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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2006 SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Department
Sponsor: ARINC
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January 06 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "800 Rebanding" and "AWINS Program" Topics presented by ARINC
Attendance: 70

AGENDA

Greeting – Ron Wong. Ron opened the chapter meeting at 0945 hours. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introductions - All. New members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Meeting Schedule – Anna Holmes. The next meeting will be on March 23rd in Bakersfield. Anna will send out a survey regarding the December meeting. We need inputs from the membership about how to enhance the annual installation banquet.

FCC Matters – Gary Gray. The FCC requires that licensees file notices of construction complete. There is a new policy being implemented in which licenses that have expired construction notices will be automatically terminated. Reinstating licenses is difficult. Gary commented about how important it is to promptly respond to filing of NTs.

There was discussion about interference from Digital TV Channel 20 originating in Tijuana. George Butts from Taxi Equipment Company indicated that agencies reporting the interference included Long Beach Transit, Long Beach City, Nextel, and his company. It was noted that the offending station is XUAA-DT. It is broadcasting from Mt Antonio in Mexico. George commented that an email he sent to the FCC received a prompt response. Gary offered to facilitate gathering information from other organizations that are experiencing interference.

Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John reported on the balance in the checking account. He commented about the CDs and their respective maturation dates. John shared information about the APCO renewals. Appropriate funds are coming in for Nov, Dec, and Jan. He noted that meeting registration fees of \$20 are helping meet the costs for the chapter meetings. In January, there was a net gain of approximately \$25.

Regulatory Report - Dave Buchanan. Congress has passed a firm date requiring digital TV broadcasters free up the specified 700 MHz frequencies. There may be a possibility to file for licenses before the 2009 date.

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Transition Administrator Report – Dave Buchanan. The TA is working to obtain more prompt responses from Nextel regarding requests for planning funding. Regarding rebanding for the border region, progress with a Mexico agreement is going slowly.

Membership Report – Bob Uribe. We have 511 members. There were 13 new member registrations in 2005. It was noted that CPRA is the second largest chapter in APCO.

Executive Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard provided information about the selection of Reno as the site for the 2013 APCO National Conference. He commented that Dick Mirgon was sworn in as Vice President of APCO.

Commercial Sponsors – Jack Daniel. Jack asked each of the company representatives to introduce themselves and give a brief comment about products and services provided by each one respectively.

Program. Anna introduced the representatives from ARINC. They provided a background on ARINC and its products and services. The first presentation covered the contractual and processing steps for rebanding. The second presentation was on AWINS architecture for land mobile radio interoperability.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 hours. Everyone was asked to be sure they had their ticket for the luncheon.

Notes for the Record. Following the luncheon, Dave Buchanan convened a meeting of the 700 MHz Working Group. He reviewed current topics of interest. Also an election was held. By consensus the following individuals were selected to continue serving in their present positions: Dave Buchanan-Chairman, Garrett Mayer-Vice Chairman, Gary Poon – Secretary. After additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon. Upon completion of the agenda, Gary adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary