



AMERICAN POWER DISPATCHERS ASSOCIATION INC.
System Operators

GENERATION — TRANSMISSION — DISTRIBUTION



SOUTHWEST AREA
Fall 2009 Meeting
Lake Tahoe, Ca.
Sept. 15-18, 2009

President Larry Bellnap called the meeting to order at 1330 hours.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

President: Larry Bellnap
Treasurer: Michele Wynne
Secretary: Pat McCormick
Area Trustee: Jesus Martinez

A roll call of members was taken and a list of the members is attached.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Pat McCormick read the minutes from the Spring 2009 meeting in San Francisco, Ca. Larry Vargas made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Tim O'Connell seconded.

CORRESPONDENCE: Larry received some marketing material from Embassy Suites in Napa, Ca. asking if we would be interested in holding a meeting in the future. No plans at this time though it seemed like a great location.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

TREASURE'S REPORT: Michele Wynne reported on the area finances as follows: **APDA SW Account**

Balance

as of Sept 14, 2009

General Fund	\$13,853.05
Promotional Fund	\$201.05
Scholarship Fund	\$7,013.39
Meeting Fund	-\$404.82
Total	\$20,662.67
Current SW Area	339
Membership	

Tim O'Connell made a motion to except the Treasure's report as read while Mark MacKenzie seconded.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE: Jesus discussed the Fall 2009 SW AREA Trustee Report submitted by Michele Wynne who attended the Fall 2009 National APDA meeting held May 26 in Atlanta, Ga.

At the meeting the announcement was made that the National Scholarship Committee will be chaired by Jeanne Hunter. Jeanne will recruit members for the Committee to handle the applications.

Also the recommendation was made and carried to increase the National funding for CEH's presented at each area meeting to \$1000 per meeting, increasing the total reimbursement to \$1500 (\$500 for meeting expenses and \$1000 for CEH's) beginning with the Fall 2009 area meetings.

The possibility of the APDA developing CEH courses was discussed. It was decided that if enough people could be rounded up to try ant tackle this task, then a plan should be brought forth and a decision could be made of whether to continue on.

The next National APDA Board of Trustees meeting will be held November 16-19 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**National Treasurer's Report as of 9//08: National
APDA Account Balance
as of May 26, 2009**

Jesse (Red) Paschall	\$9,589.55
Promotional Fund	
Nick Nicholson	\$59,726.44
Scholarship Fund	
Cash	\$36,563.04
Total	\$105,879.03
Members for 2008	1781

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Larry Bellnap made another appeal for sponsors for the Spring 2010 meeting. No sponsor or location has yet to be named. However, IID- Southern Ca. was considered as a possibility along with holding a joint meeting with Northwest Area in Vancouver, Wa.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark MacKenzie reported that two Scholarships were awarded this year. 1st place award of \$1250 goes to Jessica M. Rivera granddaughter of APDA member James L. Jones from SW Transco. 2nd place award of \$750 goes to Tracy A. Fosterling step daughter of APDA member Lawrence Linssen of PNM-Reliability. Congratulations to both Jessica and Tracy.

BUSINESS (new and old): A discussion followed regarding improving Area communications and website-

- Michele is going to try and get the Newsletter out quicker following the meeting.
- Michele announced that the new SW Area webmaster is Gayle Taylor of Avista.
- Jeff Litticote requested more up to date info on the area website.
- Jesus recommended having quicker turn around on minutes of the meetings, newsletter, reports etc.
- Larry pointed out the fact that approximately 1/3 of the membership is made up of Cal ISO employees. Larry suggested we focus on recruiting new members from other utilities in the Southwest Area.
- Jesus pointed out that the Southwest Area is next in line to host the National meetings and offices. We are not in a position to take on the National responsibilities and so the Southeast will more than likely keep it another 2 years.
- Jeff asked the question- What is everybody doing as far as recruiting new members? A discussion ensued regarding recruitment.
- Larry tasked Jeff to go to our website and develop a list of everything that is wrong with the Area website and submit the list to Gayle our webmaster.
- The question was raised- Should we have a membership drive?

REPORT OF ACCIDENT, SICKNESS OR DEATH OF MEMBERS: Larry Bellnap requested a moment of silence in memory of Chuck Howell- long standing APDA member and past president, Jim Johnson-Riverside and Gary Bradshaw-Riverside.

NEXT MEETING: The Spring 2010 meeting place has yet to be determined. Possibilities are Southern California or combined with the NW Area in Vancouver, Wa.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: WAPA Folsom installing new EMS-going live hopefully in October this year. WAPA-Loveland developing long-term consolidation plans with WAPA-Phoenix. CISO operating under new MRTU market. Riverside going to 2 people per shift. Transpower New Zealand installing new Ariva EMS and Market software.

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Vargas made a motion to adjourn and Daniel Cox seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 1520 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Patrick McCormick
APDA SW Secretary