



# APDA Southwest Wire

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Fall 2009 week of September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at Harrah's Hotel and Casino in Lake Tahoe

## 2009 APDA Dues

APDA membership dues are \$21/year

## APDA Scholarship

See SW and National websites for applications. New SW scholarship for college students available.

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## Spring 2009 Meeting in San Francisco

Pacific Gas and Electric hosted the Fall 2009 meeting at the Tuscan Inn Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco on May 12 – 14. Twelve Continuing Education Hours were provided during the meeting. On Wednesday morning, attendees received training on the WECC 1 RAS by Carlos Drago of PG&E. David Hawkins of the California ISO followed with a presentation on Wind Generation. This was followed by training on Outage Coordination presented by Sun-Net Consulting. In the afternoon, SOS International provided four hours of restoration simulations.

Our scholarship raffle and banquet were held on Wednesday night. The raffle added \$400 to the scholarship fund.

On Thursday, Laurie Jones of PG&E refereed a table against table challenge to answer specific questions on transmission related Reliability Standards. Primate Technologies followed with Situational Awareness training.

Our final trainer was Doug Harrington of Team Formation. His presentation, "Realizing, Voicing and Resolving Conflict in a Time-Critical Environment" The Importance of Communicating Conflict" focused on how team dynamics can impact time critical decisions. In his presentation, Doug identified several "truths" about teams. Two of them are:

1. It is not possible for an entire time to "go stupid" at the same time.
2. The smartest people make the dumbest mistakes.

The SW Business meeting was held on Thursday afternoon. Pat McCormick, Area Secretary, read the minutes. Michele Wynne, Area Treasurer reported that as of May 1, the Southwest had 319 members. At the last Board, the Board decided to break out the cost of the meetings. The Treasurer noted that the Meeting Fund does not include the transfer from the General of \$5 per member to support training. The transfer was approved by the membership at the Denver meeting. A summary of area finances is provided at the end of the article.

Under old business, Larry Bellnap, Area President made a request for sponsors for the Spring 2010 meeting.

At the Las Vegas meeting, the members voted for Sandy Dewees to be the first recipient of the SOS International award. The recipient is allowed access to their System Operator training materials. Sandy

informed the Board that NV Energy would cover the cost of the SOS System Operator Certification Training. At the San Francisco meeting, the membership offered the scholarship to Les Eaton of SRP. Larry received a note from Les thanking the membership and accepting the scholarship

Under new business, meeting the members voted on a new \$1,000 scholarship that will be given to the winning applicant to continue their college education. This makes it a total of three scholarships that the Southwest Area will award in the spring of 2010.

Larry thanked PG&E for hosting the meeting. The Fall 2009 meeting will be hosted by CAISO in Lake Tahoe the Week of September 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **APDA SW Account Balance as of May 1, 2009**

General Fund	\$16,954.47
Promotional Fund	\$201.04
Meeting Fund	-\$1976.12
Scholarship Fund	\$8,648.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,827.79</b>

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## 2009 Southwest Scholarship Winners

The Southwest Area awarded two scholarships for graduating high school seniors. 2009. The first place award of \$1,250 was presented to Jessica M. Rivera of Tucson, Arizona. Jessica was sponsored by James L. Jones from SW Transco in Benson, Arizona. She will be attending the University of Arizona.

The second place award of \$750 was presented to Tracy A. Fosterling of Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Her sponsor was Lawrence Linssen of PNM. She will be attending Otero Junior College in Colorado.

If the Fosterling names seems familiar that is because Kathleen, Tracy's sister, won the 2008 scholarship. Nice going Larry!

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## Future Meetings

The California ISO will be hosting a joint NW/SW Fall 2009 meeting at Harrah's Hotel in South Lake Tahoe on September 15 – 18, 2009. Hotel information and a tentative agenda can be found on the Southwest website. 12 CEH will be available. The training will be on:

- Critical Thinking & Situational Awareness – 4 CEH
- Relay training – 2 CEH
- Voltage Control – 2 CEH
- Simulation – 4 CEH

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