

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2015

GOLDEN NUGGET

LAKE CHARLES, LA

President Dennis Darouse called the meeting to order. The prayer and pledge was led by Stephen Gordon.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 160 and prior membership was approximately 119. NENA's checking account balance is \$18,357.41.

On a motion made by Jack Varnado, seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, the financial report was unanimously approved.

Minutes

On a motion made by Debra Hopkins, seconded by Tracey Hilburn, the minutes from the previous meeting and the financial report was unanimously approved.

New Business

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Tracey Hilburn thanked everyone for attending the Symposium and reminded those present of the Shrimp and Crawfish Boil that will be taking place after the Chapter meetings on the Terrace and in the Willowick Room.

Committee Reports: Louisiana Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee

Richard McGuire reported that there was a Louisiana Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee meeting held on April 13th and the Committee is moving forward with developing a plan for the future. The committee will be sending out a survey within the next month. Mr. McGuire stated that it is important that the survey be filled out so that the Committee will get a good idea of what is out there in order to know how to move forward with the plan for Next Generation 9-1-1. Mr. McGuire then stated that once all data is collected, a statewide Directors meeting will be held to discuss the findings of the data received and start talking about the future and how to proceed with Next Generation 9-1-1.

911 Data Survey Results

Craig Johnson stated a survey was done online using Survey Monkey in which 38 out of 64 parishes have responded so far. Mr. Johnson encouraged those who have yet completed the survey to please do so. A link will be sent out in the near future for those to access the survey. The information received from the survey will be very helpful in creating a plan for Next Generation 9-1-1 and will help identify where people are currently and what can be done to help to bring everyone to the same level.

The survey contains questions that deal with addressing issues such as what type of addressing agencies are using, point addressing or street ranges, addressing authority and how often addresses are updated. Mr. Johnson then went over some of the results of the survey with members who were present. Discussion followed.

Mr. Johnson then spoke about GIS concerns for Next Generation 9-1-1. Some of the concerns were what type of data will be needed, how current is that data and what data sets may be needed that you currently don't have in order to take that next step forward. Mr. Johnson then stated the biggest issue of concern with GIS in each parish is the lack of data sharing within the parish or with adjoining parishes as well as lack of GIS training, data synchronizing and mapping capabilities. Mr. Johnson then went over

some of the results of the survey with members who were present. Dennis Darouse asked that Craig send the results to Linda Lavergne once all data has been received.

Other Business

Election of Officers

Dennis Darouse reported that the positions of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer were up for election. Mr. Darouse reminded everyone that you must be a NENA member in order to vote.

Vice President: Sonya Wiley Gremillion nominated Liz Hill, this was seconded by Mary Richard. Stephen Gordon nominated Kathrine Cargo, this was seconded by Maxine Vappie. A motion to close the nominations was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, seconded by Jack Varnado. The motion was unanimously approved to close the nominations. Ballots were distributed to all NENA members present. Ballots were collected and the votes were counted. Liz Hill was elected as Vice President.

Secretary/Treasurer: Tracey Hilburn nominated Linda Lavergne, this was seconded by Debra Hopkins. A motion to close the nominations was made by Tammy Armand, seconded by Anthony Summers. The motion was unanimously approved to close the nominations. Linda Lavergne was unanimously elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

The swearing in of the new officers was done by Renee Hardwick, NENA National 2nd Vice President.

President Richard McGuire presented outgoing President Dennis Darouse a plaque for his outstanding service as President.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jack Varnado to adjourn, seconded by Tammy Armand. Meeting adjourned.