

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

JULY 16, 2014

COVINGTON, LA

Vice President Richard McGuire called the meeting to order.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Minutes

On a motion made by Steve Brignac, seconded by Deborah Hopkins the minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 131 and prior membership was approximately 131. NENA's checking account balance is \$25,245.18.

New Business

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Ms. Hilburn reported that a meeting will be held after the conclusion of the NENA Chapter meeting to discuss the 2015 Symposium. The 2015 Symposium will be held at a new venue in Lake Charles that is currently being built, the Golden Nugget. There will also be a t-shirt design contest and the winner will receive free registration to the Symposium, an email will be sent out letting members know about the contest and deadlines in the near future. Ms. Hilburn also asked that any local trainers in the state wanting to do a session at next year's Symposium to send her an email with their ideas.

Linda Lavergne then reported that the tentative dates the committee is currently looking at is the week of April 11-15 at the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles which will be opening in December 2014. The hotel has agreed to offer many things the Paragon offered such as breakfast coupons, no cost for meeting rooms and the shrimp and crawfish boil. Ms. Lavergne then stated she will work with the Golden Nugget on a contract to secure dates for the 2015 Symposium. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports: Louisiana Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee

Richard McGuire distributed a draft outline of the Next Generation 9-1-1 Plan to all members and reported that for the past 7-8 years the committee has been looking into the future to see what direction Next Generation 9-1-1 is headed in. Mr. McGuire stated that Louisiana is 1 of only 2 states in the United States that does not currently have a state wide plan, so as a committee they want to start the planning process. Mr. McGuire stated that through the state interoperability coordinator they were able to participate in a 2 day technology training class that was taught by DHS. Since then, the committee has had a technology meeting and has gone over what the planning steps will be along with the goal and vision for the future. Mr. McGuire then went over the NG 9-1-1 draft plan with all members and reminded members that it is a draft and would like input from members if they choose so. As the committee moves forward, their goal is to have a plan developed and they will rely a lot on information they receive from members. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports: Training Committee

Linda Lavergne reported that NENA's training committee focuses on getting educational speakers at each quarterly meeting. Ms. Lavergne reported that we have recently had speakers come in from VFIS to discuss liability issues in 911 centers. Carrie Fager also spoke at a meeting about record retention laws and today Mark Boudreaux will speak to members about Smart 9-1-1. Ms. Lavergne stated that she would like to have a speaker at each meeting and if anyone has any ideas or suggestions to let her know. Discussion followed.

National Association of 9-1-1 Administrators

Richard McGuire reported that he attended the NASNA meeting prior to the NENA National Conference in Nashville. FirstNet was a big topic of discussion at the meeting. They are currently in the first phase of developing a business plan which will be completed by 2016 and are forecasting to be online in the year 2022. Discussion followed.

Smart 9-1-1

Mark Boudreaux presented on the topic of Smart 9-1-1. Mark gave each member present a flyer on Smart 9-1-1 that let members know what Smart 9-1-1 is, how it works and how members of the community can sign up if Smart 9-1-1 is available in their parish. Discussion followed.

Other Business

Pocket Calls

A discussion was held amongst members about the recent increase in the number of pocket calls that have been received in the last few months.

NENA National Conference

A motion was made by Tracey Hilburn, seconded by Martha Carter and unanimously approved that the NENA President's expenses including registration, hotel and transportation to the National Conference be paid for by the chapter with approval from the Board of Directors.

Funding for Legislation

A motion was made by Martha Carter, seconded by Mark Boudreaux and unanimously approved to consider contributing funds to help pay for a consultant in the event the Chapter decides to go forward with legislation. The amount should not exceed \$5,500.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Francis Hymel to adjourn, seconded by Martha Carter. Meeting adjourned.