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***CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA)***  
**CHAPTER MEETING**  
**JANUARY 19, 2006**  
**EL MONTE, CA**

## **SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** Ron Wong, Los Angeles County ISD  
**Sponsor:** John Anderson, TELEX Communications  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from previous meeting are posted on the CPRA website  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments below  
**Program:** "Radio Over IP Technology, Radio Control Over Networks",  
John Anderson, TELEX Communications  
**Attendance:** 62

## **AGENDA**

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

**Installation.** Richard Granado, APCO Executive Council Delegate, and Robert Uribe, Vice-president were officially installed by Gary Gray. Richard and Robert were unable to attend the December installation banquet.

**Introductions.** Ron introduced the 2006 Executive Committee. Ron recognized TELEX Communications as the "early bird" sponsor. Ron recognized Ernest Gallo with a Chapter Service Award for his work with the web site. Many, many thanks go to Earnest for his skillful and prompt web master services! Everyone introduced themselves providing their respective names and organizations.

**Meeting Schedule – Anna.** Anna invited people to comment about increasing attendance at the installation banquet. One member offered suggestions regarding having a luncheon installation. There are advantages. It precludes conflict with evening events during the busy December holiday time, and it fits into the routine of attending CPRA meetings on Thursday. There are drawbacks. Spouses/friends would probably not be able to attend during the middle of the day. Also it could limit the atmosphere of the event to a "business" function rather than having a more formal "dress up" social function. Anna will send out a short survey asking for recommendations.

**Treasurer's Report – John.** John reported the checking account balance, the CD balances and rollover dates. He noted that CD interest is reinvested in the respective CDs. He also noted that the selection of short-term CDs with a little lower interest rate was so the funds could be available for forthcoming events with large up-front expenses such as the Western Regional Conference. John also suggested that member organizations check on the status of their invoices from APCO for 2006 registrations. Organizations may need to do some follow up.

**Regulatory Report – Travis.** The Governor appointed Rachele Chong to the Public Utilities Commission. She has an extensive FCC and telecom background. Travis provided information about

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a recent court decision on siting cellular towers. He commented about FCC actions pertinent to companies selling lists of telephone numbers, the State of California disaster plan, the FCC report on Public Safety Spectrum needs, and finally California's Catastrophic Response Plan. Mike reported that there were changes to FCC Part 90 rules as a result of WT Docket No. 03-264. He commented on two items of interest: under the new rules, deletions of frequencies and sites are now considered minor modifications, and there is a new Part 90.635 table regarding antenna height and maximum ERP values.

**Transition Administrator Report – Dave.** Dave commented that the National Public Safety Telecommunication Council (NPSTC) will appose the filing by the American Association of Railroads (AAR) regarding the request to have 95 miles of geographic licensing on each side of active railroad lines. Dave reviewed status of the reconfiguration of the 800 band. The deadlines come quickly. Wave 4 is scheduled for this year. It is important to be prepared. A suggestion was made to have Dave put an information summary and post it on the CPRA website. Ernest will set up a link from the CPRA website to the TA website.

**Frequency Advisor – Gary.** Gary advised of two "silent keys": Sam Bass, APCO Arizona, and Al Mello, IAFC. Gary also provided information about the upcoming Gordon West radio amateur class in Irvine. CPRA members are requested to contact Gordon directly.

**Membership Report – Bob.** Bob is developing membership numbers. He noted that new members receive a free lunch at the their first CPRA meeting.

**Executive Delegate – Richard.** Richard reported on the Executive Director search. The nation-wide job search brought in approximately 250 resumes. APCO's search committee is going through the evaluation and interview process now.

**Ontario Training Conference – Richard.** Richard discussed the status of the upcoming conference. The dates are May 2 – 4, 2006. The Call for Papers is still open. There will be two conference tracks for participants. Richard has asked Catherine Deaton from the FCC Field Office in Cerritos to be the keynote speaker.

**Commercial Sponsors – Larry.** Larry invited commercial members to give a short comment about their respective product lines. He also encouraged participation in the upcoming Training Conference. Approximately 12 vendors gave a brief presentation.

**Program.** Gene Johnson, GVT Marketing Services introduced the program. John Anderson of TELEX Communications provided a power point presentation. His topics were "Radio Over IP Technology" and "Radio Control Over Networks."

**Meeting Adjourned.** Ron adjourned the January CPRA meeting at 1135 hours. He invited everyone to enjoy the luncheon. The lunch fee is now \$20. Ron noted that the Region 5 Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting will be held after the luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Rowles  
Secretary