

**LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 12, 2017**  
**LAFAYETTE, LA**

President Liz Hill called the meeting to order.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

*Financial*

Tracey Hilburn reported that the current membership is 149 and prior membership was approximately 146. NENA's checking account balance is \$21,372.19 which includes money received for the 2017 Symposium.

On a motion made by Jack Varnado, seconded by Richard McGuire, the financial report was unanimously approved.

*Minutes*

On a motion made by Debra Hopkins, seconded by Anthony Summers, 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 can be found on Louisiana APCO and NENA websites. Ms. Hilburn also informed members that attendees will receive bags this year instead of t-shirts.

Ms. Hilburn reported that a post conference course, Active Shooter Incident for Public Safety Communicators, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition will be offered this year. The class will be limited to 40 participants and there are 13 participants currently registered. The class 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 nominations for the Youth Hero Award, Hero Dispatcher Award and Telecommunicator of the Year award must be submitted to Don Smith by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Hilburn advised members that Chris Carver, NENA Operations Director will be the guest speaker for the Opening Luncheon. Prior to working as the NENA Operations Director, Mr. Carver was the Director of Fire Dispatch Operations in New York City during some of the most challenging days in the New York Fire Department's history which include the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, the blackout of 2003, and Super Storm Sandy in 2010. The title of his presentation is "I have seen miracles: a life in 911, a day called 9/11".

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

Anthony Summers reported that he and Joe Thompson met with DOTD and DOTD's contractor in reference to the GIS centralized database that is in the process of being created. Mr. Thompson advised that they are currently working on how the information in the database would be shared amongst parishes throughout state. Mr. Thompson advised that they will report back to the membership once more progress is made with the database. Discussion followed.

## **Other Business**

A discussion was held amongst members about getting law enforcement involved with the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) in case of a mass casualty incident where transportation is needed prior to medics arriving on scene. Jack Varnado advised that this topic of interest will be brought up at the next state LERN meeting.

A motion was made by Anthony Summers, seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, to jointly enter into a consulting agreement with Tommy E. Williams and Associates to monitor the legislation for one year, not to exceed \$5,000 for the 2017 legislative session. The Louisiana Chapter of APCO and the Louisiana Chapter of NENA will split the cost 50/50. If funds don't allow the Louisiana Chapter of NENA to pay at that time, the Louisiana Chapter of APCO will pay the full amount. It was unanimously approved.

Ms. Hill reminded all members present that revenue reports are due to the Louisiana House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce in May. If anyone has questions or needs help filling out their reports, they are asked to contact a member of the Legislative Committee.

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