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OFFICIAL MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING
Chase Palm Park Center
236 E. Cabrillo Blvd.
Santa Barbara, CA
Thursday, June 21, 2018

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Larry Weber, The Sales Group
Early Bird Sponsor: CPRA Chapter
Secretary's Report: N/A – Chapter Secretary unable to attend
Treasurer's Report: John Wright
Presentation Sponsor: Applied Technology
Program: Mark E. Crosby, President/CEO Enterprise Wireless Alliance (EWA)
“An Insider’s View – Pending Spectrum Policy Decisions”
Attendance: 38

AGENDA

Call to Order

Chapter President Scott Espindola called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Jim Acosta** led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome Remarks

President **Scott Espindola** welcomed everyone to Santa Barbara and the June Chapter Meeting. Scott thanked **Larry Weber**, The Sales Group, for hosting the meeting. Scott also thanked **Mark E. Crosby**, Enterprise Wireless Alliance, for traveling across the country to be today’s program presenter. President Espindola also thanked Applied Technology for their support and for being today’s presentation sponsor.

Introductions

Vice-Chapter Commercial Advisory Member **Ron Lyons** conducted the self-introductions of those in attendance. Commercial Members were encouraged to provide a brief description of their companies, products, or services when introducing themselves.

Note: *Due to travel scheduling of the presenter, the program was moved to earlier in the meeting.*

Program

Mark E. Crosby, President/CEO of the Enterprise Wireless Alliance (EWA), presented “An Insider’s View – Pending Spectrum Decisions.” Mark covered what EWA provides its members and some highlights of EWA. Mr. Crosby discussed that he felt the FCC has a “strategic vision” for the future and that bands not fully utilized could be targets for spectrum sharing. Mark discussed FirstNet, T-Band, and 4.9 GHz. Mr. Crosby believed that the FCC may be looking at the underutilized 4.9 GHz Band for 5G commercial use. Mark discussed the increase in 800 MHz FCC non-compliant radio equipment being purchased from Asian Markets into the United States, many of which are delivered loaded with Public Safety Frequencies.

Networking Break

Chapter President **Scott Espindola** recessed the meeting for a fifteen (15) minute networking break at 11:10 am.

Future Meetings

Chapter President-Elect **Doug Roberts** covered the meeting locations for the next three (3) Chapter meetings:

- July 19th – Talley Inc., Santa Fe Springs, CA
- August 16th – The Old Spaghetti Factory, San Marcos, CA
- September 20th – “No Ties” - Knott’s Berry Farm, Buena Park, CA

Membership Report

Chapter Vice-President **Steve Miller** reported that the Chapter had thirty-two (32) new members. Twenty (20) new members are from the Orange County Fire Authority. Additional members are from the City of Costa Mesa, Los Angeles County Fire Department, San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, and three (3) new Commercial Members.

Financial Report

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** gave the financial report, including income and expenses for the past thirty (30) days. A printed copy of the report is available to members upon request.

Commercial Advisory Report

Vice-Chapter Commercial Advisory Member **Ron Lyons** welcomed the new Commercial Members. Ron reminded everyone that the Chapter Annual Vendor Exposition will be held on the fourth (4th) Thursday in October at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello, CA. Ron noted that they are looking at possibly providing up to four (4) training classes in conjunction with the Exposition which would be thirty (30) minutes each in length. Most likely these classes would be two (2) technical classes and two (2) operational classes. Ron advised that the booth space reservation forms would be out shortly.

APCO International Report

Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Jim Acosta** provided an update on APCO International activities. Jim reported that the APCO Certified Public-Safety Executive (CPE) class has forty-four (44) graduates so far. APCO membership as of May 1, 2017 was 28,614 and that as of May 1, 2018 the membership is 30,119. Jim discussed the upcoming APCO International Conference and Exposition in Las Vegas, NV. Jim reported that there are 1,261 attendees registered for the Conference, 70% of the blocked hotel space has been filled, and that 562 10’x10’ exhibit spaces have been sold to 254 companies.

Chapter Meeting Note

Chapter President **Scott Espindola** reminded everyone that since the Annual APCO International Conference is being held earlier this year, the August 2018 Chapter meeting will be on the normal third (3rd) Thursday, August 16, 2018, in San Marcos, CA.

Regulatory Update

Chapter Frequency Advisory Committee Co-Chair **David Buchanan** discussed the Public Safety 4.9 GHz Band and that it is still at risk for being taken away. Dave noted that the FCC may be looking at taking back some or all of the 4.9 GHz Band in exchange for the UHF T-Band. Dave reminded everyone that they need to be active in keeping the 4.9 GHz Band for Public Safety.

Special Presentation

APCO Past President **Gary David Gray** presented NAPCO Chapter President **John Lemon** with a 27 year old copy of the NAPCO Chapter Constitution & Bylaws which was dated January 19th, 1991.

Adjourn

Chapter President **Scott Espindola** adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.

The monthly meeting of the Southern California APCO Frequency Advisory Committee was held immediately following lunch.

