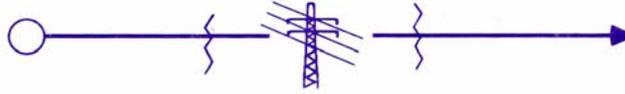




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**2003 FALL APDA SW AREA  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
October 10, 2003**

(TAKEN BY Lester Eaton) FILLING IN FOR Sandy Dewees

President Darlene Wright called the meeting to order at 8:05am

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

President: Darlene Wright  
Vice President: Not appointed  
Treasurer: Mike Napoleon  
Secretary: Absent  
Area Trustee: Larry Bellnap

A standing roll call of members was taken and a list of the members is attached to the original minutes.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Lester Eaton read the meeting minutes from the spring meeting in Indian Wells, CA. Mike Napoleon made a motion to accept the minutes, a second was made and the minutes were accepted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

None

**TREASURE'S REPORT:**

Mike Napoleon read his report (attached). The balance is as follows:

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|--------------------|----|-----------|
| • Promotional Fund | \$ | 0         |
| • Scholarship Fund | \$ | 12,200.39 |
| • General Fund     | \$ | 13,829.35 |
| • Total Balance    | \$ | 26,029.74 |

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:**

The winning 2003 Scholarship winners were \$1000 to Nicholas Kopf father is Ed Kopf from Nevada Power at will be attending Pepperdine University and \$500 to Matthew Yadegar who father is Bo Yadegar also from Nevada Power and will be attending University of Nevada Reno.

### **TRUSTEE'S REPORT:**

Larry Bellnap read trustee's report (attached).

Discussion was made about the distribution of the Nick Nicholson \$50,000.00 donation to APDA. This is thru the National Treasury. Discussion was made at the National Meeting to move this money into a split of the stock market and bonds, being aware that this total could run under the \$50,000.00 mark due to the market. At this time the interest is not making enough to cover the scholarship funds. The National wanted discussion among the local areas. It was agreed upon that distributing the money among between the market and CD's was the right thing with the SW area. This will be told to the National.

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

None

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Darlene read her report (attached).

### **REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP:**

- New membership total now stands at 489 members, up from 424 members in 2002
- Ray Marrel of Calpine, formally of PNM has a daughter with a brain tumor
- Jim Benson of AEPC has leukemia
- Ken of PNM generation moving over to PNM Marketing

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Weldon Perkins has had to step down as President of the SW Area due to health reasons. Darlene Wright as stepped in to resume this position from Vice President. A vote will take place to replace the Vice President position for the remaining of the term.
- A motion was made to elect a new Vice President to fill the spot of Darlene Wright. Michelle Wynn from (Grid Services) and Lester Eaton (SRP) were nominated to fill the Vice President position, and both accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was taken and Lester Eaton was elected to fill the position of Vice President for the remainder of the term.
- New Logo items arrived at the meeting here in New Mexico
- Getting good reports on the new Web Master, Web Site looking great and staying up to date
- Contact list being updated currently and will work on having this posted on the APDA Web Site.
- Submit any new information to Jeff L. for the newsletter.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION:**

Rich Hall from DOE

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will take place in Houston, Texas hosted by DUKE Energy, time and dates to be announced.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting a second was made and meeting adjourned.

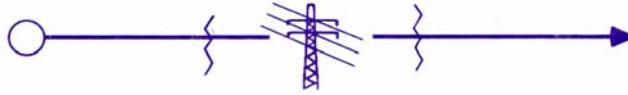
Respectfully submitted  
Sandra L. Dewees  
SW Area Secretary



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## **Southwest Area APDA Meeting October 8-11, 2003 Albuquerque, NM**

There has been two National Meetings since the last Southwest Area Meeting in Indian Springs, CA. The Spring National meeting was held in Hinckley, MN. May 15-17.

Business that was discussed at the Spring National meeting was:

Tom Wettlaufer resigned as National President. Rudy Spack, Vice President will assume the duties as President and Rodger Vanderpool was nominated and elected to fill the empty Vice President position.

The APDA National Board sent a letter to NERC in support of Continuing Education for re-certification. It was discussed how the APDA could become an outlet for training toward CE credits and re-certification at future meetings. It was decided to table discussion until NERC finalizes the process and then it will be readdressed.

Changing the National Officers title to International Officers was talked about, then tabled. It was felt that at this time there was no justification to change the designation. The members from Canada were in support of this decision.

Gordy Fisher was presented the Outstanding Dispatchers Award at the banquet on Saturday night.

The Fall National Meeting was held in LaCrosse, WI on the banks of the Mississippi River on Sept. 18-20, 2003.

Business that was discussed at this meeting:

The Nick Nicholson Scholarship Fund needs to be re-invested before the next National meeting. It was decided to roll it over in its current CD one more time, but that each Trustee was to go back to their areas and discuss the option of investing up to 50% of the \$50,000 in a Mutual Fund. The UMW area has their scholarship money in a fund that is currently making 5-8%. The current rate on the CD is only 1.9% and we are not making enough to fund the current \$2000 Scholarship. The trustee's would be a committee and decide which fund to put the money into.

It was discussed and a unanimous vote taken to change the Promotional Fund to the new name of “Jesse (Red) Paschall Promotional Fund.” Jesse was the original founder and organizer of what now is the American Power Dispatchers Association back in May of 1946. Bob Wesselink – Northwest Area Trustee will see if he can locate any members of Jesse’s family, let them know what we are doing and see if they would like to visit one of the Area or National meetings.

The idea of promoting the APDA was brought up. A committee was formed to look into advertising the organization in various ways (Professional publications, email, etc.) and the costs involved.

Website Master duties were talked about again. Someone had suggested that the Webmaster should be an officer. This was dismissed, as they are just like the Log Editor, a committee chairperson, which is not an officer. The National APDA has been paying the Webmaster \$1200 per year and he said he may be willing to do for free. We will see. The Southwest Area currently pays him \$600 per year. The general consensus of the membership is that this is a volunteer organization and we should not pay for a service from an APDA member.

The current National Account Balances are:

General Fund	\$22,966.82
Promotional Fund	\$7,039.46
Nick Nicholson National Scholarship Fund	\$53,709.74

Then next national meeting will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on May 13-15, 2004.

Respectfully submitted

Larry Bellnap  
Southwest Area Trustee

## President's Report – APDA Southwest Area 2003 Fall Meeting

As most of you probably know, Weldon Perkins had to step down from the office of President several months ago due to health reasons. As Vice President, I have taken on the duties of President for the remainder of the term.

While I have served on several boards for other organizations, this is my first opportunity to fill the office of President. I would like to thank the other officers and the membership for the support, encouragement, and patience that you all have given me during this transition. I certainly couldn't ask for better officers to serve with.

What I would like to see in the future for the Southwest Area is for us to continue to work on recapturing the excitement for the organization that used to permeate the industry. With most companies cutting costs, I know that management support for attendance at these meetings has dwindled. I would like to encourage each of you to report back to your management and let them know about the excellent training that you've received here, and how beneficial it has been to talk with folks from other utilities. Let your coworkers know about the contacts you've made and how good of a time you've had at this meeting. Talk about the APDA with your fellow workers and encourage them to join if they aren't already members. Talk about the APDA with people from other utilities whom you deal with and encourage them to join and attend these meetings. This is a very worthwhile organization, so please take the time to do your part to promote it.

Thank you,

Darlene Wright  
President, APDA Southwest Area