

**LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 6, 2016**  
**METAIRIE, LA**

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

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

*Financial*

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 163 and prior membership was approximately 165. NENA's checking account balance is \$18,098.89.

On a motion made by Sonya Willey-Gremillion, seconded by Richard McGuire, the financial report was unanimously approved.

*Minutes*

On a motion made by Dennis Darouse, seconded by Tracey Hilburn, the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

**New Business**

*Committee Reports: Symposium Committee*

Tracey Hilburn reported that the 2017 Symposium will be held April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at the Horseshoe Casino & Hotel in Bossier City. Room rates for the 2017 Symposium will be \$59.00, plus tax and resort fees. Registration will be \$100.00 for both members and non-members. Information and registration forms for the Symposium will be posted on the LA APCO and NENA websites in the near future.

Ms. Hilburn reported that a post conference course, Active Shooter Incident for Public Safety Communicators will be offered this year. The class will be limited to 40 participants and will begin Wednesday afternoon and conclude Thursday morning. Ms. Hilburn advised that there will be a limit of 3 people per agency and they must be a current APCO or NENA member.

Ms. Hilburn informed members that attendees will receive bags this year instead of t-shirts. A bag design contest will be held and the winner will receive free registration to the Symposium.

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

Richard McGuire asked Anthony Summers to speak about a project he is currently working on with Craig Johnson. Mr. Summers advised that they are currently working on an app so Communication Districts can input and update their addresses in a GIS centralized database. They are working with DOTD on this centralized database for the entire state. The database would allow the smaller parishes that don't have a dedicated GIS group to be able to have a place to store their data and would also allow the parishes to go in and edit themselves. DOTD will house the information. Mr. Summers advised that more information will be available at the next chapter meeting. Discussion followed.

A discussion was then held amongst members about DOTD's responsibilities including federal regulations they must follow, the GIS Centralized Database that is being created and how the information in the database will be updated and shared.

Mr. McGuire informed members that the FCC is still actively working with the Task Force on Optimal Public Safety Answering Point Architecture (TFOPA) on pushing forward with Next Generation 9-1-1.

## **Other Business**

Jack Varnado spoke of lessons learned during the flooding event. He said TERT members responded to Livingston Parish during the flood and commented how they were a big help. Jack advised members that power strips on the floor could be a safety concern for employees if water were to ever get in the building. Mr. Varnado also stated that notifications to other agencies through Interop I on radios made a huge difference. Discussion followed.

Joe Thompson with East Baton Rouge Parish suggested that members review their back-up plans in case it is ever needed during a crisis event. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jack Varnado to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Gordon. Meeting adjourned.