



The Iowa Chapter of NENA held their annual spring conference and business meeting at Prairie Meadows in Altoona on Monday, April 1, 2019. President Brandon Miller-Guss called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

Quorum was determined.

Motion to approve the agenda by Doug McCasland, Warren Co. Seconded by Judy Flores, Blackhawk Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the fall 2018 meeting were distributed and made available on the website. Motion to approve the minutes by Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co. Seconded by Mel Burton, Ringgold Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

Legislative Update- Dane Schumann, Advocacy Strategies, was present to give a legislative overview on issues pertaining to 911. This year the Governor recommended to again fund the ISICS system lease payment from the RIF (Rebuild Iowa Fund). The budget process is happening now; Schumann anticipates that 911 funds will be safe.

Some bills of interest have seen action this session-

- The “Single Point of Contact” bill involves zoning preemption for FirstNet. That legislation passed and was signed by the Governor. There is a two-year sunset on the bill, which is the time AT&T will need to build out FirstNet.
- Bill proposing to add Sheriffs as voting members on 911 Boards. There was an amendment added to include Police Chief or designee if that Chief runs a PSAP. The bill has passed the House and is now in the Senate. There has been no public or private opposition so the bill is expected to pass.
- A bill regarding private access to ISICS died in subcommittee.
- There are no 911 bills from HSEMD this year.

There were bills introduced in prior years about making 911 calls private. There was no bill brought forward on that issue this year.

To increase influence at the Capital and on legislative issues, Schumann suggested making contact with local legislatures and continuing outreach. Late March and April is a good time to make be reaching out. Advocacy Strategies sends out a schedule weekly of local Legislative Forums.

There was no bill brought forward on protected status by 911 this year. The lobbyist's suggestion is to go to the Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC) first with the goal of gaining a positive recommendation. Legislatures like to hear from the BAC before taking up a bill.

Wendi Hess mentioned that on the national level there is a push to make dispatchers a protected class. She asked how that trickles down. Schumann replied that state does not have to follow federal. He said it could strengthen our case, however.

Jason Hoffman said that there is a federal bill on protected status- 911 SAVES Act. He asked if we should wait to see what happens with that bill before making a presentation to the BAC. Schumann answered that it will not hurt to use to our advantage. However, procedurally we should not wait to get before the BAC. Those who will need the most convincing are the legislatures themselves.

Treasurer Report- Martha Dykstra has retired. She passed the financial report to Amanda Roush, Story Co. 911, to share. The beginning balance was \$39,608.55. We had \$10,566.71 in expenses and deposits of \$21,360.00. The balance as of 3/31/19 was \$50,401.84. No questions or concerns. Marilyn Stayner, Worth Co., made a motion to accept the financials as reported. Bobbi Wells, Sac Co., seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

911 Council- The president gave a report on behalf of Tracey Bearden for the 911 Council. The 911 Communications Council has asked a committee to revisit Iowa Code 34A. The committee has introduced five priorities. If you have not seen those, you can contact Tracey Bearden, Polk County EMA. The committee will be scheduling the next meetings on those five priorities. You can attend those meetings in person or on conference line.

Any of the discussions that are happening in the priority meetings are not reflective of the NENA stance. We will not take any stance until changes are put forth and our membership has the opportunity to provide input.

Jamey Robinson is leading a committee on 911 training standards. The committee will review Iowa Code, current training standards and look ahead to what the training program should be. There will be a survey coming out to poll PSAPs, etc. on what training is desired.

Nomination- Mike Becker has volunteered to chair the Nomination Committee. The committee is tasked with handling officer elections. The bylaws state that the chapter must have a person in the position and that elections must be held according to the rules set out in the bylaws. Becker explained the rules pertaining to meetings and elections.

According to the bylaws, we are supposed to have by-monthly chapter meetings. Brandon Miller-Guss said that he believes that is a little excessive, so we should change the bylaws to reflect what our practices are. He would suggest quarterly chapter meetings and language to allow members to join meetings by conference call. Volunteers are needed for a committee to review the bylaws. John Kelley, Attorney for NENA, can help to review any amendments made to the bylaws.

New Business- The Treasurer position is now vacant. President Brandon Miller-Guss asked Amanda Roush to move from Secretary to Treasurer. She agreed and the Executive Board voted to accept. Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co., made a motion to approve Roush as Treasurer. Seconded by Marilyn Stayner, Worth Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mel Burton, Ringgold Co., volunteered to fill the Secretary position. The Executive Board voted to accept. Motion to approve Burton as Secretary by Bobbi Wells, Sac Co. Motion seconded by Shanna Krogmeier, DESCOM. All in favor. Motion carried.

The president would like to entertain a motion to allow exploration of a joint APCO/NENA website. There are models in other states where each organization has its own tab on the page. An idea would be to have a third tab for conferences that could include automated registration and online payments. Motion to explore joint website made by Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co. Seconded by Angie Dobyns, Pottawattamie Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

The chapter is going to move forward to create a joint conference committee.

National NENA contacted the president to announce that they are holding a National NENA Summit in Ames, IA October 9th-11th. National NENA asked what training topics Iowa would like to see. At this time, classes are priced half off. Brandon Miller-Guss will ask the 911 Council to cover the full cost of tuition for Iowa NENA members. He has to wait until budget year 2020 to make that request.

The president has sent out information about the 911 SAVES Act, along with tips on how to contact your local legislatures about protected status classification for dispatchers.

Motion to adjourn by Shanna Krogmeier, DESCOM. Seconded by Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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