



The Iowa Chapter of NENA held their annual spring conference at Prairie Meadows in Altoona on Monday, March 19, 2018. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Tracey Bearden called the meeting to order at 11:45am.

Motion to approve the agenda- Mike Becker, Scott Emergency Communications Center. Seconded by Cara Sorrells, Washington County. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The minutes of the fall meeting were distributed and made available on the website. There were no questions or corrections. Motion to approve the minutes- Cara Sorrells, Washington County. Seconded by Mike Becker, Scott Emergency Communication Center. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Martha Dykstra gave the financial report. The account balance on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was \$34,993.45. We had \$8,505.35 in withdraws and deposits of \$12,425. The balance as of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was \$38,913.10. No questions or concerns. Financials accepted as reported.

Committee Reports- Bob Sievert could not be at the meeting to report on legislative updates. He passed along that right now there is no concern about the 911 bills coming through. The chapter has been voting *for* the bills. Bearden mentioned another bill that is coming down, a bill on privacy/confidentiality. HF571 is being discussed, but has not gone through any sub-committees at this point. Bearden also wants to discuss IPERS further. She said if we are going to move forward, we need to have committee members for that. No other reports.

New Business-

**a. Advocacy Strategies-** Bearden asked how everyone is feeling about Advocacy Strategies being our lobbyist. Do you feel that they are being more responsive? No concerns raised by the group. Bearden stated that her only concern is in the contract that we signed for their services. As the incoming President, she believes that the concerns will need to be addressed. Next year, with the permission of the chapter, she would like to discuss some of the contractual language. Bearden does not think we should be paying Advocacy Strategies corporation attorney fees. There are certain things in the contract that she thinks should be handled by both sides, dual. We shouldn't be agreeing to pay for some of these damages. Cara Sorrells commented that she could not think of a time where the chapter had to pay extra. Bearden answered that she isn't just talking about that. She said we are liable for attorney fees if there is a breach of contract. Sorrells wanted Bearden to know that this is a standard contract that everyone has; Sheriff's Deputies, IEMA, etc. Sorrells continued that the chapter has never had to pay extra from either side that she is aware of, to date. Bearden said that there are just things that she won't feel comfortable signing; based on her legal background. When she becomes President, she will go through, send out comments on why she feels this way and take feedback.

**b. Other new business-** Joe McCarville made announcements. The vendor hall will be open tonight from 5:15pm until 7:00pm. There will be light snacks, while they last, and everyone will have time to thank vendors for being at the conference. There will also be a cash bar. If you don't have to drive home, have fun! Registration for the APCO Conference will begin tomorrow morning a little bit early. It will be open from 6:30am to 7:30am and the awards ceremony starts at 7:30am, not 8:00am. McCarville thanked Tracey Bearden and Brandon Miller-Gus for putting on a great NENA Conference and thanked vendors.

Bearden encouraged everyone to read over the Bylaws. She feels that we need to do a better job implementing the Bylaws as they are written. There are supposed to be other regular meetings and committees. If anyone has concerns, or would like an amendment to the Bylaws, follow the rules in emailing the current President.

The APCO business meeting is tonight at 4:30pm, following the NENA conference.

Motion to adjourn- Mike Becker, Scott Emergency Communications Center. Seconded by Mark Murphy, Dubuque 911 Communications Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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