



OFFICIAL CHAPTER MINUTES

First Chapter Zoom Video Conferencing Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2020

SUMMARY

Moderator: John Wright
Early Bird Sponsor: None
Secretary: Terri Nelson
Banner Sponsor: The Sales Group
Sponsored Training: Chris Lopez, goTenna
Program: Patrol Captain, Sonny St John with the US Forest Service
Attendance: 56

CALL TO ORDER

Chapter Vice-President **David Duenas** called the meeting of the Southern California Chapter of APCO International to order at 1000 hours.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** welcomed everyone to our Zoom Virtual Meeting. It is an honor to serve this Organization and the way to support Telecommunicators, Commercial and Technicians in the industry.

Howard advised the Membership that the Chapter is sending a congratulatory letter to Anna Holmes. When we return to in person meetings, she will be recognized as a CPRA Life Member.

Chapter Moderator **John Wright** provided instructions and housekeeping rules.

FLAG SALUTE

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT REMARKS

Chapter President **Howard Newton** commended NAPCO for a job well done during its virtual meeting. The presentation by the Commercial Members was outstanding, and it was good that they had multiple radio vendors.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** advised that the Chapter is looking for candidates who want to serve as Vice-President. He asked the Membership to volunteer of nominate someone they know may be interested in serving in the position.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** asked for a motion to approve the Chapter Meeting Minutes from May 21st. Chapter Vice-President **Tim Buchfeller** made the motion to approve the minutes as is. CCAM **Larry Weber** made the second. There was no discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** advised that our featured Commercial Sponsor is goTenna. He informed the Membership that the Chapter has not collected the Commercial fee. Moving forward, we are going to reinstate the fee. With permission, the presentation can be recorded and posted on the Chapter Website.



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Our speaker for today is a Captain with the US Forest Service, and we are looking forward to hearing his presentation.

The two (2) candidates running for APCO office are joining our meeting today. They will each speak for a few minutes at the General Meeting.

APCO is moving forward with the August Conference in Orlando Florida. This is a good marketing opportunity and we should plan on attending.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** advised we are going to continue virtual meetings until further notice and asked for everyone's patience during this learning period. He encouraged all to invite friends to join the meeting as our goal is to increase Membership. With our Zoom account, we have the capacity to accommodate 500 participants.

INTRODUCTIONS

CCAM **Larry Weber** assisted with introduction of all Commercial Members participating in the virtual meeting.

Larry advised all Vendors that they can have face masks made with their logos.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** recognized The Sales Group as the Banner Sponsor, and thanked **Larry** for his dedication to the Chapter.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** conducted the 2nd reading of the C&B changes. Chapter President **Howard Newton** asked for a motion to approve the changes made. **Gary Gray** made the motion to approve the changes and **Dennis Marin** made the second. There was no discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** gave the Financial Report for May. A printed copy of the Report is available to Members upon request.

FUTURE MEETINGS REPORT

President-Elect **David Duenas** advised that July and August will be a virtual Zoom meeting. He advised we are in need of presenters for the meetings.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Chapter Vice-President **Tim Buchfeller** provided Membership update as of 6/18/20.

Total Current Chapter Membership: 459

Full Members	145
Associate	17
Online	252



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New Members:

Ralph Metz, Mackay Communications – West Coast Sales
Timothy Romero, Santa Barbara County Fire – Computer Systems
Keith Turcot, L3 Harris – System Engineer

CCAM

CCAM **Larry Weber** advised that the Chapter Tabletop is scheduled for October 29th and Northern California is holding its show on October 27th. The Chapters will be sending a joined invitation for vendors and attendees. There will be a special price for vendors who sign up for both shows. All will be notified if circumstances change due to Covid-19.

APCO INTERNATIONAL REPORT

EC Delegate **Ernest Gallo** reported that APCO is positive about the August Conference and they are taking the necessary precautions. He encouraged all to visit PS Connect, APCO and CPRA Chapter Websites for updates.

FCC UPDATE

Frequency Advisory Committee Co-Chair **David Buchanan** advised that APCO has submitted a request to the FCC to reconsider their ruling of 6 GHz microwave band. This is based on the fact that protections for particular indoor use are very poor for Public Safety. Netmix and several Southern California agencies are in support of this request to avoid interference to Public Safety. A further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is to consider implementing rules for more lower power indoor/outdoor use not subject to any automated frequency control. So far, it ruled that if operated outdoors, it has to connect to an automated system that tells you that frequency is not used. **David** will keep everyone posted with new developments.

The FCC approved the 800 MHz Rules for licensing channels. Southern CA is still not affected by this re-banding.

TELECOMMUNICATORS BANQUET AND TECHNICAL AWARDS

Operations Chair **Terri Nelson** advised the events are postponed and will keep everyone informed of a new date.

BREAK

Chapter President **Howard Newton** called a five (5) minute break at 1055 hours.

VENDOR SPONSORED TRAINING

Chris Lopez, West Coast Business Developer with goTenna, conducted training on the benefits of the Pro Mobile tactical mesh radio for tactical communications.

APCO 2nd VP CANDIDATE REMARKS

Angela Bowen, Georgia Chapter, thanked CPRA for the opportunity to speak. She spoke of her professional experience and gave the group an extensive overview of her history and involvement with APCO.



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Mark Pallans, Nevada Chapter, spoke of his professional experience in the Commercial and Government Community. Regarding his experience with APCO, he spent twelve (12) years with the Florida Chapter, and since his move to Nevada, he has worked a variety of positions with the Nevada Executive Committee.

GENERAL PROGRAM

Captain Sonny St. James, with the United States Forest Service, gave a brief and informative presentation. He advised he was on his way to Arizona to assist with the taking place there.

ADJOURN

Chapter President **Howard Newton** adjourned this meeting at 1211 hours. Thanked everyone for attending.

FREQUENCY COORDINATION

Participants will continue on this virtual Zoom meeting.

Minutes prepared by,

Terri Nelson
Secretary, California Public-Safety Radio Association