



The Iowa Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association held their annual spring business meeting on March 13, 2017 at Prairie Meadows in Altoona. The meeting was called to order by President Charlie McClintock. Motion to approve the fall minutes made by Eric Dau – Clinton County. Seconded by Marilyn Stayner – Worth County. No corrections. A vote was called. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Treasurer Martha Dykstra. The beginning year balance was \$20,668.01. Deposits totaled \$17,708 for a total fund balance of \$38,376.01. This does not include conference costs.

In Committee Reports, the Legislative report was given by Bob Seivert. There are four pieces of legislation that are significant. SF454, the 911 bill, is funnel proof and was referred for appropriations. There is no companion bill on the House side. Our stance on it is monitor at this time. SF193, the IPERS bill, is in process and believed to be funnel proof and in committee. It should follow the same path as SF454. HF429, the 911 call confidentiality bill, is being monitored by APCO/NENA. HSB162, which allows Emergency Management a voting seat on local 911 Service Boards, has a companion bill in the Senate and the wording is identical. You can see the APCO/NENA leadership group's stance on these and other bills posted on our website. Cherese Sexe – Humboldt County asked if she can voice an opinion. Locally, Humboldt County has already had this discussion and they don't support adding EMA to their Board. They see EMA as a secondary responder not an emergency responder and she would like to see that language stricken. She would like to see EMS have a vote on the 911 Council, Fire is supported with representation but not EMS. President McClintock advised this will be taken into consideration by the leadership. Cherese asked if we add EMA, where then do we draw the line. Do we also add public health? President McClintock advised locally Linn County did have EMA on their Board, but had to be taken off a few years ago. This was an initiative to put them back on, but we will address that and see what APCO members say on it. Bob Seivert advised there are many factors in this bill that would benefit local 911, the rest is non-controversial. If we make it controversial, it may turn into a fight. He asked if the EMA vote would make that much of a difference to the vote on the bill. Jason Hoffman – Carroll County, asked if this was to add EMA to the local 911 Boards not the 911 Council. Tim Malott – Cedar County, said his Sheriff, who runs the 911 Center does not have a vote, but the Board of Supervisors do. If you bother to read the code, EMA is a municipality by code in the state. He would rather give the Sheriff a vote on his Board, but the vote goes to the Commission. Cherese agrees there is good stuff in this bill and would hate to see this cause controversy, but she is not the only one who is not in favor of adding EMA to the Board. President McClintock advised anyone to reach out to the Executive Board with their opinion. The Executive Board weighs in and notifies Advocacy Strategies what our opinion is. APCO also is in collaboration as a group we stand together. We have to decide collectively.

President McClintock asked for a discussion from the members on retaining our lobbyist representation. Bob Seivert advised at our last meeting we discussed to either continue on with our existing lobbyist or seek out other lobbyists. He contacted a couple different lobbyists and they were not interested in talking with us while we were under contract, as a professional favor to Advocacy Strategies. President McClintock advised we do not want to be out of session without representation. Joe McCarville – Cedar Rapids Joint Communications and the APCO President, advised Advocacy Strategies has agreed to get us on the same schedules as they do with their other clients, from April to the end of the year instead of our February to February. He recommends we stay with A/S. Jason Hoffman agrees we should stay with them and then have a discussion in the fall meeting on making any changes. Bob Seivert encouraged us to stay where we are as we are developing a history with them. They know us now and we would be remiss if we tried to start over with a new lobbyist. Joe McCarville advised they helped to get the bill introduced to include dispatch in protected class and have gotten to know a lot more of our members. At the APCO/NENA day at the capitol they were a huge help for us with meeting legislators. President McClintock called for a motion. Jason Hoffman made the motion to continue our contract with Advocacy Strategies through the calendar year. Joe McCarville seconded. Eric Dau asked to amend the motion to include this be discussed at the fall meeting. Jason so moved to amend his motion to add we look at renewal in the fall meeting. President McClintock asked for a vote. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

President McClintock announced Dina McKenna will not advance from 1<sup>st</sup> VP to President at the fall conference. This will create a vacancy to 1<sup>st</sup> VP, as Mike Kasper will now advance to 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Also, Brenda Vande Voorde will not continue on as Secretary, so this position will be open in the fall. We will need nominations for these positions. People's Bank has requested a secondary signature power and I encourage we give that to Mike Kasper, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, as second signator of power until his term is up. Also, we had a vendor, CPI, unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. Their cost was \$600, NENA would return 50% of the cost and APCO would match \$300. Joe McCarville stated Larry is a long-standing contributor to our conferences. Motion by Joe McCarville to split the cost with APCO/NENA. Second by Marilyn Stayner. Eric Dau asked if we will set a precedence for anyone who cannot attend the conference, we will have to refund their money. Brenda Vande Voorde thought we had returned money for an attendee who was sick and could not make a previous conference. Pam Freshwater clarified she had a request and asked the Board and the Executive Board agreed to the refund. President McClintock called for a vote. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

In New Business, President McClintock asked the members to approve payment of \$500 to Kirk Hundertmark to maintain our website. APCO pays Kirk \$500 to maintain their website and he has done a phenomenal job with ours. We have added more information to our site and use our website as a portal for people to see NENAs stance on legislation. Sally Hall – Iowa County, made a motion to approve \$500 to compensate Kirk for maintenance on our web site. Mike Kasper – Linn County, seconded. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

President McClintock announced Ken Rasing is retiring and we would like to recognize him as a long-standing member and attendee as the Emergency Management and 911

Coordinator for Chickasaw County. There were no other comments from the floor. President McClintock called for a motion to adjourn. Jason Hoffman so moved. Mark Murphy – Dubuque County, seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brenda Vande Voorde*

Secretary IA NENA