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MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2011 SPIRIT CRUISES LONG BEACH, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Adriana Spirescu, O.C. Sheriff Comm, Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Comm.
Secretary's Report: Minutes for the Nov meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Program: Presentation of Awards; Installation of Officers for 2012
Attendance: 69

AGENDA

Greeting – Ken Shearen. President Ken opened the chapter meeting at 8:15 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the CPRA Officer Installation Meeting aboard the “Motor Yacht Spirit” operated by Spirit Cruises.

Hosts. Ken thanked Adriana Spirescu and Jim Acosta for hosting this special meeting.

Sponsorship. President Ken also thanked Bill Hauser and Michel Custer, Stancil Corporation for sponsoring the musical entertainment for the evening. He expressed sincere appreciation for the superb music provided by the “CPRA Nautically Naughty Jazz Band.”

Invocation – Mike Rowles. Mike offered the invocation for the evening. He expressed thanksgiving for the evening, and asked for the Lord’s blessing on the food and His favor for the upcoming year.

Dinner Served. The Spirit Cruises staff served a delightful dinner of salad, dinner rolls, entrée, and dessert.

Award Recognition. Ken recognized the accomplishments of the Western Region Conference Planning Committee. He presented Chapter Service Awards to the members of the committee serving in the positions as noted:

Ken Mann, Conference Chair
John Wright, Program & Finance Chair
Jack Daniel, Commercial Chair
Pat Daniel, Volunteer Extraordinaire
Ernest Gallo, Registration Chair
Mike Rowles, Publicity Chair
Charles Taylor, General Arrangements Chair
Joe Parrino, Transportation Chair
Adriana Spirescu, Volunteers & Family Entertainment Chair
Don Miller, Security Chair

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Ken also presented a President's Service Award to Mike Rowles for six years of service as Chapter Secretary (2006 – 2011). Mike gave brief comments covering chapter highlights for each of the years. He expressed sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve a long side the members of the Executive Committees, and all other members of CPRA. Mike noted that importance of continually expanding the CPRA officer cadre and thanked new officers Scott Espindola, Secretary and Bill Carpenter, 2nd Vice-President for coming onboard.

Installation of the Officers – Gary Gray. Gary administered the oath of office to the 2012 CPRA Executive Committee Officers on behalf of CPRA, the southern California chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials –International, Inc. (APCO). Each officer, as identified below, acknowledged acceptance of his/her respective duties and responsibilities by stating "I do."

CPRA Officers for 2012. The following individuals were installed as officers to serve the Chapter for 2012:

President – Adriana Spirescu

President-Elect – Tim Trager

Vice-President Bill Carpenter

Executive Council Delegate – Jim Acosta

Sergeant-at-Arms – Don Miller

Treasurer – John Wright

Secretary – Scott Espindola

A warm round of applause was given to the newly installed officers.

Outgoing President Comments. Ken thanked the Executive Committee and all the members of CPRA for their support. He then provided comments about a number of CPRA accomplishments during 2011. This included putting on a noteworthy APCO 2011 Western Region Conference, hosting a memorable Telecommunicator Awards Banquet, taking a proactive position regarding allocation of the D block 700 MHz frequency band, extending a visible outreach of support to adjacent chapters in Arizona and Northern California, and collaborating on a Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team (TERT) initiative. In closing, Ken again thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Chapter President. All in attendance gave Ken a resounding round of applause for his dedication, hard work, and service as President of the chapter for 2011.

Presentation of the Gavel – Ken Shearen. Ken asked Adriana to come forward. As noted she will serve as the CPRA President for 2012. Ken presented her with the official gavel for use in the upcoming year. Thus the transfer of responsibilities was duly accomplished.

Recognition Award for Outgoing President – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana presented Ken with an engraved plaque in recognition of his service to the chapter. On behalf of the chapter membership, she thanked him for his commitment, vision, and leadership while serving as CPRA President for 2011.

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New President Comments – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana thanked everyone for attending the dinner cruise and installation meeting. She commented that she was looking forward to working with the Executive Committee and all the chapter members in her role as President for the upcoming year, even if there was a little bit of trepidation thrown into the mix. Adriana then introduced her family who were there sharing the evening with her. She then passed the microphone around to each of the CPRA members and asked them to introduce their respective guests. Adriana commented how nice it was to see so many spouses, family members, and guests attending the installation dinner.

Musical Entertainment – Jazz Band. Adriana invited everyone to enjoy listening to the music of the jazz band while the boat continued its trip around the Long Beach harbor.

Meeting Adjourned. President Adriana then thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Notes for the Record.

Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC). Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting earlier in the afternoon. Ongoing and new frequency requests were then presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary