

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2018
LAKE CHARLES, LA

President Jude Moreau called the meeting to order.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 135 and prior membership was approximately 149. NENA's checking account balance is \$26,202.27, which includes money received for the 2018 Symposium.

Minutes

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

New Business

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

Mr. McGuire informed members of the different types grant funding that is available for 9-1-1. Mr. McGuire advised that as passed in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, there was a certain amount of spectrum that was going to be sold by the FCC and the revenue from the sale was going to be given to 9-1-1 agencies across the United States. The sale generated approximately 115 million dollars and the allotment each state receives will be determined by population. In order to obtain these funds, there are a lot of rules and regulations that must be followed such as having a state plan for transitioning and implementing Next Generation 9-1-1, an IP backbone and a statewide 9-1-1 coordinator who is designated as a single point of contact. Discussion followed.

Mr. McGuire also informed members of a new law that is trying to get passed which is titled Next Generation 9-1-1 Act of 2017 in which Congress wants to mandate that every 9-1-1 have Next Generation 9-1-1 services within ten years. Mr. McGuire stated that there will be grant money available to help with this transition, but does not know the amount of funds that will be available at this time. Mr. McGuire advised that if the law does pass, that state of Louisiana will need to start developing a Next Generation 9-1-1 plan, and selecting someone who will be designated as the single point of contact in order to receive any grant money that will be available. A motion was made by Jack Varnado, seconded by Linda Lavergne to have the Legislative Committee to work alongside the Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub Committee to research this further. It was unanimously approved.

Other Business

Linda Lavergne 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 Chad Breaux, Kory Latiolais, and Stephen Gordon. Ms. Lavergne also reminded members that the floor will be open to nominations at the time of election.

Mr. Summers made a motion to have the telephone surcharge rates of each parish listed on the Louisiana NENA website due to the amount of calls he receives in reference their surcharge rates.

A second motion was then made by Jack Varnado, seconded by Sean Spansel to allow each parish the option to opt out of since parish rates change and they are also reported on their annual reports. It was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dennis Darouse to adjourn, seconded by Jack Varnado and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.