuck Taylor will use the first hour of the first Executive Quarterly Workshop in January to educate new officers on Executive Committee responsibilities. Richard briefly spoke of challenges we will have in the upcoming year regarding the FCC, rebanding, etc.

Meeting Adjourned. Richard thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:59 A.M.

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

