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## American Power Dispatchers Association Spring National Board of Trustees Meeting Atlanta, Georgia May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

President Danny Bucklen called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m.

### Roll Call of Officers & Trustees

National President	Danny Bucklen (Georgia System Operations)
National Vice President	Not able to attend
National Treasurer	Karen Mims (Alabama Power)
National Secretary	Bryan Kurtz (TVA)
Northwest Area Trustee	David Bennett (British Columbia Tran Corp)
Southeast Area Trustee	Johnny B. Morris, II (Alabama Power)
Southwest Area Trustee	Michele Wynne on behalf of Jesus Martinez
Upper Midwest Area Trustee	Not able to attend
Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Area Trustee	David Hathaway (Wisconsin Public Service Corp.)

### Minutes of the Last Meeting

Amended with the removal of Duncan Stewarts passing.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended, seconded & the motion carried.

### Correspondence

Nothing to report.

### National Secretary Report

Membership totals:

	Regular / Associate	Life	Total
Northwest Area	288	112	400
Southwest Area			319
Southeast Area	261	46	307
Upper Midwest Area	425	182	607
Wisconsin & Upper Michigan area	131	17	148
Total			1781



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### **Treasurer's Report** - (See the attached Treasurer's Report)

Karen informed that the form 990 has been filed to the IRS and copies are available if anyone is interested in reviewing them as well as income & expense for 2008 for the national account.

James Ford asked about the response of accurate information for the areas. Karen informed that all information was received to file form 990 and it was filed on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Danny Bucklen commended Karen Mims for her effort & time on this exhaustive & critical detail & to helping make this organization run so well.

An amendment was made to the report to change the beginning balance date to 11/20/08.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended was made, seconded & the motion carried.

### **National President Report** - (See the attached President's Report)

### **Trustee Reports** – (See the attached Area Trustee Reports)

The SE, SW, WUM, NW & UMW Area Trustee Reports are attached.

### **Reports on Members**

Nothing to report.

### **Determination of Area Group from which National Officers are to be elected**

Staying with the Southeast for now.

A discussion was started on how the rotation for the areas taking the National Office positions worked. James Ford informed that there is no rotation used. If more than one area applies at the same time, then the National Board makes the decision on which one will hold the National Office. The longest amount of time since an area has held the National Office is used as priority.

The APDA by-laws give a 2 year term for the National Office. A discussion was brought up on whether to extend this to a 3, 4 or 5 year term. This was tabled until the National Business meeting.

This would be all be good information for the Area Trustees to take back to their respective areas in how the National office usually moves around.



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### **Report of Committees**

Michele Wynne, log editor, reported that she has been going to each area's meetings and taking pictures. The 2009 version of the log will include a collage of each one of the areas.

It will also possibly include a survey about what each company does (do have they have mapboards, what kinds, etc.) Possibly have a write-up on what companies are doing for a broad situational awareness & also pondering a short history of some of the companies that published histories. If being a host utility, possibly getting their history posted.

James Ford brought up that we have gotten away from using the log as a training tool whether its tools from our business or interesting slides from presenters, instead of strictly using the log for posting minutes.

Danny Bucklen has historical pictures that have been gathered (vintage phone equipment, relays, etc.) that can be used if needed and requested to be able to regroup the members by area instead of only listing the members alphabetically.

Michele Wynne has the information in a spreadsheet and will be able to sort the members by a column for the area, a column for the company & a column for the last name. Also, has found a program that allows to enter words and descriptions and it will put together a crossword puzzle that may be used in the log.

No one is present for the National scholarship committee. The National scholarship application on the website needs to reflect the changes made due to the addition of a second scholarship from the previous meeting. Adding the second scholarship was voted on and approved at the last meeting. This will be carried on to the National business meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

Michele Wynne reported that one box has arrived from the archival material and unfortunately, very little of it was duplicate. There were duplicates from a by-laws change in 1997. There were duplicates of applications for membership and one folder is in hand for anyone to see that wants to see it that has meeting minutes, newsletters, correspondence & scholarship applications. The newsletters that were found were the "SE Connection", "Flashback", "APDA Life Members", "SW Wire" & one "Mid-Atlantic Dialogue" from 1995.

Danny Bucklen informed that this falls under the category of sentimental value and we could look into sorting the information into their respective area and give the respective area back their records to let them decide whether to keep or discard the material.

James Ford informed that the "Flashback" was the only National newsletter.



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### **Unfinished Business (cont.'d)**

Michele Wynne, temporary National Historian, will contact the Area Trustees and let them know what's in the box for their respective area and will let them take it to their area and decide whether they already have the material. If it is not needed or wanted, then the proper steps will be taken to discard the material.

The Outstanding Service Award for Kevin Conway has not been received and Doug Kruspe did not receive or request the award.

Danny Bucklen had given the Outstanding Service Award to someone in the Las Vegas, NV, NW/SW meeting that was expected to cross paths with him in the near future. Danny will try to find the responsible party for delivering the award and will make sure that the Outstanding Service Award will ultimately go to its destination of Kevin Conway.

### **New Business**

Some discussion was brought up about possible compensation for the National Officers due to long distance travel within an area. James Ford informed plans have been added in the past for travel reimbursement for the National Ambassadors when the meeting is outside of their area or for promotional reasons, added the Log Editor & added the Scholarship chairman.

James suggested financially it might all be able to be handled, but might want to get together a recommendation for a plan for reimbursement for National Officer travel expenses within their area and/or reimbursements overall and bring back a formal plan before the body to vote on so it can be included in the minutes.

Dave Hathaway brought up the following from older days of working in nuclear: An organization called "PROS" (Professional Reactor Operators Society) had a National Board that were active in trying to help direct National policy on operator training, so they were very much involved with the NRC and went out and met with the NRC on many occasions. The question brought to the board is whether it is the right place for the National APDA to be actively working with NERC on how training is derived for operator certification. Should this be taken to NERC or to the FERC level?

James Ford was at Arlington, VA, working with NERC when the certification program was starting in 1996. In terms of the APDA, people have submitted standard changes and have been involved in the item writing workshops. These item writing workshops involved getting two members from each area to make sure the questions reflected what operators did and ended up getting mixed results.

Michele Wynne informed that James came to the meetings and explained to operators that it was coming and that they needed to participate or they would get what engineers and lawyers would write on the test. James pushed the envelope to use the APDA operators to participate. There was so much resistance from the operators on the direction that NERC & SERC were taking that they did not want to participate in the new programs that were being talked about.



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### **New Business (cont.'d)**

Danny Bucklen informed that a process was started all the way back to the beginning of operator testing, and the APDA might not always be there, but it is the APDA intent to be visible and be credible.

Karen Mims brought a question to the table that due to the information coming from the other areas in struggling to pay for CEH's, would it be appropriate to look into raising the reimbursement for CEH's? Currently, for each area meeting, National will pay \$500 for the meeting and \$500 for CEH's.

After some discussion, David Hathaway made a motion to recommend that we raise the National funding for CEH's presented at each area meeting to \$1000, thereby increasing the total reimbursement from \$1000.00 (\$500.00 for meeting expenses & \$500.00 for CEH's) to \$1500.00 (\$500 for meeting expenses & \$1000.00 for CEH's) per meeting. Michele Wynne seconded and the motion carried with an amendment to start in the Fall 2009 area meetings.

### **Place and Date of Next Meeting**

The next National APDA Board of Trustees meeting will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee in the Fall of 2009. The exact dates and place will be refined and posted on the website as soon as possible.

### **Trustee Travel Expenses**

See Karen – she has the form automated on the National website.

### **Adjournment**

Danny Bucklen adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bryan Kurtz*

Bryan Kurtz  
National Secretary



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## TOTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

5/24/2009

### Beginning Balance 11/20/08

Cash		\$24,330.63
Paschall Promotional Fund		\$9,219.92
Nicholson Scholarship Fund		\$56,815.98
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$90,366.53</b>

### Receipts

Cash		\$18,313.91
Dues	\$17,996.00	
Interest	\$317.91	
Promotional Fund		\$369.63
Nicholson Scholarship Fund		\$2,910.46
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$21,594.00</b>

### Disbursements

Cash		\$6,081.50
Program	\$6,032.94	
Administrative	\$48.56	
Promotional		\$0.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$6,081.50</b>

### Ending Balance

Cash		\$36,563.04
Paschall Promotional Fund		\$9,589.55
Nicholson Scholarship Fund		\$59,726.44
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$105,879.03</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karen Mims*

APDA National Treasurer



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**NICK NICHOLSON NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**May 24, 2009**

Beginning Balance 11/20/08

\$56,815.98

Receipts

UBS Financial Services Account  
as of April 30, 2009

\$50,454.21

Savings Account Beginning Balance \$9,171.70  
Dividend earned \$97.53

Total Savings account

\$9,272.23

Disbursements

\$0.00

Ending Balance

\$59,726.44

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karen Mims*

APDA National Treasurer



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**JESSE (RED) PASCHALL PROMOTIONAL FUND**  
**May 24, 2009**

Beginning Balance 11/20/08 \$9,219.92

**Receipts**

Stock Dividends

Con Ed and PPL \$369.63

**Disbursements**

None \$0.00

Ending Balance \$9,589.55

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karen Mims*

APDA National Treasurer





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### President's Report

A year has passed since the National Office moved to the Southeast Area. Our most visible accomplishment so far is our increased commitment to education. This is through the scholarships that we award to worthy students. It is also through the meetings we hold that award continuing education hours to support our NERC operator certification.

All of our areas have risen to the challenge of structuring our meetings to supply plenty of enjoyable social activities with our counterparts as well as bona fide educational presentations that deepen our understanding and knowledge of our professions. This response to the needs of our industry for ongoing sources to gain hours to keep our certifications valid has helped many companies survive that have limited or non-existent in-house training resources. These area meetings provide education and fraternity to nurture our minds and our souls. We enjoy these meetings because they meet both these needs.

On the national front, APDA is involved with Energy Providers Coalition for Education. This is a group of industry representatives that works to promote learning programs for the power and energy industries. They have a direct involvement with Bismarck State College which has become well known for its learning programs that support the power industry. In fact, next week BSC will actually be hosting the Upper Mid West Area's Spring Meeting. This is a landmark occasion that underscore's the APDA's relationship with both BSC and education for the power industry.

We also have some internal educational gifts that we need to put to good use. Each area has been given a scholarship for on line training through System Operations Success, better known as SOS Int'l. We have been slow to award these to candidates. Hopefully, we can lay out some useful guidelines to best judge applicants for these gifts. The sooner they are put to good use, the better we will be with interested, capable people being given a way to enter the field of operations with some useful preparation.

Thanks to all that attend our meetings, and a special thanks to those who step up and put the meetings together for all to benefit from. They are leaders and should be appreciated and imitated for what they do for the organization. Please consider taking a more active part in your membership to keep the APDA alive and thriving. There is no better time to invest in yourself and the organization that can help you stand out in your job through the knowledge you gain from associating with others that look to excel in the system operations industry.

Respectfully,

Danny Bucklen  
National President, American Power Dispatchers' Association



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**APDA 2009 National Spring Meeting  
Atlanta, Georgia, May 26-28.**

**Southeast Area Trustee's Report**

**The APDA SE Area Fall meeting was held in conjunction with the National meeting November 17-20 in New Orleans, La. The events location was the Maison Dupuy Hotel in the heart of the French Quarters. The Meeting was sponsored by Tesla Forecasting, Primate Technology and Mapboard. 16 Hours of NERC continuing education hours were awarded.**

**As of May 22 the Southeast Area has a checking balance of \$21,136.96. There is \$23,541.74 in savings. \$7,930.18 is allotted for the Scholarship fund. This reported by the area Treasurer.**

**The Southeast has 261 active members and 46 lifetime members. The Spring Southeast Area Meeting for 09 will be held May 26-28 in Atlanta Ga. The Fall Area/National Meeting will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee the second week in November.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Johnny Boy Morris  
SE Area Trustee  
[jbmorris@southernco.com](mailto:jbmorris@southernco.com)**



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## **Southwest Area Trustee Report National 2009 Spring Meeting**

Since the fall 2008 APDA National Meeting, the Southwest Area hosted its spring meeting May 12-14, 2009 in San Francisco California. The weather was perfect and the members from the southwest were able to enjoy the San Francisco area in the evenings. The meeting hosted a scheduled banquet and scholarship raffle on Wednesday night, which was enjoyed especially by the big raffle winners. The scholarship raffle earned nearly \$400 during the meeting. Thanks to Pacific Gas & Electric for hosting the meeting.

The Southwest members and guests in attendance enjoyed 2 full days of activities and NERC certified training. Training at the meeting was provided by SOS International, PG &E and the California ISO.

During the Southwest Area 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.

Southwest Area members decided to make Les Eaton our first recipient of the SOS International Continuing education award that is available to all areas in 2009.

The Treasurer's Report as of 09/30/08 is:

- Promotional Fund - \$201.05
- Scholarship Fund - \$8,648.39
- General Fund - \$16,954.47
- Meeting Fund - -\$1,976.12
- Balance - \$23,827.79
- Members for 2009: 319

The next Southwest Area APDA meeting will be held in South Lake Tahoe September 15-18, 2009. The meeting will be hosted by the California ISO. We hope to see you in Tahoe!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesus Martinez – Southwest Area Trustee



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## **APDA 2009 Spring National Meeting Atlanta, Georgia – May 26 to 28, 2009**

### **Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Area Trustee's Report**

The Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Area held its 2009 spring meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from April 6 to April 9, 2009. The event was hosted by WE Energies at the Hampton Inn in downtown Milwaukee. Sponsorship was provided by Tesla Load Forecasting, WE Energies and SOS, International.

There were 32 members and guests in attendance.

The technical sessions provided 22 CEHs. The sessions were: Disturbance Reporting, Wind Impacts and MISO Emergency Operating Procedures presented by Midwest ISO and Effective Communication or Compliance and Reliability presented by SOS, International. Eight of the CEHs were provided from SOS, International via an online course.

WE Energies sponsored an outing to a Milwaukee Bucks game in their box at the Bradley Center. Unfortunately, the Bucks lost to the Atlanta Hawks.

The WUMs Area currently has 131 active and 17 lifetime members. The general fund has a balance of \$10,960.32.

It was reported that Gary Adams of WE Energies passed away after a long battle with cancer.

The fall 2009 WUMs Area meeting will be held in beautiful Green Bay, home of America's team, the Green Bay Packers. The meeting is scheduled for September 2 and 3 with an evening gathering on September 1. Technical sessions are planned providing 14 CEHs. An evening cruise on the Fox River on board the Foxy Lady II is planned. Details will be posted on the WUMs Area website soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Hathaway  
Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Area Trustee



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APDA 2009 National Spring Meeting  
May 26-28, Atlanta, GA

Northwest Area Trustee's Report

**The APDA NW area spring meeting was held May 19-21, 2009, at the Tulalip resort and casino, Marysville, WA. It was held in conjunction with the NWPP system operators spring meeting. Sponsorship of the meeting was provided by Tesla, APT, Intellibind, Bismarck State College, Mauell, Areva, SOS, and Puget Sound Energy.**

**The technical sessions included 5 hours of NERC CEH training provided by the NWPP, 4 hours of NERC CEH training and simulation hours provided by APT, and an additional 4 hours of online CEHs provided by SOS, for a total of 13 hours.**

**The APDA NW area business meeting was held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. No issues were brought forward to be dealt with at the National level.**

**The APDA NW area Treasurer reported the NW area membership at 288 active regular members, and 112 life members.**

**The APDA NW area Treasurer reported a NW area total balance of \$22,934.29.**

**It was reported that Duncan Stewart, long time APDA member, and National Trustee at Large passed away on May 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**The APDA NW area 2009 Fall Meeting will be held in South Lake Tahoe, NV, September 15-18, 2009. This will be a combined NW/SW area meeting, but members from all areas are always welcome.**

Respectfully submitted,  
David Bennett  
NW Area Trustee



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Greetings,

The Upper Midwest region of the American Power Dispatchers Association has not held a meeting since the last National meeting. Next week Bismarck State College has graciously offered to host the Spring 2009 Upper Midwest meeting. Bismarck State has not been a stranger to the industry with their various degree programs related to the electric industry. Their hosting of this meeting was timely with the opening of the new National Energy Center of Excellence on the Bismarck campus.

Bismarck State College represents the value of education we strive to achieve as an organization. If it was not for the CEHs being offered we would be feeling a severe reduction of numbers at the conferences due to budget constraints throughout the industry.

The Upper Midwest is proud to award four \$1,000 scholarships in 2009 to dependents of the Upper Midwest membership. The winner of these scholarships will be announced at the spring meeting next week.

The membership was saddened due to the passing of a charter member of the UMW, John Olson, formerly of United Power Agency (UPA), this past April.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Mountjoy  
UMW Trustee