

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2013
COVINGTON, LA

President Kory Latiolais called the meeting to order.

Minutes

On a motion made by Deborah Hopkins, seconded by Katherine Cargo, the minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Linda Lavergne gave the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Ms. Lavergne reported the current membership of 129 members, previous prior membership was 124. NENA's checking account balance is \$19,620.24. President Latiolais asked for a motion to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's Report, motion made by Dennis Darouse and seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion.

New Business

Symposium Committee Report

Tracey Hilburn reported that this year the CTO class will be given as pre-conference course. This course would be given at no charge to qualifying APCO members.

Ms. Hilburn stated that the agenda for the symposium showing the sessions and speakers should be completed by the beginning of February. Once it is completed, she will send to Martha Carter to be put up on the website. She stated that a mail out of the agenda and brochure would be sent out in addition to the regular emails that are sent out. Mr. Vincent suggested also sending to the Police Chief's Association, Sheriff's Association and the Fire Chief's Association requesting they put it out to their membership.

Don Smith informed the members that the Hero Award application will be placed on the website and asked the members to send in nominations.

GIS Council Update

Katherine Cargo gave an update on the FGDC CAP grant. She reported that she and Craig Johnson have been working on the draft plan and they submitted the draft plan to FGDC at the beginning of the year. She reported that they will also send the draft plan to a couple of folks, one being Martha Wells who was the person who led the two free addressing workshops that were held last year. They also plan to send it out to all of the directors for comments and feedback. They would like to have all the comments back by the end of March and present the final plan at the symposium.

Ms. Cargo informed the members that the State was considering doing away with LAGIC and moving the activities of the council under DOTD in an effort to save money.

NENA National Conference

Stephen Gordon stated that the New Orleans Tourism and Convention Bureau contacted him and Jack Varnado to try and get the 2016 NENA National Conference to come to New Orleans. The New Orleans Tourism Bureau put together a good package to promote New Orleans for the conference.

Mr. Gordon stated that New Orleans is in competition with Cedar Rapids, Iowa in getting the 2016 NENA National Conference.

President Latiolais asked Ms. Lavergne to speak on the upcoming NENA election to be held at the 2013 symposium. Ms. Lavergne reported that the board has appointed Stephen Gordon, Francis Hymel and Mary Richard to serve on the nominating committee. The two positions to be elected are the Vice President and the Secretary/Treasurer positions. She reported that information on the election will be posted on the Louisiana Chapter website. Nominations will also be opened for any additional nominations from the floor.

On a motion by Steven Brignac, seconded by Francis Hymel, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.