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APDA membership dues are \$21/year

APDA Scholarship

Applications must be postmarked by April 10, 2009

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Highlights of Fall 2008 Meeting in Las Vegas

NV Energy (formally Nevada Power) hosted the Fall 2008 meeting in Las Vegas the week of October 6. The week long meeting included over 100 attendees from across the country. Attendees came from across the Southwest Area and as far away as Georgia and New Zealand. Together SOS International and Applied Professional Training provided almost four days of NERC certified training, including 3 days of hands on simulations.

The highpoint of the meeting was a half day trip to Hoover Dam hosted by Vince Blaeser of Monitor Mapboard Systems. Participants had the rare opportunity of touring the Dam's Control Center.

A host of companies provided support for the meeting. They included Tesla, Inc, SOS International, Applied Professional Training, AREVA, AVI-SPL, Saje Software Design Group, Bismarck State College, ABB, OATI, Monitor Mapboard Systems and Sierra Pacific Resources.

The SW Business meeting was held on October 10th. Pat McCormick, Area Secretary, read the minutes. Michele Wynne, Area Treasurer reported that as of September 30 the Southwest had 338 members. A summary of area finances is provided below:

APDA SW Account Balance as of September 30, 2008

General Fund	\$14,055.45
Promotional Fund	\$1,495.72
Scholarship Fund	\$7,328.39
Total	\$22,879.56

Larry Bellnap, Area President made a request for sponsors for the Spring 2010 meeting and for help with the Southwest website.

Under new business, the members discussed an offer from SOS International to provide an annual "scholarship" for access to the SOS online courseware. The membership decided to make Sandy Dewees the 2008 recipient and have her report back on her experience.

Larry thanked NV Energy for hosting the meeting and the sponsors for their support. The Spring 2009 Meeting will be hosted by PG&E in San Francisco the week of May 11th. The Fall 2009 meeting will be hosted by CAISO in Lake Tahoe the Week of September 14th.

Spring 2008 Meeting in Long Beach

The Fall 2008 APDA meeting was held in Long Beach, California on March 11 – 14, 2008. Before the meeting, the golfers were treated to a round at Trump National Los Angeles. The course has a stunning view of the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island. Speaking of Catalina, 25 members took the hydrofoil to the island for a day of site seeing. On Thursday evening, the members took a nighttime tour of the Queen Mary.

The two day meeting focused on NERC training. Applied Professional Training provided 12 hours of hands on simulations. SOS International and Burbank reviewed the Burbank 2005 Outage and Black Start. The presentation provided an additional 2 CEHs.

The business meeting was held on March 14th. Michele Wynne, Area Vice President, read the minutes from the Fall 2007 meeting. Michele thanked Tesla, Inc. SOS International and Powerdex for sponsoring the meeting.

Jesus Martinez, Area President, thanked the membership for their support during his tenure as President.

Mark MacKenzie, Scholarship Chair, reported that the scholarship application can now be completed online. The applications must be postmarked by April 10th and received by April 15th. The winner receives \$1,250 and the first runner-up receives \$750.

Under New Business, elections were held for new officers. The new officers are:

Larry Bellnap (CAISO) – President
Sandy Dewees (NEVP) - Vice President
Michele Wynne (Grid Services) Treasurer
Pat McCormick (SMUD) - Secretary
Jesus Martinez (Riverside) - Trustee

Thanks to our sponsors:



Future Meetings

Pacific Gas and Electric is hosting the Spring 2009. The meeting is to be held during the week of May 11th in San Francisco. A schedule will be available in February.

The Fall 2009 meeting will be the week of September 14th. The California ISO is hosting the in Lake Tahoe.

If you are interested in hosting a meeting in 2010, please contact Larry Bellnap at LBellnap@caiso.com or Sandy Dewees at sdewees@nvenergy.com.

2008 Southwest Scholarship Award

The 2008 APDA Scholarship Award goes to Kathleen L. Fosterling, Stepdaughter of PNM's Lawrence Linssen.

Kathleen attends Rio Rancho High School in New Mexico where she has earned many awards including: Math Excellence Award, All Academic Team, National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Most Improved Player, and Most Valuable Player.

Her other school activities are Student Council, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Tennis and US Tennis Association.

She helps her community by volunteering to walk dogs, teach youth tennis, and work in the Special Olympics. Somehow she also finds the time to hold jobs in restaurants and customer service while maintaining a GPA of 3.58.

A few quotes from her teachers: "Katie has managed to balance her many deadlines and commitments without compromising the quality or quantity of her effort and product outcomes", "Clearly, her unshakeable work ethic has enabled her to succeed in multiple areas of her life".

While Kathleen was researching her senior paper on alternative energy source usage she became in awe of the subject. She states, "I realized that this is something I want to pursue. I want to study ways to preserve the environment and keep our planet beautiful".

She would like to attend Northern Michigan University and study Environmental Engineering.

Congratulations Kathleen and good luck as you continue your education.

2009 Dues

The 2009 membership dues remain at \$21 per member. \$5 of our dues goes to insure each meeting contains NERC CEH hours.

The deadline for dues is March 2009. The payment should be accompanied with member contact information: Name, Company, email address, phone number. Send dues to:

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