



APDA Southwest Wire

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Future APDA Meetings

Fall 2010 Meeting will be in San Diego, CA September 14 – 17, 2010.

2010 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 2010 Meeting in Vancouver, WA

PacifiCorp hosted the joint Northwest/Southwest Spring 2010 at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA on May 25 - 27, 2010.

Early arrivers had the option for spending the afternoon before the meeting. They could play golf at the Camas Meadows Golf Club, a four star rated public golf course. Or they could tour Bonneville Dam.

Wednesday was training day. Robert Eubank from WECC provided four hours of Restoration training. Training included the causes of system shutdowns, restoration planning, restoration priorities and a review of voltage and frequency topics related to restoration.

In the afternoon, Larry Bellnap from the CAISO provided four hours of training on the Navajo Generating Station. Larry started in the utility business at Navajo. His training included pictures of actual plant equipment and diagrams that illustrated how the plant operated. Larry's personal experiences provided additional insights for members who have not worked at a coal plant.

A half-day of training was provided on Thursday morning. Tom Dunklee provided an excellent overview of the summer weather trends for the Northwest. This was followed Effective Communications training by Robert Williams.

In addition to the 12 hours of instructor-led CEH, Bismarck State College provided 4 hours of online training on the NERC Emergency Operation Standards. SOS International provided 4 hours of online training on Protection and Control.

The SW Business meeting was held on Thursday afternoon. Pat McCormick, Area Secretary, read the minutes. Michele Wynne, Area Treasurer reported that the Southwest has 332 members and \$28,158.07 in the bank.

APDA SW Account Balance as of May 20, 2010	
General Fund	\$14,677.15
Promotional Fund	\$201.05
Scholarship Fund	\$5,517.89
Meeting Fund	\$7,761.98
Total	\$28,158.07

Southwest Scholarship News

Each spring, the Southwest presents scholarships to high school graduating seniors of APDA members. This is the first year the Southwest has also offered a scholarship for continuing college students.

For 2010, the first place "Entering Freshman Scholarship" of \$1,275 goes to Asya Hollins, daughter of member Gary Hollins. Asya is graduating high school with a 4.3 GPA, in a class of 509 sharing the rank of one with three others. Her scholarship application included: one full page of "honors and awards", one full page of volunteer work, and a page and a half of extracurricular activities (where did she find time)! Members of the school staff wrote her glowing letters of recommendation. One teacher of 32 years commented "Asya ranks among the top five students I have known" and "She is truly a Renaissance woman". Asya will be attending UCLA She intends to study Engineering with emphasis on Civil and Environmental.

Second place was not awarded. There were no other applicants.

The very first, newly created "Continuing Education Scholarship" of \$1,000 goes to Kyler Garrison, Grandson of Melvin Serna. Kyler is an honor student at Western New Mexico University with a major in Biology. He enjoys sports evidenced by holding several high school basketball records and being the number one varsity golf player all four years. He uses his skills to volunteer in the Special Olympics Golf Program. Several of the University staff gave Klyer outstanding reviews. One Assistant Professor wrote "I rank him among the top 5% of students I have taught in the course over the past two years and "he is well ahead of the rest of the class. Kyler plans to finish the Biology Major then enroll Dental School and complete his career goal to become a Dentist.

A reminder that the Southwest Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors and continuing college students of APDA members in good standing. They are also eligible to apply for the National Scholarship. Check the SW and National website for more information.

Application for the 2011 scholarship must be postmarked by April 10, 2011 and received by April 15th. See website for application and rules.

Future Meetings

The Fall 2010 Southwest Meeting will be held at the Catamaran Hotel and Resort in Mission Bay, CA from September 14 - 17, 2010. Registration is \$250 and up to 12 CEHs will be offered. The room rate is \$139 per night with additional nights available at the same rate. See the SW website for more details.

If you are interested in hosting a meeting in 2011, please contact Larry Bellnap at LBellnap@caiso.com or Sandy Dewees at sdewees@nvenergy.com.