



APDA Southwest Wire

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Future APDA Meetings

Fall 2013 Joint w/SE in Chattanooga, TN 9/29 – 10/2/2013

Spring 2014 – Sacramento, CA

Fall 2014 – Las Vegas, NV

2013 APDA Dues

APDA membership dues are \$21/year

APDA Scholarship

2013 Program Closed

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Spring 2013 Meeting Summary

The Spring 2013 Southwest Area APDA meeting was held March 25 – 27, 2013 in San Diego at the Catamaran Hotel.

PG&E and IncSys provided two days of training activities. IncSys provided a day of hands-on restoration simulations. The group was divided into regions and assigned RC, BA and TO roles.

PG&E training included electromagnetic disturbances, the California RAS with related transmission upgrades, and a review of NERC Standard COM-002. A hands-on COM-002 project required the construction an electric device. One member read the instructions, the other repeated and executed each step.



Monitor Mapboard and Primate Technologies demonstrated projecting real time information onto a static mapboard.

The business meeting was held Thursday afternoon. Trustee Larry Bellnap reported that the National has raised the Area's National dues from \$11 to \$15 per member. National has made arrangements with Bismarck State College to offer to Members the opportunity to take online CEH courses. More information in the article below.

Mark MacKenzie, Scholarship Chair, reminded the membership that applications are due by mid-April. Larry Vargas shared how the scholarships were started.

Secretary Sandy Dewees reported 252 members. Treasurer Pat McCormick reported the following financial information:

APDA SW Account Balance As of March 23, 2013	
General Fund	\$10,909.22
Meeting Fund	\$5,545.31
Promotional Fund	\$2,201.05
Scholarship Fund	\$3,600.89
Total	\$22,256.47

A banquet and raffle was held outside on Thursday evening. Raffle procedures go to the SW Area scholarships. Tesla provided four \$25 gift cards. Raffle added \$385 to the scholarship fund.

Bismarck State College CEH Opportunity

The APDA National has made arrangements for Bismarck State College (BSC) to offer APDA members in good standing 4 CEH's for \$25. BSC normally charges \$17/CEH. Members register at the [APDA-BSC Webpage](#). BSC will contact you directly to complete the registration process.

The first on-line course to be offered is **Power System Operations I – AC Generation and Synchronization**. The course explores: 1) AC Power utilizing an AC Generation Simulator and Active Power Loss Calculator; and 2) Synchronization utilizing the SynchLab Simulator and Girder 911 Incident Interactive Learning Tool.

Fall 2013 Joint Meeting with the Southeast Area

The Southeast Area has invited the Southwest Area to their Fall 2013 APDA meeting in Chattanooga Tennessee on September 29th through October 2nd 2013. Planned activities include a presentation by Homeland Security on Threats & Attacks, a presentation on Voltage and VAR Management and a tour of the TVA control center. 18 CEH's are planned.

More information should be available on the SW website by June.