



OFFICIAL MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING

April 17, 2014

**Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel
7675 Crescent Ave
Buena Park, CA 90620**

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: CPRA
Early Bird Sponsor: Kevin Persing, Axell Wireless
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 2014 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Port of LA P25 700/800 MHz Trunked Voice/Data Network" presented by Gary Kimmerle, Director-West, Dailey-Wells Communications
Attendance: 65

AGENDA

Call to Order – Dick Granado. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. Dick welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us. He also spoke of this week being National Telecommunicators Week, when we honor dispatchers and technicians. He thanked Kevin Persing for being today's Early Bird Sponsor. He also mentioned Gary Kimmerle will be our program presenter today.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles.

Self Introductions: Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group. Dick introduced 2014 RF & IT Awards recipients, IT Technologist of the Year, Tony Dillinger, County of Riverside; Runner-Up, Steve Powell, City of Riverside; RF Engineer of the Year, Charles Rushing, County of Riverside; RF Technologist of the Year, Mel Swanberg, County of San Bernardino; Runner-Up, Adriana Spirescu, County of Orange; and Runner-Up Jimmy Stacey, County of Riverside.

Commercial Members Introductions – Ron Lyons. The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer. Kevin Persing briefly spoke of his Axell Wireless and the products and services they offer.

Chapter Officer Reports.

Membership Report – Ken Mann.

Membership Numbers: Ken advised we have two new members in March, and no new members for April. Current membership shows a total of 483 Chapter members, including 191 Full, 83 Commercial, 59 Associate, 61 Group, and 89 Online members. He also mentioned the new full members will receive the requisite complimentary meeting registration. They included:

Active:

- Margarita Diaz, El Centro Police Department – Dispatcher
- Janet Nakamura

Future Meetings Report – Don Miller: Don covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, programs, and meetings still in need of a program. Dick also spoke to the group about the upcoming Western Regional

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Conference in Arizona in May. The two candidates for 2nd Vice-President for APCO will be at the WRC as well. The 2014 APCO International Expo and Conference will be in August in New Orleans.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Parrino.

Monthly Financial Report: Joe provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member request.

Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta: The Board was very busy in March. They participated in the Georgia Chapter Conference, Missouri Chapter Conference, and IWCE. President Gigi Smith, Past President Terry Hall, and Executive Director Derek Poarch participated in the APCO Global Alliance meeting in Manchester, England on April 1 and 2. Flash Day garnered 787 registrants. Membership is at 19,746, as opposed to April 4, 2013 when it was at 16,220. Of that, 7134 are Online members. For anyone interested in becoming a Chapter Officer, the Chapter Leaders Teleconferences will be on May 21, 12:00-1:00 P.M. EST, and May 22, 2:00-3:00 P.M. EST. Jim will handle reserving a room for our Chapter meeting at the 2014 APCO International Conference & Expo. At the August 5th breakfast, Captain Phillips will be the speaker. The two 2nd Vice-President candidates, Mike Jeffres of the Nebraska Chapter and Cheryl Greathouse of the Georgia Chapter, will be speaking at the WRC. Anna Holmes asked Jim to explain the standing of Online members. Jim explained they have no vote, get no educational discounts, and are members online only. As well, they bring no revenue to our Chapter.

Regulatory Update.

FCC Issues – Gary Gray: Dave Buchanan 700 Minor Plan Amendment was approved for San Bernardino County. Dave heard the FCC has been putting together a 4.9 docket draft. Dick asked about responsibility for installing a BDA, which Dave answered to the best of his ability. Kevin Persing answered he feels the responsibility will go back to the license holder.

Telecommunicators Banquet. Tonight is the annual CPRA Telecommunicators Banquet to honor dispatchers, who do not always get the recognition they deserve. Tonight's attendance is over 270, which exceeds last year's attendance.

Program Presentation – Gary Kimmerle. Dick introduced Gary Kimmerle with Dailey-Wells, whom Dick has known for many years. Gary gave a brief history of the Port of Los Angeles, located in San Pedro Bay. It is the highest volume container port in the USA. Housed at the port is the USS Iowa. Gary encouraged all to take a tour of the ship if they have the opportunity. Gary's presentation was faced paced and thorough. He fielded questions from members at the end.

CPRA Annual Technical Awards Presentation – Mike Rowles and John Sarkissian. Dick requested John Sarkissian, Committee Chair, and Mike Rowles to come up to the podium to help present the awards. Dick called the winners to the front. Mike read the citations while Dick and John assisted in presenting the awards to the IT Technologist of the Year, Tony Dillinger, County of Riverside, and Runner-Up, Steve Powell, City of Riverside; RF Engineer of the Year, Charles Rushing, County of Riverside; RF Technologist of the Year, Mel Swanberg, County of San Bernardino, Runner-Up, Adriana Spirescu, County of Orange, and Runner-Up, Jimmy Stacey, County of Riverside. Jimmy was unable to attend and his award was accepted in his stead by Tricia Berg. The recipients had individuals from their respective agencies, and family members, attend the presentation.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.



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Notes for the Record.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Espindola
Secretary

