

Minutes

CPRA General Membership Meeting

Old Spaghetti Factory

San Marcos, CA

August 25th, 2016

AGENDA

Call to Order – Ron Wong: Meeting convened at 1015 hours.

Welcoming remarks – Ron W: Ron asked John Sarkissian to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron welcomed those in attendance. Dick Granado motioned to approve the July chapter meeting minutes. Jim Acosta seconded the motion. The minutes were voted on and approved. Ron Wong thanked Anna Holmes for hosting and The Sales Group and Lyons Communications for being the early bird sponsors.

Anna Holmes welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for coming.

Self and Commercial Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves to the group. Commercial members introduced themselves and mentioned the products and services they offer.

Ron Lyons introduced himself as the new APCO CAC chair. He also mentioned it is the 40th anniversary of the CAC and in honor of that, members may be seeing “CAC at 40” messages.

Chapter Officer Reports:

Future Meetings Report – Dale Digiambattista – See Attachment #1

Membership Report – Dale Digiambattista on behalf of Scott Espindola – See Attachment #2

Treasurer’s Report – Jo Parrino – Joe reported on the current account balances.

APCO International Report: Jim Acosta said the official summary from Orlando had not yet been sent out. On the 12th, there was an update from APCO. Financially, APCO is solvent. There was one meeting day in Orlando for EC’s and this focused on updating the Policy Manual as regarded using proxies for voting. This came about due to situations last year in which some delegates held multiple proxies. An effort was made to better define proxies vs. alternates. Proxies will be limited to someone within same chapter. This proposal was sent back to the Management Committee and will be resent to EC’s next year. As of August 1st, APCO had 26,083 members, almost half were online. Both the 1st and 2nd VPs were elected with more yes than no votes. As of Monday 8/15 there were 5,629 attendees in Orlando. The resume revue section on the floor was very successful. The same group said they would do this again in Denver if invited. There were (561) 10x10’s; (271) exhibiting companies; (177) repeats and (99) new ones. The Blood drive collected 41 pints. The next Emerging Tech Forum will be 11/1 – 11/2 in Seattle. Jim also pointed out that there was a very nice memorial to Pres Thompson at the Historical Pavilion and thanked Northern CA APCO for setting that up.

John Wright commended Adrianna Spirescu for volunteering to be chair of Historical Committee. John said that APCO continues to push for reclassification of the public safety telecommunicator job with the Dept. of Labor. The Dept. of Labor reexamines job classes every 10 years. This process was already underway when John became President of APCO. APCO was able to file during a second window for comments. The listings list several places for 911 dispatcher/operator/police operators/radio operaor. APCO pushed to move these to public safety. John stated only 1 in 100 can get through the hiring and do the job. APCO is seeking to make the job a profession. The US Senate 911 Caucus came out in support of APCO's position. The proposed class includes crossing guards, law enforcement, EMS, and fire. DOL has initially rejected the proposed reclassification. APCO put out a notice and had 1000 people sign up for webinar. Numerous comments were submitted via email to the Dept. of Labor, affecting their server. The Dept. of Labor asked APCO to stop emailing and would re-review the proposal. APCO is asking agencies to fill out a form on APCO site to file public comments in support of change. This move is about recognizing as these jobs profession not about benefits. The window to file comments is only open for 90 days. John observed some of the many functions telecommunicators do that are outside the scope of everyday office work, such as setup on-site to establish communications or respond directly to a scene as part of a tactical team or a TERT deployment. He observed that telecommunicators provide EMD, legal advice, HNT, or crisis intervention. John Wright said that Derek Poarch is committed to seeking this change.

FCC update: Dave Buchanan said there had been some action on 700 MHz as related to the manufacturer compliant assessment program. 700 MHz interop channels are by rule to be P25 phase1 compliant and interoperability channels must be supported as such. It is now mandated that manufacturers provide info on how they met the standard or go through compliance assessment for P25. There was further notice of proposed rulemaking for vehicular 700 MHz repeaters.

Railroad police are now allowed on all interop channels. The agencies will need to coordinate with their state authorities to gain this access.

Regarding interference complaints, if users experience interference below 512k the procedure is to file a complaint with APCO. APCO has an MOU with the FCC to look at those complaints first. If APCO does not find a problem with coordination, APCO then forwards the complaint to the Enforcement Bureau of the FCC. Any inference at 800 MHz should be reported through the CTIA website. Cell carriers have 24 hours to respond. If they don't resolve, then agencies should go to the Enforcement Bureau.

700 MHz complaints should go straight to the Enforcement Bureau. Dave said the Enforcement Bureau may preposition some equipment to allow teams to have a faster response time.

Presentation to John Sarkissian: Ron Wong, Mike Rowles, and Anna Holmes recognized John Sarkissian for his service and accomplishments. It was described that he was similarly recognized at his recent retirement luncheon. Gary Gray had documented a long list of John's accomplishments, which included frequency coordination, serving as CPRA President, chair of the membership and nominating committees, and director. A plaque was presented thanking John for his contributions and years of service to the field. 1989-2016.

Anna presented citation for John as well. She thanked John for being a mentor as a past president and as a key part of the CPRA RFIT awards program.

John spoke and said that everyone in the room had contributed likewise. He mentioned that John Wright had gone on to serve at the national level. He described Gary Gray as one of his original mentors. John said he will continue to be active in the field and with CPRA as part of the 700 MHz Committee. He thanked everyone.

1102 hours, a 15 minute break was given by Ron Wong prior to the program.

At 1117 hours, Dale called the meeting back to order and introduced the program presenter, Dan Michelinie, Senior Director of Sales and Marketing from Shooter Detection Systems. Dan gave an informative presentation followed by lunch.