

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2023
SHREVEPORT, LA

President Jade Gabb called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance for the first time.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 184 and prior membership was approximately 174. NENA's checking account balance is \$35,884.70 which includes money received for the Symposium.

Minutes

On a motion made by Richard McGuire, seconded by Debra Hopkins 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 has not met since the last chapter meeting but is continuing to work on the Next Generation 9-1-1 ESInet RFP.

Jack Varnado with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office informed members that they went live with Next Generation 9-1-1 a few weeks ago. Mr. Varnado spoke to members about how the transition is going and minor issues they are facing. Mr. Varnado advised members that when developing your Next Generation 9-1-1 RFP to not just look at the technical specs but to also look at operational needs. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Linda Lavergne reported that the 2023 Louisiana APCO/NENA Symposium will take place April 17th – 19th, 2023 at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville. Ms. Lavergne advised members that the schedule is being finalized which includes sessions for all public safety disciplines not just dispatchers. Ms. Lavergne encouraged members to register and reach out to other public safety agencies in their area to let them know about the Symposium.

Ms. Lavergne then reported that a post-conference course, Communications Center Supervisor will be offered this year. The class will be limited to 20 participants and will begin Wednesday afternoon and conclude Friday. Ms. Lavergne advised that there will be a limit of 1 person per agency and they must be a current APCO or NENA member. Ms. Lavergne also informed members that the Louisiana Chapter of APCO will pay for the hotel stay of those attending the course.

Other Business

Jade Gabb led a discussion with members regarding an email he received from the NENA President in reference to a report made to the FCC about an influx of non-service initialized (NSI) calls coming into the PSAP after the discontinuation of 3G service.

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