

Virginia Chapter of NENA Business Meeting

Minutes

May 21, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Hershel Kreis.

Hershel noted that the first order of business was approval of the fall 2009 business meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Rodney Gentry to accept the minutes and seconded by Denise Johnson. The motion was passed.

Hershel reminded the group of two upcoming conferences. The National NENA Conference will be held June 5 – 10, 2010 in Indianapolis, IN and the APCO/NENA/SIEC Fall conference will be held November 2 – 5, 2010 at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA.

Hershel reflected upon his year as President and stressed the important role that past and current members had played in the success of the organization and the overall 911 industry in Virginia.

Elections

Denise Johnson presented the slate of officers for the coming term as follows:

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| Bernard Brown | President |
| Allan Weese | First Vice President |
| Erin Elrod | Second Vice President |
| Susan Rorrer | Secretary |
| Chris Knights | Treasurer |
| Hershel Kreis | Immediate Past President |

A motion to accept the slate as read was made by Rodney Gentry and seconded by Steve Souder. The motion was passed. The swearing in ceremony for the new officers was then conducted by Steve O'Connor, President of NENA and John Crabill, Northeastern Director of NENA.

Bernard Brown then read and presented a plaque to Hershel Kreis for his service as President for the past year.

Bernard then noted to the group that as President he would like to see three things from the membership during the coming year – for them to show up, participate and give back. He then thanked Denise Johnson, Rodney Gentry and the current NENA Board for their guidance. He also thanked George Thomas and commended Sherry Muller on the singing of the national anthem.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Knights noted that the chapter checking account had a beginning balance of \$43,811.62 as of October 30, 2009 and an ending balance of \$29,163.99 on May 21, 2010. Chris noted that the

beginning balance included \$26,485.28 in funds that were later returned to VITA for settlement of the spring scholarship program. He noted that conference expenses and funds to the Thomas family for the golf outing still remain to be paid. A deposit of \$40,000 in scholarship funding is pending.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Hershel Kreis and seconded by Rodney Gentry. The motion was passed.

Old Business

Liability Insurance

Chris Knights noted that liability insurance for the chapter had been obtained and that annually the premium was just under \$900.

A motion was made by Rodney Gentry to approve \$1,500 annually to continue the insurance coverage in the future. The motion was seconded by Carol Adams and Hershel Kreis. The motion was passed.

ENP Study Group

Bernard Brown noted that Kay Carrol is starting a new ENP study group. Pokey Harris noted that they are already in week two or three of the session.

Incorporation of Chapter

Bernard Brown noted that he would like to see incorporation of the chapter accomplished

Bernard Brown then asked if there was any other old business to discuss. No further old business was noted.

New Business

New Website

Bernard Brown noted that Allan Weese has developed a new website for the chapter that can be found at www.virginia-nena.org . He thanked Scott Chandler for his work to maintain the previous site.

Letter to the Wireless Services Board

Bernard Brown noted that the Virginia Chapter of NENA Executive Board is planning to send a letter to the Wireless Services Board on behalf of the organization regarding payment of an outstanding Verizon bill from wireless 911 funds. He noted that Steve Souder has been important in pursuing the issue.

Steve Souder explained that a bill for approximately \$4 million is owed to Verizon and that it is expected that it will be paid from grant funding. He also noted that a group of nine PSAP directors had together composed a letter to the Wireless Services Board regarding their questions and concerns regarding the matter. He noted that in the immediate future everyone needs to be aware of the situation and that awareness and concern needs to be communicated to the Wireless

Board as grant funds are an important direct source of funding for PSAP's. He noted that the APCO and NENA Boards would be asking for support of the letter from the membership.

Committees

Membership Committee

Bernard Brown noted that Allan Weese would chair the membership committee for the upcoming year.

Allan Weese reported that membership in the Chapter has declined by approximately 40 members. Steve O'Connor noted that this is happening nationally. Alan noted that the committee hasn't had an active chairman for some time and that the committee would be looking for volunteers. He also noted that currently the Chapter has 147 members – 20 dispatcher members, 29 commercial members and 98 full members.

Constitution and By Laws Committee

Bernard Brown noted that George Thomas was the former Chair of the Constitution and By Laws Committee. He noted that Rodney Gentry had agreed to serve as Chairman for the coming year with Jim Davis agreeing to serve as an advisor.

Historical Committee

Bernard Brown noted that he believes that a Historical Committee is important to the Chapter. He noted that Karen Smallwood has agreed to serve as Chair for the committee and that anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact the Board or Karen.

Conference Committee

Bernard Brown noted that Denise Marrs has agreed to serve as Chairperson of the Conference Committee with Denise Johnson agreeing to mentor her.

Nominating Committee

Bernard Brown noted that Hershel Kreis has agreed to serve as Chairperson for the Nominating Committee.

A motion was made by Carol Adams for a vote of support to work jointly with APCO to draft a letter to the Wireless Board. The motion was seconded by Allan Weese. The motion was passed.

Bernard Brown noted that we will be looking at conference rates for future conferences after we see how things go with this conference and that rates may change in the future.

Carol Adams noted that the call for papers for the fall conference is out.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Rodney Gentry to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Hershel Kreis. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned.