



OFFICIAL CHAPTER MINUTES

Chapter Zoom Video Conferencing Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2020

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: CPRA Commercial Members
Meeting Moderator: John Wright
Early Bird Sponsor: None
Secretary: Terri Nelson
Banner Sponsor: The Sales Group
Program: None
Attendance: 44

CALL TO ORDER

Chapter President **Howard Newton** called the meeting of the Southern California Chapter of APCO International to order at 1000 hours.

MODERATOR

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** presented the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT REMARKS

Chapter President **Howard Newton** asked for a motion to approve the November 2020 Meeting Minutes. **Gary Gray** made the motion to approve as is. **Tim Buchfeller** made the second. No objections were heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** stated it has been an honor to serve as Chapter President. The organization has been a resource for him for the last thirty-four (34) years and is essential to Public Safety. He believes in the good of First Responders and Technical Staff. In the last year, we have had to adopt and overcome the challenges we faced with COVID-19.

Last month, the Virtual Awards Ceremony was well attended and thanked **Terri Nelson** for organizing the event. **Howard** noted Congresswoman Norma Torres and Administrative staff were present to honor our First Responders, and Technical Personnel.

This is the last meeting of the year, and as we go thru changing of the guard in our first Virtual Officer Installation **Howard** thanked everyone for a great year. He recognized and thanked our Commercial Members for dedicating endless hours to the Chapter.

COVID changed all that and we quickly pioneered the zoom format

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Chapter President **Howard Newton** presented Chapter Awards to the following Chapter Members for their dedication and commitment during this year.



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1. Chapter Service Award – Terri Nelson
2. Chapter Service Award – John Wright
3. Chapter Service Award – Dale Digiambattista – not present
4. Chapter Service Award – Ernest Gallo
5. Chapter Service Award – Larry Weber
6. Chapter Service Award – Gary Gray
7. President Service Award – John Wright

SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION

Chapter Historian **Adriana Spirescu** presented a slideshow of photographs from the Virtual events and meetings that the Chapter participated in during 2020.

OFFICER INSTALLATION

Having been duly elected by the Membership Quorum of the Southern California Chapter of APCO-International, the California Public-Safety Radio Association, the following members were sworn into their respective offices for the 2021 calendar year by APCO International Past President **Gary David Gray**:

President	David Duenas, University of California, Los Angeles
President-Elect	Timothy Buchfeller, Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Vice-President	Ron Dunn, Santa Barbara Police Department
Secretary	Terri Nelson, Huntington Park Police (Ret.)
Treasurer	John Wright, Riverside Police Department (Ret.)
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jeffrey Loveland, Riverside Fire Department
Executive Council Delegate	Ernest Gallo, City of Torrance

FUTURE MEETINGS REPORT

President **David Duenas** provided an update of future meetings.

January – Vendor Training is Cradlepoint, and the Program is CSI Telecommunications

February – Vendor Training and Program to be determined. Lt. Lorenzo Glenn, Public Safety Peer Association.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Chapter President-Elect **Tim Buchfeller** provided an update on Membership as of 12/17/20.

Total Current Chapter Membership: 479

Full Members	257
Associate	16
Online	158
Commercial	48

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** gave the Financial Report for November. A printed copy of the Report is available to Members upon request.



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APCO BUSINESS

EC Delegate **Ernest Gallo** advised APCO is waiting to hear from Idaho in regards to the Western Region Conference. Hoping that they proceed with a Virtual Conference.

APCO is moving forward with plans for the San Antonio Conference in August. **Ernest** will update the Membership as information is received.

APCO continues to search for a home amongst the standing Committees for the Compassionate Care Program.

COMMERCIAL UPDATE

Howard asked the Commercial Members to introduce themselves.

Kevin Nida with FirstNet advised that Chief Jeffry Lane with the Gainesville Fire and Rescue Department in Florida was awarded the 2020 Chief Harlin McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award. A well-deserved award and congratulations were extended.

Karl Grover, 2021 NAPCO President, shared the NorCal APCO Objective Action Plan with the Membership.

REGULATORY UPDATE

Frequency Advisory Committee Co-Chair **David Buchanan** advised the FCC has sent out a notice requesting an agency email on all license applications. **David** suggested that agencies setup a general email that can be routed to the person who handles the licensing process regardless of future administrative changes. Frequency Advisory Committee Chair **Gary Gray** advised that on the FCC Website the current record can be modified and updated with an email address.

Frequency Advisory Committee Co-Chair **David Buchanan** advised there is a freeze on the 4.9 GHz. States can lease from the spectrum to public safety and non-public safety users. Unknown on what the potential impact may be. APCO will file a petition for consideration.

Motorola and the Capital Region are working together to deploy a Trunked Deployable System for the January Presidential Inauguration.

TELECOMMUNICATORS BANQUET

Operations Chair **Terri Nelson** reports the NTW buttons have arrived and the order form is posted on the Chapter Website.

Knott's Berry Farm Hotel is reserved for April 22, 2021 for the Technical Awards and the Telecommunicators Banquet. If the pandemic prevents an in-person event we will prepare for a Virtual Presentation.

ROUNDTABLE

John Wright thanked **Howard** and everyone for this years' work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Gary Gray welcomed the new Executive Members.



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Howard Newton encouraged all to consider volunteering to the Chapter, and to bring a friend to the meetings.

Howard passed the reigns to **David Duenas**.

Chapter President **David Duenas** thanked the Executive Committee for its continued support.

ADJOURN

Chapter President **David Duenas** adjourned this meeting at 1128 hours and announced a five (5) minute break before the Frequency Coordination Meeting.

FREQUENCY COORDINATION

Participants will continue on this Virtual Zoom Meeting.

Minutes prepared by,

Terri Nelson
Secretary, California Public-Safety Radio Association
