



FLORIDA NENA

Friday, February 21, 2025 @ 9:00 AM EST

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Justin Koval

Voting members in attendance: Sandi Chernoff, Amber Kavanagh, Miranda Kay, Stephen Kennedy, Justin Koval, Jacquelyn Martin, Daryl Recker, Jessica Skowronski, Lesil Taylor, Wanda Vega

Voting members not in attendance:

Committee Chair/Advisory in attendance: Laurie Anderson, Priscilla Creamer, Jennifer Dana, Stacy Hardy, Dan Koenig, Erika Lakey, Ira Pyles, Fran White

NENA Rep in attendance: Cassie Lowery

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve minutes from January 17th meeting.

- Lesil motion to accept the Board meeting minutes. Daryl second and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Review Draft of FL NENA Communications Policy (Daryl)

- The board reviewed the second draft. The email signatures section was further discussed. Social media and Website policy is intended to create rules for the use. Daryl, Ira, Dan, Stephen, and Jennifer will work on another draft to review at the next meeting.

3. 911 GTW Sponsorship to Include Travel and Hotel

- The Board approved sponsorship via email for Miranda Kay. Registration was paid.

4. Update: Online Meeting (Webex/Teams) Availability to Committees (Justin)

- Jennifer is still working with JC on Webex accounts.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Website Membership Limits (Dan)

- The Star Chapter is limited to 1200 members to communicate with. Need to look at expanding numbers or start looking at other website hosting companies for 501c3. Have looked into Cvent, but it was just an app for the conference, not a website. Other platforms will be more expensive. There are websites that do both website and conference events. Jenn will communicate and move forward via email.

2. Akerman Lobbyist Payment (Dan)

- Working with FL APCO and FL 911 Coordinators Association. Richard Pinsky has been working with us for several months. The fee is quoted for \$15k this year split evenly with all organizations at \$5k each.
- Motion to continue working with Richard and Akerman LLC. For \$5k. Daryl motion and Stephen second. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Treasurer (Sandi)

- Checking: \$20,570.99
- Conference: \$17,154.55
- Debit: \$3,199.62
- Will send payment to Akerman LLC.
- Financials were sent to Kattell & Company to prepare our 990s for tax return.
- All financial documents are prepared for the audit during the Spring Symposium.

2. Conference (Fran)

- Preparing for the Spring Conference. Registration is open and the hotel link is available on the webpage.
- We're having a pre-conference instead of a post conference class. Dan and Jenn are working on the links for the schedules to provide a brief description.

3. Media (Jennifer)

- Will work with JC on Outlook emails.

4. Education (Judith/Stacy)

- Working on presentation for the conference as well. Trying to get one open slot filled.

5. Public Education (Erika)

- No updates

6. Sunshine (Linda)

- No updates

7. Database (Ira)

- Preparing for the Spring Conference. Continue to conduct the GIS Subgroup meetings. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27th at 2:00pm.

8. Commercial Advisor Report (Priscilla)

- No updates

9. National NENA Report (Cassie)

EVENTS

- 911 Goes to Washington – Feb 23rd-26th, 2025
 - o The registration rate will increase after February 22nd to the onsite rate.
 - o Overflow housing is still available at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Washington DC – Crystal City
- NENA 2025 Conference & Expo in Long Beach, CA
 - o June 21st – 26th, 2025
 - o Chapter Leadership Forum will be moved to Saturday
 - o Two Post conference classes will be held on Thursday
 - o Anyone who submitted a session should have received an acceptance or rejection notification by February 1st
 - o NENA staff are testing the new registration portal software. We hope to launch by the end of February, barring no unforeseen issues.
- Women in 9-1-1 Scholarships available for the annual conference
 - o Open to any female 911 professional with 2yrs of experience and in good standing with their employer. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible.
 - o Complimentary registration to the annual conference and a one-day pre-conference course of choice along with a \$1,500 travel stipend.
 - o Scholarship application and a long-answer essay to the question, “Why is it important for more women to consider 9-1-1 as a career, and how can their participation strengthen the industry?”
 - o Applications are accepted through March 15th.
 - o Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than April 4th

NEWS

- NENA CEO, Brian Fontes announced he will step down in the fall of 2025.
- Sarah Bal has joined NENA staff as the new VP of Education & Training
- Gary Bell has joined NENA staff as the new Committee Resource Coordinator

EDUCATION

- Webinar Wednesday – 100 Ways to Show Appreciation
 - o February 26th | 3pm EST or on Demand

VOLUNTEER

- Conveyance of EIDO Working group is seeking volunteers to support the standard update. Volunteers are needed from the user and general interest categories to satisfy the ANSI Standard requirements.
- Emergency Telephone Notification Systems Working group to assist with the draft of NENA Minimum Standards for Emergency Notification Systems. Volunteers are needed from the producer category.

10. Bylaws Committee (Dan K)

- No updates

11. Legislative Committee (Dan K)

- There is a House Bill sponsor for the recognition of Public Safety Telecommunicators as First Responders. The goal is to put it in chapter 365, basically calling PSAPs, Emergency Communication Centers, and 911 Centers as First Response Agencies which will include Communications, Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue, and EMS. It's a simple definition only. Plam Beach County Representative, Weinberger, is the sponsor of the HB. There are two co-sponsors that have joined. We now need a Senate companion bill. We have a week left before the legislative session starts on March 5th. Working with Volusia County Senator, Wright and Sheriff who have been very supportive in the past. Senator Wright is the one who proposed the 25 and out last year. Working with individual Sheriffs instead of FSA. Need to focus on the people working with new technology.
- There are several bills affecting us indirectly. There is the extension of the Public Records Exemption through the 911 infrastructure, buildings, and plans. Misuse of Emergency Communications Systems, and False Reporting. It strengthens the punishment for misusing 911 or Emergency Communication Centers.

12. Nominations Committee (Daryl)

- No updates

13. Alyssa's Alert (Laurie)

- No updates

REGION REPORTS

1. CEFA (Miranda)

- Next meeting is March 13th at Seminole County EOC.

2. NOFA (Wanda)

- Next meeting is March 6th at Clay County. Registration is open on our website.

3. SOFA (Amber)

- Next meeting is March 14th at Charlotte County. Central Square will present.

4. WEFA (Lesil)

- No updates

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