



## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

### **CHAPTER MEETING September 24, 2015 Rio Hondo Golf Course 10627 Old River School Rd Downey, CA 90241**

#### **SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Department (Ret.)  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Craig Basset, Basset Sales and Larry Feige, Talley, Inc.  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the August 2015 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** Available upon member request  
**Program:** "Software to Manage Trunked Radio Systems," presented by Peter Hambuch, The Genesis Group  
**Attendance:** 56

#### **AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Don Miller.** The meeting was called to order at 10:11 A.M.

*Pledge of Allegiance – John Sarkissian.*

*Welcoming Remarks – Don Miller.* Don thanked everyone for attending today's Chapter Meeting. He stated he is happy to be presiding over our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration meeting. He thanked Jim Acosta for hosting today's meeting. He also thanked Craig Basset, Basset Sales and Larry Feige, Talley, Inc. for being the Early Bird Sponsors. He welcomed today's program presenter, Peter Hambuch, The Genesis Group, and thanked him in advance for his program presentation.

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

*Chapter Past Presidents Member Introductions – Gary Gray.* Gary, who is a Chapter Past President, 1980 and 1984, read off a list of 18 Past Presidents who are present at today's meeting. Past Presidents Lynn Diebold and Brian Hawkins were unable to attend and sent their regrets and salutations.

*Self and Commercial Member Introductions:* Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group. The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer. Don took this opportunity to congratulate Joe Parrino and Ernest Gallo for being awarded Life Membership.

**Present Senior Member Certificates and Pins – Don Miller and Ron Wong.** Don requested Ron Lyons, John Sarkissian, Larry Weber, and Don Miller (himself) to the podium. Don awarded Senior Member Certificates and Pins to John, Ron and Larry. Ron Wong presented Don with his Senior Member Certificate and Pin. Adriana Spirescu took pictures of the presentations.

**CPRA Past Presidents Photo – Adriana Spirescu.** Attendees were given a short break while the Past Presidents in attendance stepped out onto the patio to have a group photo taken.

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**Presentation of Chapter Officer Candidates.** Dick Granado listed each of the following candidates, and the positions they are seeking, to the group. He also advised if there is anyone else a member would like to nominate for office, this would be the time to do so. The current candidates are:

*President-Elect - Dale Digiambattista.*

*Vice-President - Scott Espindola*

*Secretary - Jim Bare*

*Treasurer - Joe Parrino*

*Executive Council Delegate – Jim Acosta*

*Sergeant-at-Arms - Jeffrey Loveland*

**APCO Immediate Past President - John Wright.** John congratulated CPRA on its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He also pointed out CPRA is a few months older than APCO. He congratulated Gary Gray for receiving the Presidential Award at this year's APCO International Conference and Expo. He thanked Gary for his services as Chapter Past President and APCO Past President. John encouraged members to get involved by running for an Executive Council office. He congratulated everyone again on being a Chapter for 80 years, and stated how proud he was to be a CPRA Chapter member. Ron Wong thanked John for his service on the APCO Executive Committee as well as being last year's APCO President.

**CPRA History – Chuck Taylor.** Chuck thanked Adriana for creating a picture slideshow, highlighting CPRA activities, as part of the Chapter's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. He also thanked her for organizing the celebration and providing a cake and decorations. She was met with a warm round of applause from attendees. Chuck proceeded to give a comprehensive history of CPRA, from its beginnings to today.

**Special Program – Dr. Henry Richter.** Dr. Richter advised he joined CPRA in 1946. He left the Chapter for 20 years, rejoining in 1976. Dr. Richter spoke of the fact he has had various careers in his professional life. Dr. Richter was with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) when Explorer One was launched on January 31, 1958, just before NASA took over JPL from the US Army. He also stated he was available for a signing of his book, America's Leap into Space: My time at JPL and the first Explorer satellites, after the meeting.

**Chapter Officer Candidate Speeches – Dick Granado.** Dick invited Dale Digiambattista, Scott Espindola, and Jim Bare up to the podium to speak to the group. Individually, each candidate advised attendees of their interest and qualifications to run for their prospective offices. CPRA President-Elect Ron Wong [who will automatically move up to the position of President] also addressed the group by introducing himself, as well as advising of his history and qualifications. He let everyone know he is looking forward to being the Chapter President in 2016.

**Program Presentation – Peter Hambuch.** Ron Wong introduced Peter Hambuch up to the front. Peter gave the group a brief history of his background. Peter then spoke to the group and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding software to manage trunked radio systems. His Power Point incorporated graphs and charts to help enlighten attendees.

**Meeting Adjourned.** Prior to adjourning the meeting, Ron Wong asked anyone in the group who is interested in purchasing a CPRA shirt to advise so by raising their hands. The shirts are available for sale. He also advised we will be having a gift raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 P.M.

**Raffle.** Ron Wong presented raffle prizes to several lucky winners, some of who were fortunate enough to receive a copy of Dr. Richter's book.



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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