

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2021
NATCHITOCHEs, LA

President Sean Spansel called the meeting to order.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 204 and prior membership was approximately 221. NENA's checking account balance is \$63,327.29, which includes money received for the Symposium.

Minutes

On a motion made by Richard McGuire, seconded by Liz Hill 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 Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee has completed a draft version of the Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Plan. Mr. McGuire thanked everyone who participated in the drafting of the plan. President Sean Spansel then thanked Richard for all the work he has put in to developing and drafting the Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Plan.

Mr. McGuire advised that the draft version of the Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Plan will be presented and up for adoption at the 9-1-1 Director's Consortium meeting that is taking place after the conclusion of the Louisiana Chapter of NENA meeting. Mr. McGuire then advised there are two different approaches that the Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee is looking to take. The first would be to follow exactly what is in the plan which consist of looking and building out the plan to meet the requirements for the grant program for federal funding. Mr. McGuire advised the other option would be to have a small working group with attorneys to start exploring how we can go out for an RFP to cover all parishes in the state so that we can have a joint purchase. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Linda Lavergne reported that the Symposium will be postponed until April 2022. The Symposium will still be held in Marksville at the Paragon Casino Resort. Ms. Lavergne advised there are still 28 vendors and 198 attendees registered. Ms. Lavergne asked that if anyone has any ideas for entertainment, training or potential speakers to contact any member of the Symposium Committee.

Other Business

Election of Officers

Sean Spansel reported that the position of Vice President was up for election.

Kory Latiolais nominated Jade Gabb, this was seconded by Debra Hopkins. A motion to close the nominations was made by Kory Latiolais, seconded by Richard McGuire. The motion was unanimously approved to close the nominations. Jade Gabb was unanimously elected as Vice President.

The swearing in of officers was done by Tracey Hilburn.

Rave Panic Button App

Janice Ihaza, Statewide Grant Coordinator for the Rave Panic Button App with Louisiana State Police spoke to members about the progress that has been made throughout the State in regards to the implementation of the Rave Panic Button App. Several members then spoke about their experiences with the Rave Panic Button App. Discussion followed.

Women in 9-1-1 Alliance

Domonique Curry with Orleans Parish Communication District who is on the board of the NENA Women in 9-1-1 (WIN) Alliance spoke to members about the alliance which empowers women in 9-1-1 through leadership development, education, networking, and mentoring opportunities. Ms. Curry advised that the Women in 9-1-1 Alliance will be hosting a social at the NENA National Conference which is taking place July 24th – 29th in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Curry stated that more information about the Women in 9-1-1 Alliance can be found on the NENA National website.

TERT

Tyrell Morris reported that the Louisiana TERT team has had two deployments since the last chapter meeting. Mr. Morris advised that the TERT team was deployed to Alabama and St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Discussion followed.

President Tyrell Morris presented outgoing President Sean Spansel a plaque for his outstanding service as the Louisiana Chapter of NENA President the last two years.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Richard McGuire to adjourn, seconded by Martha Carter and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.