

**LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 20, 2022**  
**NATCHITOCHEs, LA**

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

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

*Financial*

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 174 and prior membership was approximately 221. NENA's checking account balance is \$70,214.05, which includes money received for the Symposium.

*Minutes*

On a motion made by Debra Hopkins, 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 the Louisiana Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks and will have more information at the next chapter meeting.

*Committee Reports: Symposium Committee*

Linda Lavergne reported that the Symposium will be held April 25 – 27, 2022 at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville. Ms. Lavergne reported that there are currently 202 attendees registered and 33 vendors who will be displaying the latest in technology and communications equipment. Ms. Lavergne advised that an agenda was recently sent out with a schedule of events and course topics. Ms. Lavergne encouraged those who aren't currently registered to register as this a great networking and educational opportunity. Discussion followed.

*What is NG911? Tomorrow's Technology Today!*

Jason Jackson, Regional Sales Manager with Carbyne spoke to members about what NG911 is. A discussion was held amongst members on what Next Generation 9-1-1 means to their agency. Mr. Jackson also discussed future impacts Next Generation 9-1-1 would make on PSAP's such as retaining employees, equipment cost, training dispatchers on new technology etc. Mr. Jackson then spoke to members about the issues the State of Louisiana will face when making the transition to Next Generation 9-1-1. Discussion followed.

**Other Business**

Tyrell Morris led a discussion amongst members about current staffing issues public safety agencies are facing. Mr. Morris advised the Louisiana NENA and APCO chapters could help recruiting efforts across the state by posting job openings on both chapter websites and Facebook page. Mr. Morris also mentioned creating state-wide recruitment materials to distribute to agencies throughout the state. Discussion followed.

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