



The Iowa Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association held their annual fall business meeting on October 25, 2016 at the Ramada Tropics Resort and Conference Center in Des Moines. The meeting was called to order by VP Charlie McClintock – Cedar Rapids Joint Communications as President Bob Seivert – Shelby County was out of state. Motion to approve the agenda made by Ken Rasing – Chickasaw County. Motion seconded by Marilyn Stayner – Worth County. Acting Chair McClintock called for a vote. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Motion to approve the April 14, 2016 minutes from the spring conference made by Eric Dau – Clinton County. Motion seconded by Jason Hoffman – Carroll County. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Pam Freshwater, gave the financial report. The figures are based on figures from January 1, 2016 through October 21, 2016. Beginning balance of \$19,475.72, revenue of \$29,320, expenses of \$23,293.13 not including fall conference costs. Balance is \$25,502.59. There were no questions or comments on the financial report.

Committee reports, Bob Seivert was absent. Rob Koppert – Cass County, delivered the legislative report. Rob said there is not much to say, legislatively a lot occurred in the 11th hour at the legislative session. Unfortunately, things did not go our way. Dane and Threase did what they could, but we got the short end of the stick. This year is an IPERS year, so we will be looking at changing the classification for Dispatchers to protected class status. Bob Seivert is wanting to get some of the language in 34A cleaned up. Blake DeRouchey will be working toward this as well. Getting rules that no longer apply in today's environment and move toward that. PSAP consolidation and the LMR funding are foremost on most people's minds. The PSAP consolidation meetings held throughout the state were well attended. We will wait to see what the final study shows. We know it will cost more to consolidate initially than what it will save. We will most likely have to take another \$6.8 million from the funding for the LMR. I think that is going to be the course. Rob met with the Senate Majority Leader – Sen. Gronstal to voice his concerns and explain what the loss of funding will mean to the local service boards. Sen. Gronstal explained the administrators of the ISICSB went ahead with the radio project and signed contracts without an identified funding source, so they had to take the funding wherever they could get it. Tim Malott – Cedar County, stated we don't need to wait for the study, we are the boots on the ground and the legislators know that. We need to plant the seed, get them to understand the funding. We need to use our lobbyists and get ahead of the legislation so we do not lose the \$6.8 million to the LMR system. Sen. Bisignano was the only senator who voted no for the bill. Rob said they listen to their fellow Senators at the last minute because it is politics and they want to remain in their good graces. Tim Malott states we do not want to sit back and let it happen. We need everyone to talk to their legislators so they know what effect losing this money to the LMR system has on your local Center. Marilyn Stayner – Worth County, said she met with her Senator and

Representative and she said she understood, but she still voted in favor of the bill sending funds to the LMR system. Marilyn asked how they are getting ahold of the funding. It is supposed to come back to the local PSAPs. Blake DeRouchey stated through appropriations. Jason Hoffman – Carroll County, stated we need grass roots advocacy, get in front of the legislators, but we have to have only one message. If we give too much information they are only going to remember the one thing. The potential for consolidation across the state, we want to be in on that discussion. If we have to lose funding to the LMR, we need to move forward and not look back. Maybe we can move them on the topic of consolidation. Acting President, McClintock moved the discussion back to the agenda point, the lobbyist contract. The members need to decide if we want to retain the current lobbyist, seek new representation or table it until APCO meeting tomorrow and discuss it. Tim Malott – Cedar County made a motion to retain joint venture with APCO and if APCO does not, we retain them ourselves. Jason Hoffman wants to split the two into separate motions. Not sure NENA has the funding on their own. Charlie advised there is a motion on the table, it needs to fail to get a second and then dies for lack of motion. Ken Rasing – Chickasaw County, asked if we have the funding. Pam Freshwater, Treasurer, stated we have \$25,000 and the contract is for \$10,000 total. Charlie called for discussion. Jason Hoffman states we are stronger if we continue to partner with APCO. This is the first he has heard if APCO is looking at another lobbyist. Joe McCarville – Iowa APCO Board member, stated it is his understanding APCO would move forward at least one more year as a joint venture with APCO/NENA. He is confident he speaks on APCO members behalf on this. No further discussion, acting President McClintock called for a vote. The ayes and the no votes were unable to determine. Called for ballot votes. The count was 19 yes, 27 no. Motion failed. Ken Rasing – Chickasaw County, made a motion to destroy the ballots. Tim Malott seconded. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Acting President McClintock asked if there were any other discussions or motions with regard to the contract. It ends in February, by March we will be without representation or we seek new representation. Doug McCasland – Warren County, made a motion to retain the current contract based on APCOs agreement. Cara Sorrells – Washington County, seconded the motion. Charlie asked for a vote, stating this is pending APCOs decision tomorrow it has no financial stipulation to that. Jason Hoffman asked for clarification, under the current motion of paying half, if APCO does not approve we are without representation until a further meeting. Charlie stated we can empower the President or the Executive Officers to make a decision on your behalf. Jim Hauschild – Manchester Police, asked if this can be tabled until the APCO meeting tomorrow or if this is a public meeting. Charlie stated we can empower the Executive Officers to make the decision. Cheresé Sexe – Humboldt County, asked if the By Laws allow us to appoint. Charlie stated it is not a By Law issue and called for a vote. All ayes, save for Eric Dau – Clinton County, voted no. Motion carried. Jason Hoffman asked are we going to wait and see happens tomorrow. Do we have a contingency plan? Charlie said we may have to wait until it goes out of contract in March. Jason Hoffman said we could make a motion to cover. Charlie said we are already covered until March. Jason Hoffman made a motion if APCO does not approve to partner, we empower the Executive Officers to enter into negotiations with the lobbyist. Gary Schwab – Jones County, asked if the lobbyist would bookend the contract on a monthly basis. Threase said they could definitely discuss that as a point of

clarification. Jason Hoffman amended his motion to allow the Executive Officers the ability to negotiate to extend the gap between contracts if APCO does not approve to pay half. Gary Schwab seconded the motion. Joe McCarville stated the next APCO meeting in the spring is April 3rd/4th as tentative scheduled so the time we would be without a lobbyist is minimal. Rob Koppert said the contract is ending in the middle of the legislative session because of when we started. We get a 3 – 4 month window where we are outside the legislative window would help with a lot of the issues we have now. Charlie called for other discussion. Hearing none, a vote was called. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Charlie called for a motion to seek nominations for the election of officers. Eric Dau made the motion. Sally Hall seconded the motion. The first position open is the Treasurer position currently held by Pam Freshwater. Martha Dykstra – Marion County would like to serve in that position. Pam said she would give someone else the chance. There were no other nominations. Martha will receive the position of Treasurer. The position of Secretary, currently held by Brenda Vande Voorde, is up for election. Joe McCarville – Cedar Rapids Joint Communications, nominated Brenda for another term. Judy Flores – Black Hawk County Consolidated Communications, seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Brenda will retain the position of Secretary. The position of 2nd Vice President is open. Mike Kasper – Linn County and Tracey Bearden – Polk County were both nominated. Ken Rasing – Chickasaw County asked for a 30 second bio so we can know the candidates. Mike Kasper said he has been with Linn County since 1997 and Communications since 2012 and serves on the ISICS Board. Tracey Bearden is an undergrad of Drake University, is a former Federal Agent with the Border Patrol. She is the E911 Coordinator and Emergency Management for Polk County and worked on the policy working group for NENA. Charlie called for ballots to be cast for the candidates. The count showed a majority vote in favor of Mike Kasper, although the votes cast for Tracey were very close. Charlie said it is rare we get people who want to run for office, we would encourage Tracey Bearden to put her name in for the 2nd VP next fall.

The Oath of Office was administered by acting President Charlie McClintock. The Officers for the Iowa Chapter of NENA 2017 are: President – Charlie McClintock. 1st Vice President – Dina McKenna. 2nd Vice President – Mike Kasper. Treasurer – Martha Dykstra. Secretary – Brenda Vande Voorde.

In other business from the floor, Rob Koppert made a motion to give Pam Freshwater a round of applause for all her work as the Treasurer. Judy Flores / Marilyn Stayner seconded the motion. Everyone gave Pam the credit due with a round of applause. Charlie recognized Ken Rasing for his years of service with Chickasaw County, since 1991, he is retiring February 28th this will be his last conference. The room applauded his years of service. Ken Rasing said everyone needs recognition for their office level jobs as well.

Sally Hall made the motion to adjourn. Joe McCarville seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Vande Voorde

IA NENA Secretary