

## **Virginia Chapter of NENA Business Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**October 30, 2009**

**Virginia APCO/NENA Fall Conference, Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Chapter First Vice President Bernard "Buster" Brown.

Buster noted that the first order of business was approval of the spring 2009 business meeting minutes.

Chris Knights, Treasurer, noted that an amendment to the spring meeting minutes would be required to indicate that the funds noted as a CD in the amount of \$10,000 were actually included in the checking account balance of \$24,425.75.

A motion was made by Rodney Gentry to accept the minutes with the corrected treasurer's report figures and seconded by Denise Johnson. The motion passed without discussion.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chris Knights noted that the chapter checking account had a beginning balance of \$24,425.75 on May 8, 2009 and an ending balance of \$43,811.62 on October 30, 2009. Chris noted that the current balance includes \$26,485.28 in funds that will be returned to VITA for settlement of the spring scholarship program. The Total amount drawn down and utilized for the scholarship program was \$33,514.72. It is expected that operating funds going forward will be in the amount of \$17,326.34.

Buster asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Allan Weese and seconded by Carol Adams. The motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Conference Committee

Denise Johnson noted that dates for the spring conference were in the process of being determined and noted that the committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the conference.

#### Membership Committee

Allan Weese reported that of the 184 Virginia Chapter of NENA members only 34 represented the private sector and only 22 were dispatchers. Allan noted that the committee will be starting a drive to increase membership. He noted that National has a program that awards points to current members for recruiting new members and that it's the Virginia chapter's goal to have a similar program.

Tim Addington noted that he would prepare a map showing locality membership if we provide him with membership data.

### Nominating Committee

Rodney Gentry noted that the committee will be getting information out regarding the upcoming election. The committee is looking for participation from members in identifying nominees.

### **New Business**

#### Insurance

Chris Knights noted that it is highly recommended that the Chapter obtain insurance. The chapter believes it is important to pursue this and will continue to research options and come back with a recommendation.

Jim McDonnell made a motion to allow the chapter to purchase insurance in an annual premium amount of up to \$1500. Wayne Campagna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### By Law Committee

With the passing of George Thomas a new Chair needs to be appointed to the By Law Committee.

Rodney Gentry agreed to chair the committee. Jim Davis agreed to serve as an advisor to Rodney.

#### Membership Committee

Buster Brown noted that Emmy Isbell no longer resides in Virginia. He noted that the chapter is looking for someone to chair the committee and asked if there was interest from any of the attendees.

#### George Thomas Memorial Fund

Buster Brown noted the establishment of the George Thomas Memorial Fund and that the chapter should consider a contribution.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Denise Johnson and seconded by Jim McDonnell to make a contribution in the amount of \$1,000.00 per child to the George Thomas Memorial Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Recognition of ENP's

Buster Brown noted that a number of members had recently received Emergency Number Professional certification and recognized the following members.

Craig Allen  
Pamela Cinburke  
Tamera Higgins  
George Thomas  
Charlie Udriet III  
Allan Weese  
Jeff Winbourne

## NENA Updates

National NENA Conference – June 5 – 10, 2010, Indianapolis, IN

### Life Membership

Denise Johnson noted that she would like to see a Life Membership awarded posthumously to George Thomas.

Phil Heins noted that he had no objection to the Life Membership however he would like to see something created for Honorary Membership.

Rodney Gentry requested that a grant program for VENA funded ENP scholarships be established and named the George Thomas ENP Scholarship Fund.

Chris Knights noted that we want to do something for George Thomas regardless of what that is.

Denise noted that a conference scholarship in George's honor was also being considered.

Phil Heins noted that he feels that Life Membership applies more to membership for life and that an Honorary Membership would be more appropriate.

Jim McDonnell recommended that a fundraising event be held the day prior to the conference to benefit the George Thomas Memorial Fund.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim McDonnell to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Denise Johnson. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 PM.