



## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

### **CHAPTER MEETING June 18, 2015 Chase Palm Park Center 236 E. Cabrillo Blvd Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

#### **SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** City of Santa Barbara and Mosely Wireless Solutions Group  
**Early-Bird Sponsor:** Applied Technology Group, Inc.  
**Meeting Sponsor:** Mosely Wireless Solutions Group  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May 2015 meeting are posted on the CPRA Website.  
**Program:** "FirstNet Update" by Dave Buchanan and Andrew Seybold  
**Attendance:** 32

#### **AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Don Miller.** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

*Welcoming Remarks – Don Miller.* Don thanked everyone for attending today's Chapter Meeting and thanked Applied Technology Group, Inc. for being the Early Bird Sponsor, and Mosely Wireless Solutions Group for being our Meeting Sponsor. He announced our scheduled program presenter, Mark Crosby, missed his flight and subsequent connector. He will not be here today. He thanked Dave Buchanan and Andy Seybold for graciously stepping in at the last minute and being the program presenter today.

*May Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval – Don Miller.* Don asked for a motion to approve last month's Chapter Meeting Minutes. Jim Acosta made the motion. Dick Granado seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

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

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

**Senior Membership Presentation to Andrew Seybold.** Don called Gary Gray and Tim Trager to the front. He asked Andrew Seybold to come forward. The three presented Andy with Senior Membership. Tim spoke of Andy's accomplishments and this being a well deserved designation.

#### **Chapter Officer Reports.**

*Future Meetings Report – Dale Digiambattista:* Dale reported for the absent Ron Wong.

*Membership Report – Dale Digiambattista.* Dale advised we had three new members. Current membership shows a total of 462 Chapter members, including 234 Full, 70 Commercial, 107 Online, and 51 Associate members. The new members included:

*Full:*

- Robert Bearss, Santa Diego Communications Division
- Meagan Nagy, Santa Monica Fire Department
- Eric Uller, Santa Monica Police Department

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*Treasurer's Report- Monthly Financial Report – Joe Parrino.* Joe provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member request. Don advised the group we are in the process of changing our non-profit designation from 501(c)(6) to 501(c)(3). This will allow for donations to the Chapter to have the ability to be tax deductible.

### **APCO International Report.**

*Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta:* On May 5, the Executive Committee presented this year's APCO Leadership in Policy Awards honoring several individuals in the Washington, DC area. On May 6, the full Board of Directors met for its quarterly meeting in Washington, DC. The Board approved the 2015-2016 Budget for APCO International, and voted to recommend it to the Quorum in August. After a national search spanning several months, APCO International welcomed Naylor Association Solutions as its new partner in publishing the print and digital editions of Public Safety Communications and related e-newsletters and websites. The publications will now be bi-monthly, versus monthly. Additionally, the publications will eventually only be in a digital format, instead of printed as it is now. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the 2015-2016 CAC/Silent Key Scholarships. There were 216 applications, awarding 140 scholarships for a total of \$69,310.00. Commercial Scholarship Donors included Motorola Foundation, Avtec, Intrado Inc., New World Systems, and Public Safety Group, to name a few. Voting for the 2015 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidential candidates opens electronically on July 17. Voting ends on Tuesday, August 18 at 1:50 P.M. EDT. Membership on May 1 is 23,257, versus 20,276 on the same day last year. Registration for the 2015 APCO International Conference & Expo is at 1,161, which is ahead of 2014 registrations the same time last year. The President's Dinner entertainment this year will be the Capitol Steps, a comedy troupe that for more than 30 years has been providing a unique blend of musical and political comedy to our nation's capitol. Future cities have been announced for upcoming conferences. They are as follow: 2016, Orlando, FL; 2017, Denver, CO; 2018, Las Vegas, NV; 2019, Baltimore, MD; 2020, Orlando, FL; 2021, San Antonio, TX; 2022, Anaheim, CA; and 2023 will be at a Wild Card City. Roger Wespe resigned as the Government Relations Manager. Roger has decided to pursue other avenues in his career after supporting the Government Relations Department since 2010.

### **Regulatory Update.**

*FCC Update Information – Dave Buchanan:* APCO has put together a task force/group to document ways public safety can better use the 4.9 band. This is per a request from the FCC. Basically, what it comes down to is use it or lose it. Otherwise, it may be opened up to commercial use as well. APCO's official position is it should be just for use by public safety. Dave will have more information after August. The FCC field office made compromises and changes regarding field offices. Broadcasters brought the issue to members of the House of Representatives. Under the revised plan, 15 field offices will remain open. There will be two Tiger Teams, one on the east coast and one on the west coast. They will not be channeling the savings from closing field offices to funding positions in Washington, DC. Dave advised the group what direction to take when experiencing interference. Dave fielded several comments, related issues, and questions from attendees.

**Spectrum Committee Discussion – Dave Buchanan & Don Miller.** Dave briefed the group about the disbanding of the Spectrum Committee by APCO. He gave some history regarding the dissolution of the committee, and stated the stance the CPRA Executive Committee took, trying to reverse the decision of the APCO Executive Committee. He spoke of the meeting in Orange County between the APCO Executive Committee and representatives from CPRA. What was decided at the meeting with the APCO Executive Committee is that APCO will have a designated person monitor the FCC for issues, who will then post this information on PSConnect. Additionally, a "blog" will be established, and interested individuals will sign-



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up. Dave invited anyone interested to do so. Dave advised he recommended we monitor the compromise and see if it works. There was a bit of feedback, comments and questions from attendees. Anna Holmes voiced some concerns about 4.9 and was advised by Dave we will be responding to these concerns in future meetings. It was established we only have two months to come to some sort of resolution.

**Program Presentation – Dave Buchanan & Andrew Seybold.** Dave advised the group he and Andy would be filling-in as program presenters today, in the absence Mark Crosby, who missed his flight. Dave and Andy will be speaking about FirstNet. Dave spoke about priorities, background, and local controls. Andy then addressed attendees about the future of FirstNet, as well as some regulatory obstacles. Both presenters spoke at length then fielded questions and comments from their audience.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

#### **Notes for the Record.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Espindola, Secretary

