

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2019
METAIRIE, LA

President Sean Spansel called the meeting to order.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 208 and prior membership was approximately 170. NENA's checking account balance is \$15,642.67.

On a motion made by Liz Hill, seconded by Kathrine Cargo the financial report was unanimously approved.

Minutes

On a motion made by Richard McGuire, seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion 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 members of the Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee attended a two-day NG 9-1-1 Technical Assistance Workshop on how to write a NG 9-1-1 plan. Mr. McGuire advised the committee was given several plans from other states to review and work off of. Mr. McGuire asked that if anyone has any questions about transitioning to NG 9-1-1 to talk with any member of the Next-Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Linda Lavergne reported that the 2020 Louisiana APCO/NENA Symposium will be held April 6th – 8th in Marksville at the Paragon Casino Resort. Ms. Lavergne informed members of the t-shirt contest that will take place with the winner receiving free registration to the Symposium. Ms. Lavergne also informed members that online registration will be available for both attendees and vendors.

Ms. Lavergne advised that the Symposium Committee is looking for speakers for the Symposium and that an email will be sent out to all chapter members asking for recommendations. Ms. Lavergne then asked that if anyone has any ideas for entertainment, training, or potential vendors to contact any member of the Symposium Committee.

Committee Reports: TERT Committee

Tyrell Morris reported that the TERT Committee has been busy during hurricane season and also informed members that Louisiana was the first to deploy the TERT portal which now includes the states of Georgia, Texas and West Virginia. Mr. Morris advised that if anyone is interested in becoming a TERT member they must submit an application.

RAVE Mobile Safety – Panic Button for Louisiana Schools K-12

Brain O'Donnell with Rave Mobile Safety advised members that Louisiana State Police has contracted with RAVE Mobile Safety to provide the Rave Panic Button smart phone app for all K-12 schools throughout the State of Louisiana. Mr. O'Donnell informed members that the Rave Panic Button is an alert system that provides notification to school staff, Police, Fire, EMS First Responders and 911 of an active shooter, a medical emergency, a fire, or other crisis that is taking place at the school. Mr. O'Donnell advised the app will simultaneously send out a notification to other teachers and staff on campus which can reduce the time it takes for staff to implement emergency response. Bill Homer, Director of Technical Services

for Rave Mobile Safety was also present to answer any technical questions members had about the Rave Panic Button. Discussion followed.

Other Business

Richard McGuire advised members that the Louisiana Chapters of NENA has been asked by the Bureau of EMS to participate in the planning of EMS Week 2020. On a motion made by Anthony Summers, seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion is was unanimously approved for the Louisiana Chapter of NENA to participate in the planning of EMS Week 2020.

Richard McGuire informed members that Dennis Darouse has qualified to run for the NENA National Southeast Executive Director position that has been previously held by Linda Draughn-Woloski. Mr. McGuire asked for a motion of support which was seconded by Linda Lavergne and unanimously approved.

Tyrell Morris informed members of the preliminary findings of the audit of 911 remittances where there was found to be different interpretations of the law associated with commercial fees being remitted. Mr. Morris stated a public report of their findings will be issued in the coming weeks. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kory Latiolais to adjourn, seconded by Mary Richard and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.