



AMERICAN POWER DISPATCHERS ASSOCIATION INC.
System Operators

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APDA Southwest Area Fall Meeting
Manhattan Beach, California
Thursday October 22, 2015

President Michele Wynne called the meeting to order at 1310 hours.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Michele Wynne – President, Trustee
Dan Morse – Vice President
Larry Bellnap – Treasurer
Jennine Hinkle - Secretary

ROLL CALL OF MEETING ATTENDEES:

Michele Wynne, Grid Services	Jan Ronald, Transpower
Dan Morse, PG&E	John Logan, DCPUD
Larry Bellnap, CAISO	Sergio Carrasco, BWP
Jennine Camara, Riverside	Juan Gallegos, BWP
Felix Gonzales, CAISO	Walter Hibbler, Sharyland
Gina Wansor, CAISO	Paul Morland, Colorado Springs
Dawn Solis, CAISO	Phillip F. Shafee, Colorado Springs
Ricardo Perez, CAISO	Mike Shultz, Colorado Springs
Chris Bossard, CAISO	Robert Kerr, LADWP
Dylan D'Ercole, CAISO	Larry R. Vargas, SRP
Michael Menz, CAISO	John C. Amyx, SMUD
Steve Auradou, PG&E	

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Jennine Hinkle read the minutes from the Spring 2015 meeting held in San Francisco, California. Steve Auradou made a motion to accept as read, seconded by Robert Kerr. The Motion carried.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Michele Wynne, Area Trustee, reports nothing new at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry Bellnap read the Treasurer's Report. As of Oct 1st, 2015 the Southwest Area account contains \$33,029.97.

As of October 1, 2015	
General Fund	\$22,467.03
Meeting Fund	\$9,406.00
Promotional Fund	\$2,296.05
Scholarship Fund	\$(1,139.11)*
Total	\$33,029.97

*refund of \$1,250 received after Oct 1.

There are 331 registered members for 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship chair, Curtis Pavard from Burbank, was not in attendance. Michele Wynne reminds members of scholarships with additional information available on the SW Area website.

Southwest Area Scholarship

Entering Freshman - \$1,250 and \$750

Continuing Student - \$1,000

Postmark April 1, Closes April 15

National Scholarship

Freshman and Continuing Students - \$1,500/each

Closes May 15

OLD BUSINESS

Michele Wynne reminded membership about the IncSys Scholarship to support becoming a system operator. Scholarship is to support an individual to take the NERC exam, applicant must also have an operator as a mentor. The IncSys Scholarship went to Daniel Antinora from NV Energy. He is a member of the NV Energy field crew and is currently preparing to take the exam.

The 2015 Entering Freshman Scholarship received two applications. The first place award of \$1,250 went to Jesus Martinez, son of Jesus Martinez with Riverside Public Utilities. The second place award of \$750 went to Erik Jensen, son of Jerome Jensen with Glendale Water and Power. There were no applicants for the Continuing Student award. Robert Kerr reminded membership that scholarship applicants do not have to be planning a career in the Electric field. Scholarship is for the benefit of member's children, grandchildren, step-children, and dependents to support the individual's education.

NEW BUSINESS

Michele Wynne reported that new logo shirts are available for sale and requested feedback on the current selection.

Michele Wynne reminded membership that historically the Southwest Area scholarship has been funded from raffle sales, with recent sales not generating close to the funding needed to support the scholarship fund. Last year, membership voted to transfer from the General fund the amount needed for the 2015 scholarships. Michele opened discussion on transferring from the General fund again to support the 2016 scholarships, and discussion on ideas for scholarship funding. Opinions pointed out that membership should be careful when voting for transfers from the General fund without careful consideration, as keeping the organization financially afloat is a priority as group is presented with increasing costs. Members inquired about increasing vendor support at meetings to help with costs and donations. Dan Morse suggested forming a group to work on reaching out to vendors for increase participation and to work with the raffle committee on scholarship funding. Steve Auradou, Dylan D'Ercole, and Larry Bellnap volunteered to continue researching options and bring ideas to the group at the next meeting.

Members discussed eliminating the Continuing Student scholarship at this time and bringing it back when funding is able. Members considered approving transfer from the General fund to support the Freshman scholarships, while the group is looking into funding ideas. Robert Kerr made a motion to eliminate the Continuing education scholarship and to transfer \$2,000 from the General fund for the 2016 scholarships, seconded by Walter Hibbler. Members voted and accepted motion.

Additional ideas for future meeting locations were discussed. Suggestions include Albuquerque NM, Austin TX, Denver CO, Tempe AZ, board requested ideas for locations be presented for group discussions. Additional discussion of adjusting future meeting costs to members, pricing to be on a sliding cost based on the number of Continuing Education Hours at each meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Mark MacKenzie passed away September 14, 2015. He retired from Burbank Water & Power in December 2014.

NEXT MEETING.

The Spring 2016 Meeting will be held jointly with the Northwest in Middletown, California (west of Sacramento) on May 2nd through 5th, 2016. Calpine is sponsoring the event and it is currently scheduled at Twin Pine Casino in Middletown, CA. The meeting will be sponsored in conjunction with Calpine's Geysers.

Meeting was adjourned at 1409.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennine Hinkle, SW Area Secretary