

**LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 14, 2016**  
**LAFAYETTE, LA**

President Richard McGuire called the meeting to order.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

*Minutes*

On a motion made by Deborah Hopkins, seconded by Don Smith, the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

*Financial*

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 146 and prior membership was approximately 138. NENA's checking account balance is \$25,269.31, which includes money received for the 2016 Symposium

On a motion made by Dennis Darouse, seconded by Kathrine Cargo, the financial report was unanimously approved.

**New Business**

*Committee Reports: Symposium Committee*

Ms. Hilburn reported that the 2016 Symposium will be held April 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles. Room rates for the 2016 Symposium will be \$109.00 and registration will be \$100.00 for both members and non-members.

Ms. Hilburn reminded members that the theme of the 2016 Symposium will be to honor fallen officers in the line of duty. Ms. Hilburn stated that they would like to recognize those agencies that lost an officer by presenting them with a matted and framed poster with their agency name at the bottom which will be presented at the opening luncheon.

A motion was made by Tracey Hilburn, and seconded by Tammy Armand to allow up to \$1,500.00 in expenses for the fallen officer posters. It was unanimously approved.

Ms. Hilburn informed members that a schedule and brief description of each course being offered at the Symposium will be sent out to all members and posted on the Louisiana APCO and Louisiana NENA websites in the next few weeks. She also reminded members that there will be GIS sessions held on Monday and Tuesday which will be educational as well as hands on.

Ms. Hilburn also stated that a super session will be held on Tuesday in which Jim Craft, former Lafayette Police Department Chief of Police, will give an overview of the response to and lessons learned from the Grand Theatre shooting that took place in Lafayette on July 23, 2015.

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. Ms. Hilburn asked that registration forms be turned in for those wanting to attend.

Ms. Hilburn also reminded members that the deadline to submit a design for the t-shirt contest will be February 1<sup>st</sup>. She also stated that any nominations for the hero awards must be submitted to Don Smith by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

Mr. McGuire informed members that the FCC will accept final recommendations from the Task Force on Optimal Public Safety Answering Point Architecture (TFOPA) on January 29<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged all

members to pay attention to this as this is where the federal push will be in the coming years with what they are doing with working groups, TFOPA, etc. Mr. McGuire also stated that the FCC released their 7<sup>th</sup> annual funding report to Congress earlier in January. Discussion followed.

Mr. Johnson reported that he has received a response from 32 out of the 64 parishes in reference to the Next Generation 911 Survey. Mr. Johnson advised that the Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee will follow up with those parishes that haven't filled out the survey yet. Discussion followed.

### **Other Business**

#### *Election of Officers*

Mr. McGuire reminded all members that election of officers will take place at the April chapter meeting. Nominations can be submitted to any member of the Nominating Committee. The committee members are Ralph Ladnier, Kory Latiolais and Sonya Wiley-Gremillion. Mr. McGuire also reminded members that the floor will be open to nominations at the time of election.

#### *Guardian 911 Alert Plus*

Mr. McGuire stated that he will work with the Louisiana Chapter of NENA Board of Officers to draft language that will be sent to the VA Office in reference to the Guardian 911 Alert Plus devices. Mr. McGuire advised that the draft will be sent to all members prior to being sent to the VA Office. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Don Smith to adjourn, seconded by Ralph Ladnier. Meeting adjourned.