

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 30, 2024

BOSSIER CITY, LA

President Dennis Darouse called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 255 and prior membership was approximately 234. NENA's checking account balance is \$118,801.25 which includes money received for the Symposium.

Minutes

On a motion made by Lisa MacDonald, seconded by Kory Latiolais 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 the Request for Qualifications for the Consultant and it will be sent out in the near future.

Mr. McGuire then informed members that he along with Phillip Daniels, Jack Varnado, DeSoto Sheriff Jayson Richardson, NENA National Southeastern Regional Director Cassie Lowery and several staff members of both APCO International and NENA National recently had a meeting with Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and Senator Bill Cassidy regarding the Spectrum Auction Reauthorization Act, the 9-1-1 Saves Act and the Protect 9-1-1 Act. Mr. McGuire advised the meeting was very successful and thanked Phillip Daniels and all those who were instrumental in getting the meeting set up.

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Linda Lavergne thanked everyone for attending the Symposium and reminded those present of the Shrimp/Crawfish Boil that will be taking place after the Chapter meetings.

Other Business

Election of Officers

Dennis Darouse reported that the positions of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer were up for election.

Vice President: Kory Latiolais nominated Teresa Thompson. A motion to close the nominations was made by Debra Hopkins, and was seconded by Melinda Guerra. The motion was unanimously approved to close the nominations. Teresa Thompson was unanimously elected as Vice President.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jack Varnado nominated Linda Lavergne. A motion to close the nominations was made by Debra Hopkins, and was seconded by Jade Gabb. The motion was unanimously approved to close the nominations. Linda Lavergne was unanimously elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

The swearing in of new officers was done by Cassie Lowery, NENA National Southeastern Regional Director.

President Phillip Daniels presented outgoing President Dennis Darouse a plaque for his outstanding service as the Louisiana Chapter of NENA President.

A motion to pay the expenses for the Louisiana Chapter of NENA President to attend the 2024 NENA Conference was made by Linda Lavergne, and seconded by Debra Hopkins. The motion was unanimously approved.

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