



# APDA Southwest Wire

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## Future APDA Meetings

PNM Hosts Fall 2007 –  
Albuquerque, NM, October 8  
- 11

Spring 2008 – Long Beach,  
Ca (tentative)

Nevada Power Hosts Fall  
2008 – Las Vegas, NV,  
October, 2008

## APDA Dues

APDA membership dues are  
\$21/year. For more  
information, contact Sandy  
at [SDeweese@nevpa.com](mailto:SDeweese@nevpa.com).

## APDA Scholarship

Dependents of APDA  
members are eligible for the  
SW and National college  
scholarships. Information is  
available on the SW and  
National web pages

## Contact Us

[www.apdasouthwestarea.org](http://www.apdasouthwestarea.org)

## Spring 2007 Meeting in Phoenix

Arizona Public Service hosted the Spring 2007 SW meeting on May 8, 9 and 10 2007 at the Orange Tree Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. Mark Veach did great job coordinating the event. More than 30 members attended. Team building activities included golf and an Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game.

For the Spring meeting, Mark arranged for NERC CE hours training on both Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday, SOS International provided EOPS training in the morning. The afternoon was reserved for Voltage and Frequency Control in Abnormal Conditions presented by Mike Terbruggen or O-T-S. Wednesday saw Steve Blume, of Applied Professional Training, Inc., provide training on Interconnected Power System Protection and Operator Awareness.

Mark MacKenzie, Scholarship Committee Chairman, reported that the 2007 SW Area Scholarships go to Robert Bevins, Jr., son of Robert Bevins of AEPCO, and Bently Falani, son of Robert Falani of TEP. Congratulations and good luck to both of them and their proud parents.

Thanks again Mark for an excellent meeting. And special thanks to our corporate sponsors: Applied Professional Training, Inc., Shell Trading, and TESLA, Inc.

## Fall 2007 Meeting in Albuquerque

Public Service New Mexico is hosting the Fall 2007 meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 8 – 11 at the Embassy Suites. Cindi Carrillo, SW Area Treasurer, is coordinating the event. She has scheduled two days of training totaling 12 NERC CE hours.

Cindi has organized several excellent activities for attendees. On Wednesday, we have an opportunity to take an evening tram ride to the top of Sandia Peak for dinner. Early Thursday morning, we board a bus to the Balloon Fiesta Park to watch the Special Shapes Rodeo. Later on Thursday, we will have an opportunity to golf at the Santa Ana Golf Course or visit the Historic Old Town. Registration and hotel information is available on the SW web page.



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## The President's Report

The past two years have gone by so fast. It seems like yesterday that I become our organization's President. I appreciate all the support your core of officers have received. The Southwest Area is currently comprised of over 375 members from over 30 companies stretching from California to Texas. We look forward to increasing our membership numbers in the coming months. So far in 2007, we met several of our 2007 goals. Although we achieved some accomplishments, we are lacking in most areas compared to 2006. I hope that you will all work together with your fellow Southwest Area Officers toward achieving our 2007 goals. We still have 7 months in order to surpass last year's accomplishments. As a reminder, please look on our website at the minutes of the fall 2006 meeting for the Southwest Area 2007 goals.

I would like to personally thank APS for hosting the Spring 2007 Southwest Area APDA meeting in Phoenix. In addition, I would like to thank all of our sponsors who have donated money, time and services to make sure our members have a productive and enjoyable meeting. A special thanks goes to Mark and Carol Veach for their time and dedication in planning our Spring 2007 meeting. Please take the time to personally thank Mark for planning our meeting. As President, I look forward to working with all of our members to achieve our goals. I will be working with your APDA contact person to keep all of you informed of the activities we have planned. For pictures of past meetings and new details of upcoming meetings, please visit the National APDA website at [www.apda.org](http://www.apda.org). I hope to see a minimum of 1 representative from each member company in the southwest at the Southwest Area Fall APDA meeting in October of 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please join your area offices in helping to make our Fall meeting a huge success.

Sincerely,

Jesus Martinez  
Southwest Area  
APDA President

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## Southwest Area Trustee Report

The National Fall Meeting was held in Denver, Colorado September 20, 2006 in conjunction with the Southwest Area Meeting. Michele Wynne, SW Area Vice President, did a wonderful job of organizing the joint meeting.

The weather was beautiful the first couple of days, but it soon turned to cloudy, cool and some rain the balance of the week. Luckily the hotel was within walking distance of much shopping and wonderful eating establishments. For the extracurricular activity, many of the attendees enjoyed going to see the Colorado Rockies play the San Francisco Giants at Coors Field. (The final score was 12-4, Rockies!)

Our own SWA Vice President, Michele Wynne, gave a good overview of System Restoration Philosophies and Control Performance Standards. The bulk of our training was given by Rich Minetto of Applied

Professional Training, Inc. The topics covered were Power Generation, Power Transfer & Stability which gave us 8 CEH's.

A recommendation was made to make available to each area an additional \$500 per meeting to support continuing education. The decision was made to raise the amount an area can request from the National to \$1000 per meeting.

National dues have been reduced by \$5.00 from \$16.00 to \$11.00 effective 2007. Several Areas, including the SWA, have decided to keep dues the same and put the extra funds into a training account to help cover the cost of training at the meetings.

The balance in the National Treasury are as follows:

General Fund	\$36,358.33
Jesse (Red) Paschall Promotional Fund	\$8,072.71
Nick Nicholson Scholarship Fund	\$72,826.06
Total	\$117,257.10

Kevin also amended his Spring Treasurers report: The General Fund balance included the Jesse (Red) Paschall Promotional Fund in it's total of 53,869.79 but should have been \$42,245.92.

The National Officers will be moved to the Southeast Area after the completion of the current officers in the Spring of 2008. The future officers will be:

National President	Danny Bucklen, GASOC
National Vice President	Frank Harris, Southern Company
National Treasure	Janet Smith, Retired
National Secretary	Liz Lanqlois, Entergy

Sandy Dewees, SWA Secretary, offered to hold an all areas meeting in the Fall of 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Nevada Power will have a new control center for touring at that time. It was decided to work towards holding a meeting in late September or early October 2008 and open it to any area that wants to conduct their Fall meeting in Las Vegas. This would be strictly voluntary for each area to decide.

The next National Meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon June 19-21.

Respectfully submitted,

Dar Wright  
SWA Trustee

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