

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2014

MARKSVILLE, LA

President Craig Lott called the meeting to order. The prayer and pledge was led by Stephen Gordon.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Minutes

On a motion made Joanna Thomas, seconded by Don Smith the minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 119 and prior membership was approximately 129. NENA's checking account balance is \$21,394.29.

New Business

North American 9-1-1 Resource Database

Craig Lott reported that meetings are held quarterly in North Louisiana. This database provides the contact number of all 911 agencies throughout North America. He urged members to register for this resource which can be done on the National NENA website. He stated that each agency may want to logon to make sure that each contact number is listed correctly for every call center within their parish. He mentioned that this database requires the password chosen to be changed every 90 days and that the database doesn't allow a city search, only the county or parish can be searched. Discussion followed.

Louisiana Representation for the National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators

Craig Lott reported that Louisiana is not currently represented on the board of the National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators (NASNA). Mr. Lott stated that he would like to have Louisiana represented on the NASNA board. NASNA has agreed that they would like a representative from Louisiana be a part of the association.

A motion was made by Deborah Hopkins, seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and unanimously approved that the NENA Chapter President or designee will represent Louisiana on the board.

Ms. Cargo inquired about the financial obligations of having the president or president's designee attend the NASNA meeting. Mr. Lott stated that the only financial obligation would be travel expense (per diem, travel, hotel) to the meetings. The meetings are held once a year in association with the National NENA conference. Ms. Lavergne stated that most of the time the NENA President attends the National NENA conference, if not, there is always leadership from our organization that attends that would be able to act as the president's designee if the President could not attend.

Ms. Carter stated that if the President or designee could not attend the NASNA meeting a representative would be chosen to go in their place. If the representative chosen was not planning on attending the National NENA conference then the chapter could fund the travel, hotel, and per diem for that representative to attend the NASNA meeting.

A motion was made by Martha Carter, seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and unanimously approved that if the NENA Chapter President or designee could not attend the National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators (NASNA) annual meeting and the representative chosen to go in their place was not planning on attending the National NENA Conference, the Chapter would cover the travel costs, per diem costs and hotel costs.

FCC Workshop on Technology Transitions & Public Safety

Craig Lott reported that a workshop will be taking place April 17-18 and for those that can't attend a webinar will be available along with past FCC meetings on fcc.gov/live. Discussion followed.

Other Business

Election of Officers

Linda Lavergne reported that Vice President, Dennis Darouse will move up to President and a Vice President will need to be elected. The board of officers has chosen Stephen Gordon, Joanna Thomas and Katie Zerangue to serve on the nominating committee.

Stephen Gordon informed the members that Richard McGuire was nominated to run for Vice President. The floor was opened for any other nominations for the position of Vice President. There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Jack Varnado to close the nominations, and was seconded by Tracey Hilburn. The motion was unanimously approved to close the nominations. Richard McGuire was elected as Vice President.

The swearing in of the new officers was done by Martha Carter.

President Dennis Darouse presented outgoing President Craig Lott a plaque for his outstanding service as President.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion to adjourn, seconded by Don Smith. Meeting adjourned.