

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2017
COVINGTON, LA

President Jude Moreau 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 164 and prior membership was approximately 163. NENA's checking account balance is \$18,159.07.

On a motion made by Debra Hopkins, seconded by Anthony Summers, the financial report was unanimously approved.

Minutes

On a motion made by Richard McGuire, seconded by Anthony Summers, the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

New Business

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

Richard McGuire reported that DOTD has changed project managers for the centralized address database project. Mr. McGuire advised that the project is still moving forward and that the committee is getting the new project manager up to date with the current status of the database. The committee is also trying to get the National Geospatial Agency (NGA) involved in the project as they could provide additional information for the centralized address database. Discussion followed.

Mr. McGuire also informed members that the Next Generation Advancement Act of 2012 grant is currently in the comment period for rule making; public comments must be made by November 6th. Mr. McGuire advised that the Next Generation Advancement Act of 2012 grant is worth \$115 million dollars, which will be designated for 911 agencies to transition to Next Generation 9-1-1. The allotment that each state receives will be determined by the population and road miles in the state. In order to be eligible, each state must have a state Next Generation 9-1-1 Plan, an estimated cost for transition and a plan on how to implement Next Generation 9-1-1 on a state wide basis. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Jack Varnado reported that the 2018 Symposium will be held April 16th – 18th at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville. Information and registration forms for the Symposium can be found on the Louisiana APCO and NENA websites. Mr. Varnado advised that the Symposium Committee is working to put the schedule together and asked that any suggestions for speakers and/or topics of discussion be sent to him or Ronnie Hoefeld. He also advised that hero award nominations should be sent to Don Smith or Stephanie King. Discussion followed.

Mr. Varnado reported that a post conference course, Communications Center Supervisor will be offered this year. The class will be limited to 35 participants and will begin Wednesday afternoon and conclude Friday. Mr. Varnado advised that there will be a limit of 2 people per agency and they must be a current APCO or NENA member.

Federal Emergency Notification System

Richard Washington a Rail Safety Inspector for the Federal Railroad Administration spoke to members about train safety, train operations, when to call and what to ask when an emergency arises. Mr. Washington also advised members of the emergency notification system signs which are located at each railroad crossing. The signs provide a number to call and location description in case of an emergency at that crossing. Mr. Washington reminded members that early communication with the railroads is best, don't be afraid and that it is always easier to restart a train than it is to stop it. Discussion followed.

Other Business

Telecommunicator Emergency Task Force (TERT)

Shinar Haynes, TERT State Coordinator for Louisiana gave an update on the Louisiana Telecommunicator Emergency Task Force (TERT). Ms. Haynes advised that in order to submit the Louisiana TERT Mission Ready Packages (MRP), the committee will be reaching out to volunteers, directors, and others of the Communication Districts to review current TERT member qualifications, created a member list, and begin training new members. Ms. Haynes advised that once training is complete, regional coordinators will be chosen and receive training on how to create Mission Ready Packages. Jack Varnado advised that training for TERT members will be available at the Symposium. Discussion followed.

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