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MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING JULY 17, 2008 CITY OF SANTA BARBARA SANTA BARBARA, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: City of Santa Barbara
Early Bird Sponsor: Steve Grove, Applied Technologies Group, Inc.
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the June 08 meeting are posted at the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "AT & T Mobility", Kevin Strom, AT&T Government Solutions
Attendance: 35

AGENDA

Greeting – Bob Uribe. Bob opened the chapter meeting at 10:15 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the July 2008 meeting. Bob thanked the City of Santa Barbara and Steve Grove, Applied Technologies Group, Inc. for hosting and sponsoring Early Bird refreshments. Compliments were extended to Jim Ward, City of Santa Barbara for making the coffee and setting up the refreshments. A special note of thanks was extended to Applied Technologies for also sponsoring 25 complimentary lunch tickets distributed via raffle.

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

Membership Report – Chris Hinshaw. It was noted we have a total of 576 members. There were 6 new members for the month of June 2008. Chris announced the forming of a membership committee. The focus of the committee is to strengthen renewal processes and increase the outreach of CPRA to the public safety community. He also commented about approaching organizational leaders with CPRA information. The intent would be to encourage their support for allowing members of their organizations to fill CPRA officer positions.

Meeting Program Review – Ken Mann. Ken was unable to attend. Chris reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings including dates and locations. Details for the 2008 schedule are on the website. He commented that the next meeting will be held on August 28th in San Marcos. This is a week later than usual because of the APCO Conference & Exposition being held the first week of August.

APCO Annual Conference & Exposition. It was noted that the annual APCO conference will be held in Kansas City, 3 – 7 August 2008.

Special Chapter Meeting. Chris announced that there will be a special CPRA Chapter Meeting to be held during the APCO Conference and Exposition on Monday, August 4th at 4:30 pm, room 2205 of the Kansas City Convention Center.

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Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John was unable to attend. Mike provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He noted that total income for the month was \$903.49 and the total expenditures were \$4,634.31. Expenses included Hotel Marriott fees for the CPRA Training Conference, luncheon costs for the June Chapter Meeting, and printing costs for the CommLink.

Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard provided an update on the Strategic Governance Initiatives. There are two official resolutions that will be voted on at the APCO quorum. Resolution #1 restructures the governance of APCO and streamlines the By Laws; Resolution #2 converts APCO to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and merges subsidiaries to create one tax-exempt entity. Richard noted that there are still two more teleconferences available to learn about the initiatives. In another area, he commented about the use of online voting that is now available. Everyone was encouraged to cast their vote for one of the candidates seeking the position of APCO 2nd V.P. There was discussion about changing the APCO status from a not-for-profit organization (501(6)(c) to a charitable organization (501 (3)(c) status. Gary Gray provided clarifications regarding the differences.

FCC Update/Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray. The following comments were provided:

700 MHz. There will a workshop held on August 14th at 1:30 pm at the PSEC Office in Riverside.

800 MHz Rebanding. It was noted that we are still waiting for completion of a treaty with Mexico. Just a few agencies have actually completed rebanding.

CalSIEC – Ken Mann. Ken was unable to attend. He prepared an excellent status report that was presented by Bob. Topics in the report included:

CalSIEC Chair. The new chair of CalSIEC is John Penido, Fire Chief, City of San Marino, effective on 7/8/08.

Exercise. The 2008 Statewide Interoperability Exercise titled "Golden Guardian" will take place 13 – 19 November 2008. The exercise scenario will be a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in the Los Angeles basin.

Next Meeting. The next CalSIEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 30th in Burbank.

Operations Chair – Dawn Lopez. Dawn was unable to attend. Bob reported on behalf of Dawn that initial planning for the 2009 Telecommunicator's Banquet is continuing on track. The Banquet Committee is holding conference calls. It was confirmed that that Quiet Cannon Conference Center will be the location for the banquet. An estimated budget for the Banquet has been prepared and received by Bob. The committee is currently addressing the areas of donations and sponsorships, master of ceremonies, a menu plan, and entertainment.

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Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel. Jack asked commercial members and guests to introduce themselves and give a brief comment about their respective products and services.

Other comments included:

No Ties BBQ in September. It was announced that the BBQ will be held in Thousand Oaks at the Conejo River Creek Park. Jack noted the opportunity for commercial vendors to provide door prizes as part of a long-standing CPRA tradition.

Table Top in October. Jack announced that applications are now available for the 2008 Table Top. He noted that the tables sell out very quickly and encouraged those in attendance to get their reservations in promptly. Jack asked all commercials to submit their applications and payments directly to him for processing.

Program Presentation – Kevin Strom, AT & T Government Solutions. “AT & T Mobility.” Kevin presented the latest information regarding the technologies for providing mobile voice, data, and video services. He provided details pertinent to current and future plans for uplink and downlink processes of mobile communications. He also covered information pertinent to applications for public safety communications. Following his presentation comments about “hands on” use of the technologies were provided. Commander Sam Gross, Information Services Division, Office of the Sheriff, County of Santa Barbara presented the successes of the AT & T services. He also noted existing coverage challenges within Santa Barbara County. David Straede, Network Administrator, Information Technology, Police Department, City of Santa Barbara led an extensive discussion regarding the value of the AT&T services for the city. He answered a variety of questions from the floor. Following this everyone was invited to take a look at vehicle demonstrations provided by each agency. Big thanks were extended to all the presenters for providing an excellent program.

Special Action – Gary Gray. Gary presented credential information pertaining to Gary Poon. He noted his qualifications for recognition as an APCO Senior Member. A motion was made to nominate him as an APCO Senior Member. Motion carried. Gary Poon’s nomination will be forwarded to APCO for final confirmation.

Meeting Adjourned. Bob thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Notes for the Record. Following the meeting, Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary