

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
JULY 1, 2021
MANY, LA

President Tyrell Morris called the meeting to order. The prayer and pledge was led by Jack Varnado.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 207 and prior membership was approximately 221. NENA's checking account balance is \$63,227.29, which includes money received for the Symposium.

Minutes

On a motion made by Sean Spansel, seconded by Deborah Hopkins the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

New Business

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

Joe Thompson reported that a draft version of the Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Plan was presented to the 9-1-1 Director's Consortium. Mr. Thompson advised that the Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee will schedule a meeting in the near future to discuss what approach the 9-1-1 Director's Consortium would like to take to transition to Next Generation 9-1-1. Tyrell Morris advised that Safecom has released its GIS best practices to help prepare data for the transition to Next Generation 9-1-1. Mr. Morris advised that the document will be forwarded to all Directors.

Mr. Morris then reported that the Lift America Bill is currently sitting in Congress, although very preliminary it is projected to bring \$15 billion dollars to the 9-1-1 industry to overhaul and get everyone transitioned to Next Generation 9-1-1. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Linda Lavergne reported that the Symposium will be held April 25 – 27, 2022 at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville. Ms. Lavergne advised that an email will be sent out with information on how to register for the Symposium in the next few weeks. Ms. Lavergne informed members that if you have previously registered, your registration will roll over to the 2022 Symposium. Ms. Lavergne asked members to reach out to other surrounding agencies and encourage them to attend the Symposium. Ms. Lavergne also asked that if anyone has any ideas for entertainment, training or potential speakers to contact any member of the Symposium Committee.

Tyrell Morris informed members of the NENA National Conference that is taking place July 24th – 29th in Columbus, Ohio and APCO Conference that is taking place August 15th – 18th in San Antonio, Texas.

Cyber Security Issues in the PSAP

Eddie Lau, Business Development Manager – Cyber Security Division with Mission Critical Partners gave a presentation to members about Cyber Security Issues in the PSAP. Mr. Lau spoke to members about the two standard bodies, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) which is a framework providing standards, guidelines and best practices that consists of a Core Structure, Implementation Tiers and the establishment of a Risk Management Program. The second standard body that Mr. Lau spoke about is the Task Force on Optimal Public Safety Answering Point (TFOPA) which studies, reports findings and recommendations driven by different workgroups. Discussion followed.

Other Business

Tyrell Morris, President of the Louisiana Chapter of NENA informed members that his goal for the rest of his term is to visit and tour as many PSAP centers around the state as possible to encourage and say thank you after a difficult last few years in the 9-1-1 industry.

Tyrell Morris informed members that the Orleans Parish Communication District will be hosting its Communications Executive Leadership Academy at the end of October. Mr. Morris advised more information will be sent out at a later date.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jack Varnado to adjourn, seconded by Linda Lavergne and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.