



OFFICIAL MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING
Wednesday April 12, 2017
Ontario Convention Center
2000 E Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA
Room 104B

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: CPRA Technical Awards Committee
Early Bird Sponsor: None
Secretary's Report: Suspended
Treasurer's Report: Suspended
Program: Presentation of the Annual Technical Awards
Attendance: 44

AGENDA

Welcome

President **Dale Digiambattista** opened the meeting at 10:04 AM.

Dale welcomed everyone to the April CPRA Chapter meeting and the 2017 APCO Western Regional Conference. Dale noted that CPRA is the host of the 2017 WRC. At this meeting the Annual Technical Awards will be presented and that tomorrow (Thursday) evening the Annual Telecommunicator Awards will be presented.

Flag Salute

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked **Mike Rowles** to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Program Change

President **Dale Digiambattista** thanked the CPRA Technical Awards Committee for being the host of the meeting. Due to the meeting being held in conjunction with the 2017 APCO Western Regional Conference and this meeting being designated for the presentation of the Annual Technical Awards, the normal Chapter meeting agenda including Officer and Committee Reports were suspended. Dale also suspended the normal self-introductions for the sake of time.

Presentation of Awards

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked the awards recipients to stand and be recognized. Applause from the audience followed.

Dale introduced this year's CPRA Technical Awards Committee; **Mike Rowles, Jeff Loveland, David Buchanan, Anna Holmes, and John Sarkissian.**

John Sarkissian gave a brief history of the CPRA Technical Awards. The awards started in 2004 and follow closely the APCO International Technical Awards. John noted that three (3) of CPRA's past award recipients have gone on to win the APCO International RF/IT Technician of the Year Award including **John Wright**, APCO Past President who won the very first national award.

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked for applause to recognize those who took the time to nominate their personnel. Applause from the audience followed.

David Buchanan discussed the award selection process, noting that there was a high level of competition with really good submissions this year. Dave noted that the recipients were selected through great debate by the Committee. "There were a lot of really good people working really hard out there. They are really dedicated."

President **Dale Digiambattista** and **Anna Holmes** presented the awards; **Mike Rowles** read the award citation as the recipients came forward to accept their awards:

2017 IT Technologist Professional Achievement Award

- **Maricio Ramirez**, Los Angeles Fire Department
- **Elsa Santos**, County of Riverside Sheriff's Department
- **Edward Wilson**, Los Angeles Fire Department

2017 IT Technologist of the Year Runner-Up

- **Yohan Chanda**, El Monte Police Department

2017 IT Technologist of the Year Award

- **Karen Matthews**, CONFIRE, San Bernardino County

2017 RF Technologist Professional Achievement Award

- **Victor Murray**, County of San Bernardino

2017 RF Engineer of the Year Runner-Up

- **Victor Bowers**, COMMLINE, Inc.

2017 RF Engineer of the Year

- **Keith Jensen**, County of Kern

2017 RF Technologist of the Year Runner-Up

- **Cris Martinez**, Murrieta Police Department

2017 RF Technologist of the Year

- Air Force Staff Sergeant **Travis Street**, March Air Reserve Base

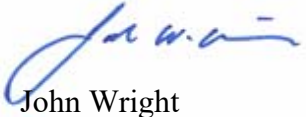
President **Dale Digiambattista** asked for applause for all of this year's award recipients. Applause from the audience followed.

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked APCO Past President **John Wright** to make a few remarks. John noted that CPRA is the Southern California Chapter of APCO International and that the Chapter has a long history of presenting these awards. John remarked that his receiving the APCO International Technician of the Year award was a great honor and everyone who received an award today, and those who were nominated, should be very proud of their level of dedication and quality of work.

Adjourn

President **Dale Digiambattista** closed the April 2017 Chapter Meeting at 10:45 AM.

Minutes Prepared By;



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