

Virginia Chapter of NENA Business Meeting

Minutes

May 2, 2008

Virginia APCO/NENA Spring Conference, Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chapter President Rodney Gentry.

Rodney noted that the first order of business was approval of the fall 2008 business meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Denise Johnson to accept the minutes and seconded by Hershel Kreis. The motion passed without discussion.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Knights, Treasurer, noted that, as of the last meeting held on October 19, 2007, the chapter checking account had a beginning balance of \$9,341.86. The balance as of May 1, 2008 was \$45,187.93. The current balance includes funds from a \$10,000 CD that were deposited into the checking account upon maturity.

Chris noted that conference expenses for the spring conference, estimated at approximately \$20,000, remain to be paid from the balance.

Chris also noted that the financial report and statement was for the 18 month period prior to and including November 30, 2007.

Presidents's Report

Rodney reminded everyone of the chapter website (www.virginia-nena.org) maintained by Scott Chandler and the chapter list serve (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nena_virginia/).

Rodney noted that incorporation of the organization is currently pending approval of the chapter bylaws.

Rodney also noted that this was the first conference that had been held with the new fees in place and that attendance was very good. He noted that the chapter did not make a lot of money however there would be some profit.

Rodney also noted that Brian Fontes, PhD, had been named as the new CEO of NENA.

Committee Reports

Conference Committee

Denise Johnson has volunteered to organize the conference and Bernard Brown will be in charge of the program.

Bylaws Committee

A copy of the bylaws has been posted on the website showing all proposed changes.

Nominating Committee

Rodney noted that the ballots for the elections have been tabulated.

Rodney also noted that he would head the nominating committee for the coming year.

Old Business

Adoption of Proposed Bylaws

Terry Hall noted that the chapter would need to submit the NENA Constitution along with the Virginia Chapter Bylaws when having the bylaws reviewed.

Rodney noted that this had been completed.

A motion to accept the proposed bylaws was made by Alan Weese and seconded by Richard Hersing. The motion was passed.

Legislation

Rodney noted that HB 546 (Multiline Telephone Systems) had passed in both the House and Senate although the language of the bill is still very loose.

Rodney also noted that S. 428 (IP Enable Voice Communications and Public Safety Act of 2007) and HR 3403 (New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act of 2008) have passed respectively through the Senate and House.

New Business

Rodney noted that the comment period is still open on FCC 08-95 (re: NSI Phones) is still open and urged members to comment. The comment period will end 45 days after April 11, 2008.

Rodney noted that the chapter CD had matured and that a motion was needed to investigate future options for its investment. A motion was made by Phil Heins stating that once the financial status of the organization is determined the executive board will determine what will be done with the CD funds. The motion was seconded by Wayne Campagna. The motion was passed.

The new chapter officers for the coming term were sworn in and are as follows:

President - Denise Johnson
Vice President - Hershel Kreis
2nd Vice President - Bernard Brown
Secretary - Susan Rorrer
Treasurer - Chris Knights
Past President - Rodney Gentry

Announcements

Denise Johnson noted that the month of April will be known as National 911 Month.

Denise Johnson thanked Rodney Gentry for his service as President of the Virginia Chapter of the Emergency Number Association and presented him with a plaque recognizing his contributions.

The meeting was adjourned.