



The Iowa Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association held their annual spring business meeting on October 3, 2017 at the Holiday Inn 4800 Merle Hay RD, Des Moines. The meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Mike Kasper. Motion to approve the spring minutes was made by Bob Seivert – Shelby County. Seconded by Mark Murphy – Dubuque County. Vote was called. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Kasper asked for a motion to approve the March minutes. Kirk Hundertmark motioned to approve the spring minutes that have been posted to the web site. Seconded by Bobbi Wells – Sac County. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Treasurer – Martha Dykstra. The balance at the end of December 2016 was \$20,668.01. The balance as of September 30, 2017 was \$34,993.45. There were deposits of \$36,852.48 and withdraws of \$22,527.04. We were reimbursed for the speakers at the spring conference. Motion to approve the financials made by Jason Hoffman – Carroll County. Seconded by Cara Sorrells – Washington County. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

In committee reports, Bob Seivert - Legislative Committee advised the IPERS bill had no sponsor. Sen. Danielson, a Democrat, introduced it but it needs a Republican champion to move it forward. The language is fine, but it needs to be sponsored by the majority party. The 911 Board make up was also discussed, but we don't want to interject that into this session. APCO/NENA should champion it and define the makeup to carry a discussion as a board. The information presented by Homeland Security, we will want to see that language on paper. Just play defense now. With no other committee reports, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Kasper entertained discussion on retaining Advocacy Strategies and renewing the contract for 2017-2018. Jason Hoffman stated from his perspective, they have grown. Mike Kasper stated communication was good, they developed a spreadsheet on bills introduced. They are more responsive than in previous years. Jason Hoffman added the Advocacy Strategies staff was extremely active on the day on the hill to get us to make those legislative connections. They used their connections to get us face-to-face with our legislators for a lengthy discussion. Eric Dau – Clinton County, stated his disappointment on the collective bargaining issue. Stating, I have mixed feelings. I understand we have invested 2-3 years in building a relationship with Advocacy Strategies and we don't want to have to start over. Mike Kasper asked if there were any other comments from the floor. Hearing none, he stated we pay them two times per year. January to July and July to December a payment of \$2,500. Mike asked Joe McCarville if APCO had any feelings to retain them. Joe McCarville – Cedar Rapids Joint Communications, stated APCO has some of the same sentiments, but thinks Advocacy Strategies is going in the right direction. Joe McCarville made the motion to retain Advocacy Strategies. Jason Hoffman seconded. Bob Seivert stated he has worked closely with Advocacy Strategies over many years and agrees they have grown. The close relationship he thinks has a lot to do with Kent Hartwick's relationship and said it is

not always a good idea to switch lobbyists. He stated Advocacy Strategies is keenly aware of APCO/NENA's dissatisfaction. That is not lost on them. Tracey Bearden – Polk County, added that some memberships are more active than others with meetings. EMA meets more than NENA, who only meet twice a year. Bob stated the NENA Board advised on some issues, but some items come up and need to be acted on very quickly and that doesn't allow time to poll the membership. Especially if only 17 of the members are responding, is that really an accurate portrayal of the membership? The NENA Officers are elected to represent and they act on and make decisions for those they are chosen to represent. We are keeping the membership advised and Kirk Hundertmark got it posted to the website. Tracey stated she would like to get it directly from the lobbyist, to have that connection. Cheresé Sexe – Humboldt County, asked is a webinar realistic to have meetings? Eric Dau asked if we are sending the email we get from the lobbyist to the membership. Bob Seivert stated it can be. Cheresé Sexe stated she did get the email, but she got it from APCO faster than from NENA. Jason Hoffman stated he asked for it to be sent directly to him from the lobbyist. Cara stated the President of each organization [APCO and NENA] have access to the membership list to send it. Mike Kasper advised we can have more internal communication. There is a motion on the floor. Called for a vote. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried to retain Advocacy Strategies as our lobbyist for another year.

Next item is the election of officers. Mike advised he was 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, but quickly moved up to 1<sup>st</sup> VP in the spring when Dina McKenna could not continue as 1<sup>st</sup> VP. He will now move to President after this meeting. There is a vacancy at 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Secretary. Cheresé nominated Tracey Bearden as 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Joe McCarville seconded. Bob Seivert moved to cease nominations. President Kasper called for a vote. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Motion called for nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Joe McCarville nominated Brandon Miller-Guss – SECC Medic. Tracey Bearden seconded the motion. Bob Seivert moved to cease the nominations. Jason Hoffman seconded the motion. A vote was called. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Called for nominations for Secretary. Dina McKenna nominated Amanda Roush – Story County for Secretary. Jason Hoffman seconded the motion. Bob Seivert moved to cease the nominations. Jason Hoffman seconded the motion. A vote was called. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is to appoint the 911 Council representative. Kirk Hundertmark was alternate when Rob Koppert was the 1<sup>st</sup> Chair. Now that Rob stepped down Kirk will take 1<sup>st</sup> Chair. Tracey Bearden asked to be 1<sup>st</sup> Chair. Kirk nominated Tracey to 1<sup>st</sup> Chair. Joe McCarville seconded the nomination. A vote was called. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Joe McCarville nominated Kirk to Alternate. Tracey Bearden seconded the motion. A vote was called. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Mike Kasper asked for any business from the floor. Joe McCarville advised the APCO business meeting will be held right after the NENA conference. The minutes were emailed out previously. Cara Sorrells stated Mike Kasper is doing a great job. He had to step into the role quickly with little notice. Mike Kasper stated you might hear that Linn County has an open RFP for consolidation. They are studying it. Marion requested the study because of staffing. With no other items, will entertain a motion to

adjourn. Mark Murphy motioned to adjourn. Kirk Hundertmark seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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