

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2023
ALEXANDRIA, LA

President Dennis Darouse 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 239 and prior membership was approximately 210. NENA's checking account balance is \$32,856.35.

Minutes

On a motion made by Debra Hopkins, seconded by Jack Varnado 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 FCC recently put out a proposed rulemaking packet (21-479) for the facilitating implementation of Next Generation 911 services. Mr. McGuire advised that the purpose of this rulemaking is to quicken the amount of time from when a PSAP or group of PSAPs requests a connection to an ESInet. Mr. McGuire asked that all members take a look at the rulemaking packet as it contains some requirements and discussion points. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Linda Lavergne reported that the 2023 Symposium was a great success and included 42 vendors and 255 attendees. Ms. Lavergne advised that the revenue earned from the Symposium was split equally between the Louisiana Chapter of APCO and the Louisiana Chapter of NENA.

Ms. Lavergne then reported that she and Kory Latiolais recently met with the Sales Manager at the Horseshoe in Bossier and are currently in negotiations with the facility to host the 2024 Louisiana APCO/NENA Symposium April 29th – May 1st, 2024.

Ms. Lavergne asked that if anyone has ideas for training, potential speakers or post-conference course recommendations for the 2024 Symposium to contact Jade Gabb.

School Safety & RAVE

Neal Fudge, Assistant Deputy Director for Emergency Management spoke to members about the impact Communication District's throughout the state will have with the passing of Senate Bill 207 which will require schools to have a panic emergency notification system and anonymous reporting system implemented by April 2024. Mr. Fudge also gave an update to members on the progress being made with RAVE. Discussion followed.

Jade Gabb made a motion to form a RAVE sub-committee which was seconded by Debra Hopkins and unanimously approved. Members of the sub-committee will include Jade Gabb, Richard McGuire and Jack Varnado.

Other Business

A discussion was held amongst members about FCC Order 22-88, which states that telephone companies are to obtain and maintain up-to-date contact information of PSAPs to ensure that PSAPs receive timely notification about 911 service outages in their area.

Dennis Darouse spoke to members about getting more involved with the Chapter by joining a committee and attending meetings regularly.

Jade Gabb reported that he received notification from AT&T that the northern parishes will soon have to begin mandatory 10-digit dialing. Mr. Gabb was also notified of a new area code that will be coming out.

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