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### **CHAPTER MEETING**

**May 21, 2015**

**Old Spaghetti Factory  
1431 Buena Vista St  
Duarte, CA 91010**

#### **SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** Richard Granado, LA County (Ret.)  
**Early-Bird Sponsor:** Ron Lyons, Zetron, Inc.  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the April 2015 meeting are posted on the CPRA Website.  
**Program:** "NG911 Update" presented by Bob Connell, Zetron, Inc.  
**Attendance:** 47

#### **AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Don Miller.** The meeting was called to order at 10:08 A.M.

*Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles.*

*Welcoming Remarks – Don Miller.* Don thanked everyone for attending today's Chapter Meeting and thanked Ron Lyons and Zetron, Inc. for being the Early Bird Sponsor. He also thanked Bob Connell for being our Program Presenter. Don advised that members of the Executive Committee went to March ARB in Riverside on Wednesday, to present last month's IT Technologist of the Year Runner-Up, Senior Airman Hideyoshi Izumi his award. Airman Izumi was unable to attend the original awards ceremony. Don also mentioned the Executive Committee was given a tour, to include a USAF Drone.

*April Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval – Don Miller.* Don asked for a motion to approve last month's Chapter Meeting Minutes. Dick Granado made the motion. Ken Norton 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 – Ron Lyons.* The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

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

*Future Meetings Report – Ron Wong:* Ron covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, programs, and meetings still in need of a program. Ron advised our meeting location for June has changed. He advised attendees to check the CPRA website for the update. Gary G. mentioned the meeting is now in the city of Santa Barbara, versus Goleta. Ron also mentioned we are looking for meeting locations and presenters for 2016.

*Membership Report – Dale Digiambattista.* Dale advised we had three new members. Current membership shows a total of 459 Chapter members, including 231 Full, 70 Commercial, 108 Online, and 50 Associate members. The new members included:

*Full:*

- Christopher Herren, Santa Monica Fire Department – Administrator
- Tawney Montes, Burbank Police Department - Supervisor
- Mishele Richards, Orange County Fire Authority - Supervisor

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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. He also outlined some specifics from the 2015 Telecommunicators Awards Banquet Income and Expense Report.

**Jack Daniel Award – Ron Lyons.** Ron, as a member of the APCO CAC, is part of an ad hoc committee to search for qualified individuals to be considered for the Jack Daniel Award. Ron announced his committee nominated a qualified recipient to be honored in August at the 2015 APCO International Conference & Expo. He also advised the group Pat Daniel will be on hand in August, on the stage, to assist with presenting the award. The recipient's name will be announced in June.

### **APCO International Report.**

*Executive Council Delegate Report – Dick Granado:* In the absence of Jim Acosta, Dick gave the report. On April 6-8, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Brent Lee attended the FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) meeting in Denver, CO. On April 7-9, Immediate Past President Gigi Smith participated in the National Homeland Security Consortium (NHSC) Meeting in Miami, FL. On April 7-10, President John Wright and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Cheryl Greathouse attended the Western Regional Conference in Sacramento, CA. On April 13-14, Gigi participated in the Louisiana Chapter Conference in Lake Charles where she provided the keynote speech and administered the oath to incoming officers. On April 19-22, Mr. Wright attended the Pennsylvania Chapter Conference in Lancaster where he delivered the State of the Association during their luncheon. On April 19-22, Brent and Gulf Coast Regional Board Representative Matt Stillwell attended the Arkansas Chapter Conference in Eureka Springs. On April 20-22, Cheryl attended the Texas Chapter Conference in Galveston. On April 29-30, John and Brent participated in the APCO Australasia Conference in Melbourne, Australia. Brent, in collaboration with his Executive Committee colleagues, has announced the committee chair selections for the upcoming 2015-16 program year, with the exception of the following, which will be announced in August: Conference & Expositions AdComm (CEAC), Cyber Security Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, and Management Committee. On April 14, Jeff Cohen and Farokh Latif attended the annual meeting of the Land Mobile Communications Council in Washington, DC. On April 21, GRO filed Reply Comments on behalf of APCO in response to the FCC's notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on 9-1-1 Governance and Accountability. On April 22, Jeff Cohen and Mark Reddish met with Department of Commerce Inspector General Todd Zinser and his staff. The purpose of the meeting was to provide APCO's perspective on FirstNet, including how the law establishing FirstNet was drafted, progress on implementing the NPSBN, and the RFI and notice of proposed legal interpretations released last year. On April 24, Jeff Cohen and Stephen Devine addressed questions from staff of the Government Accountability Office regarding public safety communications interoperability and P25 services. As of April 1, total membership was at 22,495, versus 19,746 the same time last year. The APCO Block Party! will take place at the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum. APCO will have the museum exclusively for attendees from 7-10 p.m. and will provide transportation to and from the venue and official APCO hotels. Chris Phelps retired as AFC Licensing Specialist. Chris has decided to enjoy her golden years with family and friends after 26 years of dedicated service. Debbie Moore promoted to the Senior Member Services Coordinator, following a restructuring of the Member Services department. Debra will continue to provide excellent customer service to our members.

### **Regulatory Update.**

*FCC Update Information – Dave Buchanan:* Dave updated the group regarding current FCC related issues, concerns, and rulings. The FCC recently asked APCO to put a White Paper together on 4.9 MHz. APCO is putting together a committee to do so. The deadline is May 22 to sign-up if wanting to be on the committee. He also reported on 700 Narrowband and P25 related information from the FCC. Dave will have further



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information on the 700 MHz Plan at today's Frequency Advisory Committee meeting. Dave also fielded questions and comments from attendees.

**C&B Revisions Update/Vote – Gary Gray.** Gary passed out copies of the proposed C&B revisions/changes. The updates/changes, outlined at a previous meeting, are to the Finance and Budget, Commercial, and Historical Committees. Gary made a motion to adopt the revisions/changes. Dick seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

**CPRA Life Membership Nomination - Tim Trager.** Tim advised we have a unique opportunity to nominate one of our members for Chapter Life Membership. He announced the member is Mike Rowles. Tim read a list of Mike's Chapter related accomplishment to the group, solidifying his qualifications as Chapter Life Member. Don endorsed this and asked the group to make a motion to nominate Mike for Chapter Life Member. Adriana Spirescu made a motion to nominate Mike for Chapter Life Membership. Anna Holmes seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried. Don asked Mike to the podium where Don presented Mike with his certificate of CPRA Chapter Life Membership.

**Program Presentation – Bob Connell.** Ron Lyons introduced Bob Connell, ENP, Director 9-1-1 Sales for Zetron, Inc. Bob gave a brief history of his experience as a Communications Center Manager prior to Zetron, Inc. Bob's presentation included a great deal of information regarding NextGen 9-1-1, with an emphasis on Text-to-911. He updated the group on operational specifics, technologies, and governmental mandates. Bob also fielded questions from attendees.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 11:54 A.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

