



The Iowa Chapter of NENA held their annual fall conference and business meeting at Holiday Inn Express in Urbandale on Monday, October 15, 2018. President Mike Kasper called the meeting to order at 12:32pm.

Quorum was determined.

Motion to approve the agenda by Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co. Seconded by Tim Malott, Cedar Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the spring meeting were distributed and made available on the website. Motion to approve the minutes by Judy Flores, Black Hawk Co. Seconded by Bobbie Wells, Sac Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Martha Dykstra, Marion Co., gave the financial report. The beginning balance was \$38,913.10. We had \$6,462.55 in expenses and deposits of \$7,158. The balance is \$39,608.55. No questions or concerns. Financials accepted as reported.

Tracey Bearden, Polk Co. EMA, mentioned that the chapter needs to request conference reimbursement from the 911 Communications Council. Kasper will submit the forms for reimbursement.

Lobbyist Representation- Advocacy Strategies has again offered to represent NENA. They sent an agreement that uses the same language as last year. Kasper noted that there is a \$500 fee increase. Last year the total was \$10,000, split between APCO and NENA. This year the total would be \$11,000. Judy Flores, Black Hawk Co., made a motion for the President to sign the contract with Advocacy Strategies. Cara Sorrells, Washington Co., seconded the motion. All in favor of renewing the contract with Advocacy Strategies. Motion carried.

Dane Schumann joined the meeting. He recalled that last year some mentioned wanting to see changes to the contract. Because Advocacy Strategies was right up against the start of the session at that time, they did not do that. Schumann said that they will be open to making changes going forward. He recapped that in the last session, appropriations for ISICS came out of the RIF fund; surcharge money was not used. Determination of where the money for the lease payment will come from seems to be hopping from one year to the next. Hopefully, they won't come back to surcharge.

Schumann also touched on the bill on protected class that was brought forward. There was a sub-committee hearing on the bill. The feedback from IPERS was that they want the chapters to go through the Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC). That recommendation is not necessarily binding; the Legislature can decide what status should be without the BAC weighing in. However, IPERS did express interest in hearing the BACs assessment.

There is a BAC meeting in October that we could still get on the agenda for, or else we have to wait until the next calendar year.

Schumann continued with an outlook for the coming year, sharing that it looks like the Senate will stay in Republican control.

Bearden explained that the 911 Communications Council advised the 34A committee to wait until the next legislative session to introduce any changes. Currently, the committee is identifying priorities and will soon begin working with lobbyists and organizations on a road map for 34A. The committee will get direction from the council before moving forward.

Hoffman asked Schumann if there is a best time to bring forward changes. Schumann answered that he would suggest to just bring cases forward. The Legislature could choose not to do anything with it because they are tired. You never really know in advance; sitting on the sidelines won't add to your cause. Schumann added that you can always talk to legislatures outside of the Capitol about thoughts and ideas. He said that ideally, lobbyists like to have a draft of what a bill will say by November and something pre-filed before Christmas. The session starts late this year (January 14<sup>th</sup>) so there is a little more time.

Flores stated that she believes that dispatchers being a protected class is a priority and her recommendation to the board would be to pursue that heavily. Schumann said that if we met with the BAC and they came with a recommendation it would be tough to have a legislature act on it this coming year. The upside; though, would be that they might make a positive recommendation. Schumann has a guidelines document that he will send out that we can use to check if we meet the criteria to be in the protected class. Kasper suggested that the new officers form a standing committee to focus on presenting to BAC. The BAC gives the opportunity for a presentation and there are documents that can be submitted that go above and beyond that. Anyone can present, but it would be best to have a chapter member presence as well. Shanna Krogmeier, Des Moines Co., volunteered to spearhead. Bearden mentioned that Michael Fitzgerald's office (State Treasurer) would be good to follow up with. One of his members is already aware of our position on protected status.

Sorrells voiced that NENA should team up with APCO on the issue of protected status. All agreed.

Schumann reported that Advocacy Strategies does not anticipate any movement on changes to IPERS, at least not for current members.

Election of Officers- Kasper announced that he would entertain nominations. He advised of current positions.

Judy Flores, Black Hawk Co., made a motion to nominate Brandon Miller-Guss, Medic EMS, for President. Martha Dykstra, Marion Co., seconded the motion. Marsha Southwick, O'Brien Co., motioned to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

Martha Southwick, O'Brien Co., made a motion to nominate Judy Flores for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. Martha Dykstra, Marion Co., seconded the motion.

Tracey Bearden, Polk Co. EMA, made a motion for Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co., for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. Kirk Hundertmark, Humboldt Co., seconded Bearden's motion. Hoffman declined.

Bobbie Wells, Sac Co., motioned to cease nomination. Motion seconded by Tim Malott, Cedar Co., giving 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President position to Judy Flores, Black Hawk Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

Martha Dykstra, Marion Co., made a motion to nominate Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co., for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. Bobbie Wells, Sac Co., seconded the motion. Tim Malott, Cedar Co., motioned to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Bobbie Wells, Sac Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cara Sorrells, Washington Co. made a motion to retain Amanda Roush, Story Co. 911, as secretary. Martha Dykstra, Marion Co., seconded the motion. Judy Flores, Black Hawk Co., motioned to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

Judy Flores, Black Hawk Co., made a motion to nominate Martha Dykstra, Marion Co., for Treasurer. Tracey Bearden, Polk Co. EMA, seconded the motion. Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co., motioned to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Tim Malott, Cedar Co. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business- None

New Business- Kasper received an email from Chief Duane Hendrickson, Secretary Treasurer of the Iowa Fire Chiefs Association. They would like to have representatives from NENA and APCO participate in the Iowa Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative. Both Kasper and Joe McCarville, APCO President, agree that it would be beneficial to send representatives to the meetings. Brandon Miller-Guss made a motion for an officer to sit in on a Iowa Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative meeting. Motion seconded by Jason Hoffman, Carroll Co. Kasper amended the motion for the President to follow up with Chief Hendrickson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Malott expressed his support of the chapter getting involved. He added that with the requirement of schools to implement an emergency plan by June 2019, dispatch will be named extensively in those plans. He believes that the pipeline initiative might provide beneficial information.

Motion to adjourn by Martha Dykstra, Marion Co. Seconded by Brandon Miller-Guss, Medic EMS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary- Amanda Roush, Story County 911

Treasurer- Martha Dykstra, Marion County