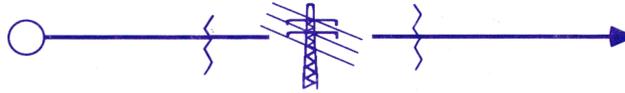




AMERICAN POWER DISPATCHERS ASSOCIATION INC.
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FALL SOUTHWEST AREA MEETING
HOUSTON, TEXAS
October 11, 2003

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

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

President:	Darlene Wright
Vice President:	Lester Eaton
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 2004 Meeting in Indian Wells, CA. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read and Mike Napoleon made a second to accept the minutes as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

None

TREASURE'S REPORT:

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

Promotional Fund	\$ 210.00
Scholarship Fund	\$11,680.39
General Fund	\$13,343.75
Total Balance	\$25,134.14

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

John Sullivan reports applications for the Southwest Scholarship are on the website with the cutoff date of May 26, 2004. Check the website. If you have High School Seniors looking for scholarships have them get their applications in. Also, if anyone wants to be on the selection committee, get you name and address to John Sullivan. John is looking for 5 to 6 people to help with the selection committee. Prior to presenting the names to the selection committee John will eliminate any information as to the identity of the applicant. Once that has been completed he will that send out the remaining information to the selection committee to decide on the winner/winners. If the selection committee could be spread over the southwest area that would be great.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Larry Bellnap reported there has not been a National Meeting since the last Southwest Area meeting with the next meeting to be held in Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada on May 13 thru 15. Larry and gave a brief overview of his last report for those who were not there. We have already talked about the Nick Nicholson fund and the \$50,000 and the distribution of it in to different areas so hopefully we can make a little money on it with the CD's. There was a unanimous vote taken to re-name the promotional fund to the Jesse (Red) Paschall Promotional Fund. If you get a chance read the history of the association, he was the gentleman who started this whole thing over 50 years ago up in the northwest. The idea of promoting APDA was brought up and a committee was formed and are going to create some brochures and will start advertising again in the trade journals. The web site duties were talked about and discussed whether the Web Master should be an Officer and was decided it should not, just like the Log Editor and several other people who are actually committee chair persons. The balance of the National account are:

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

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Les did not have a report but, but did want to thank the members for the opportunity to fill in as vice president for the next few meetings. We are coming a long way and building ground especially with the continuing education credits and training we are getting is helping out APDA and building our membership. Working hard to try to keep it that way. Thank you for electing to this post and will work hard at keeping it that way.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Darlene thanked everyone for showing up and coming to the meeting that is has been good so far and emphasizing for everyone to go back and report to their management and co-workers about the training, that is a big focal point in the future for management to have people attend the meetings. She recently had spoken to a gentlemen from IID who stated that they had a new supervisor and the new supervisor is under the impression that the meetings are a big party time for everybody and is not allowing any of them in that particular department to attend the meetings. Which is sad, especially with all the training she thinks this is a worthwhile organization and the meetings are important. With the advent of the NERC CE credit program, she is hoping the training is going to encourage companies to start embracing APDA again. These meetings used to be huge and are slowly dwindling down, as companies are cutting back on their budgets. If we can get them to see that this is a valuable resource for their employees, will involve everyone going back and talking to their employers and co-workers. Don't be shy, let them know you had a good time and learned something. The next meeting is going to have the continuing educations credits offered and looks like this is going to be standing in the future meetings.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Membership total now stands at 330 members, with checks for membership still coming in.
- Chuck Howell, past area president and trustee years ago is currently battling cancer. Was diagnosed with kidney cancer before Christmas and was removed, after Christmas found it has spread to his lungs and is going thru therapy now.
- Nevada Power has entered an agreement with IBEW Local 396 to represent the company's electrical system Control Center in Las Vegas Transmission, Reliability, Distribution Dispatchers, System Operator Trainer and Pre-Schedulers.
- At Nevada Power Cliff Troxell left dispatching to return to the field as a Trouble Shooter, Glenn Hill married MaryAnne M. and Mike Hoffman married Linda Lee from Dallas Texas.
- Welcome to Nevada Power to Dale Garcia from PNM and Dave Kindig from First Energy in PA
- Weldon Perkins is doing better and getting along ok, on long term disability from Excel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jeff Liddicotte the Newsletter Editor will not be able to continue, mostly what he has been doing is putting a newsletter out on the web site, we have not been outing out a hard copy. Need to get a volunteer to take his place. Please let one of the Officers know is anyone is interested.
- Michelle Wynn volunteered to help with the newsletter.
- Jesus volunteer to help Mike Napoleon with the membership renewal.
- John Sullivan needs help with the Scholarship Selection Committee.

NEW MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION:

Mike Napoleone read a list of all new members for 2004.

NEXT MEETING:

ISO in conjunction with SMUD, NCPA and others will be hosting the fall meeting, September 27 - 30 in Lake Tahoe, California. This is a mid week meeting due to cost.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alison McDaniels motion was made to adjourn the meeting and a second was made by John , meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Sandra L. Dewees
SW Area Secretary