

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2019
BATON ROUGE, LA

President Ronnie Hoefeld called the meeting to order. The prayer and pledge was led by Richard McGuire.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Minutes

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

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 150 and prior membership was approximately 135. NENA's checking account balance is \$25,129.79.

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

New Business

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

Richard McGuire reported that a Louisiana Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee meeting will be held in the coming weeks to discuss ESINet, Next Generation 9-1-1 issues and how to move forward with transitioning to Next Generation 9-1-1. Mr. McGuire also advised that the committee is still working with DOTD on creating a centralized address database.

Mr. McGuire then reminded members to start collecting data for the annual report that is due to the Commerce Committee in May. Mr. McGuire advised that more information will be available during the Louisiana Chapter of APCO meeting.

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Jack Varnado report that the 2019 Symposium will be held April 29th – May 1st in Lake Charles at the L'auberge Casino Resort. Mr. Varnado advised there are still a few openings for guest speakers and asked that if anyone has someone in mind to let him know. Mr. Varnado also advised that more information about the Symposium can be found on the Louisiana Chapter of APCO and Louisiana Chapter of NENA websites. Mr. Varnado then informed members that a Symposium Committee meeting will be held after the conclusion of the Louisiana Chapter of APCO meeting.

NENA PSAP Registry

Linda Lavergne informed members that NENA National has a PSAP registry database which contains contact information of various PSAP's. Ms. Lavergne advised that in order for your PSAP information to be included in the database you must register your PSAP by visiting NENA National's website and clicking on NENA PSAP Registry DB icon. Ms. Lavergne also advised that this is a great resource that can be used to assist a call taker in locating contact information for another PSAP. Ms. Lavergne asked that those who currently have their PSAP registered to log on and ensure all contact information is correct. Discussion followed.

RapidSOS Presentation

Sally Lawrence, 911 Coordinator in Sarasota Florida and user of RapidSOS spoke to members about Rapid SOS. Ms. Lawrence discussed how RapidLite operates by using a NG911 Clearinghouse which receives device location and other emergency data from smartphones, connected cars, wearable's, etc. and securely sends the relevant data to 9-1-1 and first responders. Ms. Lawrence also informed members that RapidLite which is not integrated with existing PSAP software, is a free web tool that can be accessed by all PSAP's which allows for fast and accurate device location. Ms. Lawrence also shared her experiences and success stories she has had since becoming a RapidSOS user.

Tyrell Morris with Orleans Parish Communication District advised that his agency currently uses RapidLite and is currently inquiring about Uber integration which allows users to have information about the vehicle and passengers and well as a photo of the vehicle. A discussion was also held amongst members about Apple watches having the ability to call 911 after someone has fallen and is not responsive. Discussion followed.

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