



## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**CHAPTER MEETING**  
Rio Hondo Golf Course  
10627 Old River School Rd  
Downey, California  
June 15, 2017

### **SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Department (ret.)  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** CPRA  
**Secretary's Report:** John W. Wright  
**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Parrino  
**Program:** David Buchanan; "Licensing 101 – A Guide for Non-Technical Radio Users"  
**Attendance:** 42

### **AGENDA**

#### **Call to Order**

Chapter President **Dale Digiambattista** called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Dale welcomed everyone to the June meeting and thanked Chapter Executive Council Delegate Jim Acosta for being this month's Meeting Host.

#### **Flag Salute**

Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Jim Acosta** led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 18, 2017 General Membership Meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes by **David Buchanan**; second was made by APCO Past President **Gary David Gray**. There was no further discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Self-Introductions**

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked that those in attendance introduce themselves and that if they were a commercial representative to say a few words about their company or any new products of interest.

#### **Future Meetings**

President-Elect **Scott Espindola** reported on the upcoming meeting locations for the remainder of the year. The Chapter meeting in August will be later in the month due to the Annual APCO Conference and will be held in San Marcos. The September "No Ties" meeting will be at Knott's Berry Farm. The October Chapter meeting and Annual Vendor Exhibition will be in Montebello. The November meeting will be back in Downey, and the December Holiday Meeting and Officer Installation will be at the Citrus City Grille in Corona.

Vice-CCAM **Ron Lyons** reported that next month's meeting will be at the Coast Guard Station in San Pedro on Terminal Island. This meeting will require RSVP by the attendees and that a photo ID will also be

required to enter the base. Ron will have the information out shortly. The meeting will be on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Membership Report**

Vice-President **Robert Stoffel** reported that the Chapter added five (5) new members this last month: two (2) Associate Members and three (3) Full Members. The Chapter currently has 497 members.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer **Joe Parrino** gave the financial report, including income and expenses for the past thirty (30) days, to the membership. A printed copy of the report is available to members upon request.

### **APCO Life Member Nominations**

APCO Past President **Gary David Gray** reported that the Chapter has two (2) members who are now eligible to become APCO Life Members: **Ken Mann** and **Donald Miller**. Gary reviewed their individual service to the Association.

APCO Past President **Gary David Gray** made the motion to approve the Life Member nomination for **Donald Miller**; Treasurer **Joe Parrino** made the second. There was no further discussion heard and the motion passed by a voice vote of the Chapter Membership Quorum with one (1) abstention (APCO Past President **John Wright** who is currently the APCO Credentials Committee Chair and who would chair the review of this nomination at the next level within the Association abstained from the vote).

APCO Past President **Gary David Gray** made the motion to approve the Life Member nomination for **Ken Mann**; Treasurer **Joe Parrino** made the second. There was no further discussion heard and the motion passed by a voice vote of the Chapter Membership Quorum with one (1) abstention (APCO Past President **John Wright**).

### **APCO International Report**

Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Jim Acosta** reported on the recent activities of the Association. Jim reported that the full Board of Directors met for their quarterly meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> during the Annual APCO Broadband Summit in Washington, D.C. The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the 2017-2018 Annual Budget and also reviewed and approved some changes in Sections 4 and 7 of the APCO Policy Manual. Jim noted that 32 persons graduated from the APCO Certified Public-Safety Executive Program this year. APCO's membership is currently at 28,614 which is up from this same time last year when the total membership was at 24,124.

The 2017 APCO Annual Conference currently has 1,133 attendees registered with 544 10'x10' booth spaces sold to 237 Exhibitors. Jim also noted that Lunch Vouchers will be used again this year for lunch on the Exhibits Floor. 65 % of the housing has filled already, and 60% of the Volunteer positions have been filled.

President-Elect **Scott Espindola** asked if there was any word on the status of the Telecommunicator Reclassification effort and how many signatures had been obtained on their recent signature drive. Jim advised that he would follow up on this on the next Executive Council call.

Vice-CCAM **Ron Lyons** reported that the Board of Directors had approved the proposed CAC Term Limits with the term now set at eight (8) years of service.

### **Networking Break**

President **Dale Digiambattista** recessed the meeting for a twenty (20) minute networking break.

## **Program**

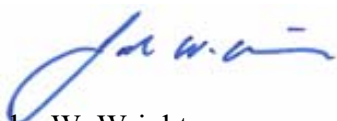
Alternate Local Frequency Advisor **David Buchanan** presented the keynote program; "Licensing 101 – A Guide for Non-Technical Radio Users." The program gave an overview of the FCC licensing process and the different Public Safety Frequency Bands. Dave discussed the challenges faced in licensing frequencies in each band and presented some historical background on the bands and their use. The presentation touched on the relative strengths and problems faced with each of the bands.

## **Adjourn**

President **Dale Digiambattista** adjourned the meeting at 12:07 P.M. for lunch.

The monthly Frequency Coordination meeting was held immediately following lunch.

Minutes prepared by,



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Secretary / PIO, California Public-Safety Radio Association