

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA APCO (NAPCO)

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2005

Woodland Public Library
Woodland, CA

HOST

Jana Snowball
County of Yolo

- A. Commencement of general meeting at 1010 hours by President Ken Stuber.
- B. Welcome and “what’s up” at YCCESA. Host Jana Snowball said that YCCESA is in the process of implementing wireless 911. They are also upgrading their radio infrastructure to a simulcast system with sites on Bald Mountain, the Cache Creek gaming casino, and in the future a site in Woodland. In March 2004 YCCESA became an accredited organization which has seen the implementation of upgraded policies and procedures.
- C. Thank you to our commercial sponsor this month, POSITRON of Roseville, CA, represented by their Western Region Sales Manager, Jamie Lim.
- D. Introductions were made of those in attendance.
- E. Secretary’s report. Secretary Bernardi said that the January General meeting minutes have been posted on the NAPCO web site, www.napco.org. A motion was entertained to accept the January General meeting minutes. M/S/P.
- F. New members. William De Camp said there were no new members to report.
- G. Treasurer’s report. Treasurer Bernardi said that from the period of 1/1/2005 through 2/7/2005, there was a reported income of \$6,223.00. Expenses during this period were \$8,010.67, resulting in

a net loss of \$1,787.67. The checking balance is \$20,679.77. Overall total, which includes the CD's, is \$78,897.20.

- H. Training Institute advisory committee report. Cynthia Keehen said that there is a mid year meeting at the end of February 2005. Work is in progress on rewriting the policy manual. With emerging technologies and budget constraints the committee is looking at doing technical training online and at a regional level.
- I. Executive Council report. Cynthia said that she was unable to attend the mid year meeting held at the end of January. Pat Carriveau filled in for Cynthia. There will be a full report at the next meeting in March. There is an APCO membership services survey on the APCO website. Check the February bulletin. There will be an inaugural APCO policy leadership award recognition dinner in WA, D.C., on April 12th, 2005. Seating fee is \$150 per chair. APCO is encouraging local Chapters to sign up new and ex APCO members in their membership drive. APCO has prepared a membership packet and is offering assistance as needed. Awards will be given to those Chapters signing the most new members. 2012 national conference is planned for Minneapolis, MN. Glen Nash said that Governor Tom Ridge will be the keynote speaker at this year's annual national conference in Denver, CO. Project 25 vocoder testing (changing analog voice to a digital signal and back) is going to be scheduled in Boulder, CO. This will be a 3 day effort.
- J. Committee reports.

Awards. William De Camp said that April 1, 2005 is the deadline to submit nominations to APCO International for 2004 awards for Telecommunicator-, Technician-, Line Supervisor-, and Communications Center Director-of-the-Year. NAPCO will not be recognizing 2004 awards in this year. NAPCO awards for 2005 will be recognized at the annual meeting in December 2005 in Pleasanton, CA. It is hoped that each NAPCO "-of-the-Year" awardee's agency will subsequently submit their NAPCO winner to APCO International as a candidate for APCO "-of-the-Year" awards at the 2006 national conference.

Training Funds: Cynthia Keehen said that from March 1, 2005 through May 1, 2005, scholarship funds for training are available. Apply on the APCO website.

Budget and Audit. Don Root and Kent Eldridge will set an appointment with Treasurer Bernardi to complete a financial audit for the year 2004.

Commercial Activity. Jeff Blau said there will be four rooms available for radio technician training at the joint conference in May 2005 at Concord, CA.

Constitution and Bylaws. Steve Overacker said that work is in progress.

Conference. Don Root said that work is progressing on schedule for the joint conference at the Concord Hilton. Dates of the conference are May 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Hotel rates are \$84.00 a night. There will be mailings next week for signups to the conference.

Dockets. Preston Thomson said that last week NEXTEL accepted the 800 MHz rebanding plan submitted by FCC.

Frequency engineering and advisory. Art McDole said that in the spirit of saving time, as there are many items to discuss, those items will be held over for the Frequency Coordination and Region VI NPSPAC meetings after lunch.

Emergency Medical Services. Mary Cook acknowledged that Chris Baker from Roseville Fire Department has volunteered to assist. No report at this time.

Historical. Tom Yerger said that the previous historian Margaret Perry is recovering from a recent medical condition. Anyone with old documents or articles on NAPCO is encouraged to send them to Tom. He can be reached by an email to tom.yerger@sfgov.org.

Membership and nominating. William De Camp introduced Michael Osborn, IT manager from the Stockton Police Department as the newest NAPCO director. He will fill this position through December 31, 2005.

Programs. No report.

Senior Membership/Member Recognition. No report.

Wireline and Interagency Systems. Don Root said that at the January 11, 2005 meeting held in San Jose the interoperability executive committee approved boundaries for core planning areas. The core area for Northern California would include the 12 bay area counties, and the I 80 freeway corridor to Nevada. Nevada DOT in Reno NV has expressed an interest in this interoperability which would involve Placer and Nevada counties in California. The next meeting will be on March 8, 2005.

Operations. No report.

Web Master. President Stuber thanked Ed Tobiasz for the work he has been doing on revitalizing our NAPCO web site.

- K. Other pertinent business. President Stuber introduced Richard Mirgon, Douglas County, who is a candidate for 2nd vice-president with APCO International. Mr. Mirgon spoke about his vision, leadership, experience, belief (Communications truly is “The Heart of Public Safety”), work experience, education, and awards.
- L. Open floor for comments/announcements. Secretary/Treasurer Bernardi announced the passing of NAPCO member Darwin Thompson on January 25, 2005, radio engineer from Solano County. A floral arrangement was sent to his widow expressing out sympathy and sorrow.
- M. Date and location of next meeting. March 11, 2005, in Dublin, CA. Our host will be Randy Hagar.
- N. Adjournment of General meeting at 1115 hours.
- O. A word from our sponsor. Jamie Lim, POSITRON, spoke briefly about who he was and how he looks forwarding to helping Public Safety agencies obtaining state of the art 911 phone systems, mapping, and other products.
- P. Brief break (time permitting).
- Q. Keynote presentation. Mr. Robert Negrete from the Altavista Group and Mr. Paul Niemann from NTI provided an insightful presentation on implementing Phase 1 and Phase II 911 wireless technology. They both stressed that a key component to making wireless 911 systems work is to have a robust mapping system that all users can easily interpret and utilize.
- R. Lunch.
- S. Frequency coordination meeting. After lunch.
- T. Region VI NPSPAC meeting following the frequency coordination meeting.