

**LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2015
MARKSVILLE, LA**

President Richard McGuire called the meeting to order. He welcomed first time attendees and asked each of them to introduce themselves.

The prayer and pledge was led by Deborah Hopkins.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Minutes

On a motion made by Deborah Hopkins, seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 165 and prior membership was approximately 135. NENA's checking account balance is \$20,819.14.

On a motion made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, seconded by Tammy Armand, the financial report was unanimously approved.

New Business

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Ms. Hilburn reported that the 2016 Symposium will be held April 18th -20th at the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles. Room rates for the 2016 Symposium will be \$109.00. Ms. Hilburn also informed members that there will be a deadline of April 1st to register in order to receive the correct t-shirt size. Registration forms received after the deadline will receive a t-shirt on a first come first serve basis. Ms. Hilburn stated that if agencies would like to purchase additional t-shirts they are to let her know or notate on their registration form. The cost of each additional t-shirt will be \$15.00 and must be received by April 1st.

Ms. Hilburn informed members that the theme of the 2016 Symposium will be remembering fallen officers throughout the state. There will also be a t-shirt design contest centered around this theme, guidelines for the t-shirt design contest will be posted on the Chapter websites and emailed to all members.

Ms. Hilburn reported that a post conference course, Crisis Negotiations for Dispatchers will be offered this year. The class will begin Wednesday afternoon and conclude Thursday. A description of the course can be found on the APCO International website. The class will be limited to 35 participants.

Ms. Hilburn stated that registration forms, t-shirt design guidelines and information about the Symposium will be posted on the Louisiana APCO and Louisiana NENA websites by November 1st. An email will also be sent out the all members. Discussion followed.

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

Mr. McGuire reported that he has received a response from 27 out of the 64 parishes in reference the Next Generation 911 Survey, some of which were only half done. Mr. McGuire asked that those who haven't filled out the survey yet to take the time to fill out it so that the Committee can move forward with other planning initiatives. He stated the survey will be sent out again to those who haven't completed it.

Mr. McGuire reported that he recently received two surveys. The first survey was a national survey on butt dialing. Mr. McGuire stated that since this is an ongoing issue in Louisiana, he believes it is important for everyone to fill it out, therefore the survey will be sent out to all members in the near future. The other survey he received was from the FCC which is similar to the Next Generation 911 survey. Mr. McGuire stated that he doesn't think he should answer the survey at this time and asked for input from all members present. Members also agreed that he should not answer the survey at this time. Discussion followed.

Mr. McGuire also reported that FCC has created a Public Safety Support Center which allows 911 centers to submit notifications of service outages and complaints related to carrier provision of location information. In return the FCC will notify the carriers of such issues. Mr. McGuire asked that members look over this information. Discussion followed.

Mr. McGuire stated that the LaURISA workshop on NG 9-1-1 & GIS Workflow held on October 14th was overwhelmingly successful. Mr. McGuire stated that he would like another GIS session similar to the one held October 14th at the Symposium. A discussion was held amongst members about the session taking place at the Symposium prior to the opening luncheon. The Symposium Committee will meet and decide if and when the session can be held. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Linda Lavergne, and seconded by Kathrine Cargo to have the Louisiana Chapter of NENA pay \$250.00 to hold a NG 9-1-1 and GIS Workflow workshop in the near future. It was unanimously approved.

Who Says You Can't Afford It?

D.C. Greer with Government Capital presented on the topic of Who Says You Can't Afford It? Informational handouts were available for all members. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dennis Darouse to adjourn, seconded by Kathrine Cargo. Meeting adjourned.