



National Emergency Number Association Iowa Chapter



October 23, 2012 IANENA Chapter Business Meeting

The meeting of the Chapter of Iowa NENA was held at the Ramada Tropic Resorts and Conference Center. President Tom Ling called the meeting to order. Time noted: 8:00 A.M.

Ling asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Ken Rasing and seconded by Kirk Hundermark to approve the agenda as presented.

Ling stated that minutes from the November 8, 2011 meeting was placed on the website for review. A motion by Sally Hall, Iowa County Sheriff's Office and seconded by Tim Mallott, Cedar County, to approve the minutes from the previous minutes.

Pam Freshwater, acting Treasurer handed each member present a copy of the financial report. Currently the balance is \$10,884.87. Freshwater still is expecting to receive money from registrations and sponsorships. Conference costs have not been included in this figure. A motion by Tim Mallott, Cedar County, and seconded by Cara Sorrells, Washington County, to approve the financial report as presented.

Rob Koppert updated the members regarding the conference. Koppert stated that he felt the two day conference was more beneficial for the members. Koppert updated members of costs associated with conference. Koppert also stated that to help offset cost, the booklet was created and vendors placed advertisements. Koppert also received break sponsors to help offset costs. Average about \$55 per person for food costs. Might have to increase future registration fee to cover conference expense. Koppert also mentioned that the conference grant topic brought in new registrants who had never attended a NENA conference.

Barb Vos, State 911 Emergency Program Manager, stated that only 12 out of the 117 PSAPs were left for the NG911 switchover. If all goes well, these last switchovers should be done by next week. Vos stated that they are still working with the ICN regarding the network. Windstream is ICN network provider.

Vos stated that still having issues with Windstream. They have decided not to wait for the 12 month contract to be over. Vos is working with ICN to work on taking equipment from Windstream to BTOP.

Attachment B still needs to be sent in if requesting reimbursement. Form can be found on website or contact Barb or Kathy for forms.

Koppert stated he felt that the NG911 project has gone really smoothed and wanted to thank Vos for all she had done on the project. Vos's work was very much appreciated.

Bob Sievert spoke to the members regarding a lobbyist. The State has convened a task force to look at 911 issues. Draft is out. Please take time to review. Sievert stresses that it is important for 911 agencies to be active, visible and state our voices to our representatives on the hill.

Sievert felt it would be beneficial for the Chapter of NENA to join forces with the ISICSB Board and develop a plan. Feels working with ISICSB has advantages.

Main goal will be to change the surcharge so that wireline and wireless both would be at \$1.00 surcharge. Vendors have also been in support to get this passed. Vendors have an interest because they are looking at getting back recovery costs. If surcharge passes to a \$1.00, breakdown would look like: 13 cents back to wireless service providers; 30 cents network costs; 46 cents to PSAPs; and 11 cents carryover.

Surveys need to be completed. Surveys are very important in showing the needs of 911 and a good way to help support causes.

Koppert felt that the E911 Council and ISICSB should be kept as two separate boards. ISICSB Board is now dealing with inoperability project which is a big project to deal with. Also Koppert did not like the fact that the ISICSB Board currently has six State employees on this board. Felt that members could easily be more influenced on their decision making.

Tim Mallott, Cedar County, spoke that he was against E911 Council and ISICSB Board merging. Mallott felt that 911 Board should work on getting a lobbyist and think about creating organization that would have a representative from each district that could address issues.

Sievert made a motion for IANENA to support the merge of the E911 Council and ISICSB Board. Lorrie Lacina with Muscatine County seconded the motion. Ling asked by a show of hands of the members present to approve the motion on the floor. By a show of hands, IANENA members were not in support of the merge.

Koppert made a motion stating that at this point in time with the evidence on the table that State 911 Advisory County not merge with the ISICSB Board. Lora Phillips of Johnson County seconded the motion. Ling asked by a show of hands of members present to approve the motion. By a show of hands, members were in support of the motion for the State 911 Advisory County not to merge with the ISICSB Board.

Seivert asked the IANENA to develop a plan so if the merger happens, the E911 Council will know what to do. Seivert made the following motion: IANENA to support efforts necessary to merge E911 Council and ISICSB if this happens. Koppert seconded the motion. Ling asked for a show of hands of members present to approve the motion on the floor. By a show of hands, members approved the motion to support the efforts necessary to merge the E911 Council and the ISICSB Board.

Ling asked members present about whether they were in support of hiring a lobbyist. APCO will be placing the hiring a lobbyist on their meeting's agenda on Wednesday. A lobbyist is \$10,000 per year so would need both IANENA and APCO to split the cost, \$5000 per organization.

IANENA would have the funds to support the lobbyist this next year. IANENA might have to look at raising the cost to membership fees or registration fees to help with this cause of hiring a lobbyist. Will need to look more into what fees can be increased to cover all expenses relating to holding a conference and hiring a

lobbyist. Seivert made a motion to partner with APCO to hire a lobbyist for next year for a cost of \$5000. The motion was seconded by Mallott.

Koppert made a motion to raise the dues by \$50 annual for financial support of a lobbyist. Motion died due to a lack of a second. Members would like to look into \$50 due increase and not make any decisions at this moment.

Next item on the agenda was election of the 2nd Vice President. Freshwater stated she had received an email for nomination of Tim Mallott, Cedar County, for this position. Koppert seconded the motion for Freshwater's nomination. Koppert nominated Cara Sorrell, Washington County, for the position of 2nd Vice President. Martha Dykstra, Marion County, seconded the motion. Larry Smith, Keokuk County, seized the nominations and asked for members to take a vote. Nominees left the room while the members voted. By a show of hands, Cara Sorrells was voted to fill the position of the 2nd Vice President.

Term for the Treasurer was also up for re-election. Sally Hall, Iowa County Sheriff's Office nominated Pam Freshwater for the position of the Treasurer and a second was made by Cara Sorrells, Washington County. By a show of hands, Freshwater was voted to fill the position of the Treasurer.

After election of the new officers, Ling sworn in the new members.

A motion was made by Lora Phillips, Johnson County, and seconded by Sally Hall, Iowa County Sheriff's Office, to adjourn the meeting of IANENA. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 A.M.

Minutes written by:

Pam Freshwater