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OFFICIAL MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING

Knotts Berry Farm Hotel
7675 Crescent Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90620
Thursday, April 12, 2018

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: CPRA
Early Bird Sponsor: CPRA
Secretary's Report: Katie Hardin
Treasurer's Report: John Wright
Program: Michael Elder, Cal OES – Status of FirstNet in California
Attendance: 57

AGENDA

Call to Order

Chapter President **Scott Espindola** called the meeting of the Southern California Chapter of APCO International to order at 10:04 am. Scott welcomed everyone to the April 2018 meeting.

Flag Salute

Past Chapter President **John Sarkissian** led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcoming Remarks

Chapter President **Scott Espindola** gave a reminder for the Annual Telecommunicators Awards Banquet taking place later in the evening. The keynote speaker will be Ryan Turner, Orange County Fire Authority. Today's meeting will be honoring the RF/IT Award Recipients.

Chapter President **Scott Espindola** gave a special thank you to the CPRA Technical Awards Committee. Acknowledgement was given to the Banner Sponsor, The Sales Group. Scott provided a reminder for APCO's International Conference in August taking place in Las Vegas, NV.

Meeting Minutes

Chapter President **Scott Espindola** asked for a motion to approve the Chapter Meeting minutes from the March 15th, 2018 meeting in Claremont, CA. FAC Chair **Gary Gray** made the motion to approve the minutes; FAC Co-Chair **Dave Buchannan** made the second. There was no additional discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Introductions

CCAM **Larry Weber** asked those in attendance to introduce themselves, and if a Commercial Member, to say a brief few words about their company or products.

Future Meetings

President-Elect **Doug Roberts** was not in attendance. Chapter President **Scott Espindola** presented the following future meeting information on his behalf: The May meeting will take place in Long Beach at the Coast Guard Station. An RSVP is required for entry. The June meeting will take place at Chase Palm Park in Santa Barbara. The July meeting will take place at Talley in Santa Fe Springs.

Membership Report

Vice-President **Steve Miller** reported the Chapter has added two new members this month. There have also been ten renewals processed. A reminder was given for all members and agencies to renew.

Financial Report

Treasurer **John Wright** 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.

CCAM Report

Vice-CCAM **Ron Lyons** advised the meeting next month requires an RSVP. A confirmation email needs to be received prior to arrival. A long-term sponsorship program is being created. All commercial members are encouraged to follow the progress. An email will come out with specific benefits being offered to Commercial Members as a result of the program.

Regulatory

FAC Co-Chair **Dave Buchanan** presented on the 4.9 GHz band and the danger of losing it. Everyone that currently uses the band was requested to send information to Dave reference how they are using it. Information and comments will be compiled and sent to NPSTC as well as a used in a document created by CPRA.

Special Introductions

Chapter President **Scott Espindola** introduced this year's 2018 RF/IT Awards speaker, Captain **David Green**, San Bernardino Police Department. Some special thanks were given to all recipients and Members of the Technical Committee for their hard work. The RF/IT program was initiated by Past Chapter President **John Sarkissian**. John presented information on the program. It commenced in 2004 after realizing a need to recognize the technicians hard work, as many are under recognized. John provided additional historical knowledge on the commencement of the program.

Award Presentation

Past Chapter President **John Sarkissian** announced the award recipients as follows:

2018 CPRA IT Technologist Runner-Up Award:

Michael Karschner, City of San Bernardino Public Safety Information Technology

IT Technologist of the Year Awards:

Robert Mendoza, City of Manhattan Beach Police Department

RF Engineer of the Year Runner-Up Award:

Eric Schull, County of Orange Sheriff's Department Communications

RF Engineer of the Year Award:

Chief Warrant Officer 2: **Rick Wilhelm**, California State Military Reserve, March Air Reserve Base

RF Technologist of the Year Runner-Up Award:

Phillip Bardos, Riverside County Fire Department

Frank Domingo, County of Kern Communications

RF Technologist of the Year Award:

Aaron DeGuzman, County of Riverside PSEC

Networking Break

President **Scott Espindola** recessed the meeting for a 20-minute networking break. During this time, photos of all award recipients were taken.

Keynote

President **Scott Espindola** introduced the meeting keynote speaker; **Mike Elder**, Cal OES. Mike gave an overview of the current status of FirstNet. The mission is to provide a reliable secure broadband service with priority preemption. California has opt'd in to FirstNet, but subscribing is an agency choice. The future holds increased coverage (adding 30 sites per year, for the next 10 years), identifying mission-critical sites, outage reporting, integrating NG911 to include video and data capabilities. If agencies have poor cell coverage areas, FirstNet wants to know about it.

Agencies need to know the following.

- You choose your broadband service provider
- Cal OES has developed a list of questions that are available on their website when opt'g in
- The goal is to educate users
- Questions can be asked of any broadband service provider
- Questions can be used to gather data needed to make an informed decision
- A state contract is not available today, but once in place all agencies in the state can use it
- All agencies also have the ability to negotiate directly with their provider

Adjourn

President **Scott Espindola** adjourned the meeting at 11:38 am.

Minutes prepared by,



Kathleen Hardin

Secretary, California Public-Safety Radio Association