

ALABAMA NENA

Quarterly Executive Board

1st Quarter Meeting Minutes



January 23, 2016, 3:00 P.M.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama (Phelps Activity Center)

1. Call to Order: Roll Call

Present: President: Larry Fisher, First VP: Caleb Branch, Immediate Past President: Alan Campbell, VP Mobile LATA: Chuck McKinley, VP Montgomery LATA: Lon Jones, VP Huntsville LATA: Johnny Hart, VP Commercial: Lee Moore, VP Birmingham LATA: Bill Brodeur, State Conference Chair: Rod Coleman.

2. Welcome and Pledge

President Larry Fisher declared a Quorum present to conduct business as required and welcomed everyone. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Invocation

Lon led the Invocation.

4. Review and Approval of October 12, 2015 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Lee Moore, 2nd by Lon Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures, Quarter Ending December 31, 2015

No financial point was given due to technical difficulties. A full financial report will be given at the regular membership meeting.

6. 9-1-1 Goes to Washington Stipends and Shirts

After much discussion, the decision was made to recommend to the membership sending four people this year to 9-1-1 Goes to Washington. The following year, Larry's recommendation is to send the President and Vice President only. The rationale behind this decision is to re-allocate the money that would be traditionally spent on 9-1-1 GTW and hold annual legislative breakfasts with the 9-1-1 community. The executive board also discussed presenting information to legislators related to state funding needs. There was also talk about not ordering shirts for GTW and everyone instead wearing business casual.

A motion was made by Alan to send Margaret, Caleb, Johnny, and Kristi to 9-1-1 Goes to Washington and to not purchase shirts. Lon seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

7. State 9-1-1 Board Report – Alan Campbell

Alan reported that the next State Board meeting would be in March. He encouraged everyone to attend if they could since ANGEN RFP responses would be in and available for review at that meeting. There is a mandatory vendor meeting and a time for vendor question meeting before the bid is due. Also of note, Jason Jackson resigned in December and Leah Missildine has been appointed as the Interim Executive Director until a replacement can be named. There will be a staffer hired to replace one that is resigning and an additional staffer with IT background will also be hired for basic project management and to replace John Ellison since he plans to retire.

8. ANGEN Report – Alan Campbell

RFP evaluation procedures haven't fully been vetted yet. The goal is to compose a committee of pertinent stakeholders to review the RFP. More information on RFP evaluation will be available closer to time that the proposals are due.

9. Legislative Report – Marvin McIlwain

The AAND Legislative Committee met on January 25th to discussion options related to funding the ANGEN project. The committee was in agreement to begin constructing legislation that could be presented to the legislature if needed for the funding of the ANGEN project. The proposed legislation would redirect the money above the promised amount plus cost recovery away from the Districts and give the State 9-1-1 Board control of those funds which would be placed toward the funding of the ANGEN project. The Legislative Committee will wait until bids are received and reviewed before any further action is taken regarding presenting this proposed legislation to the AAND membership.

Also discussed during the AAND Legislative Committee was the desire from some committee members to have only people living in Alabama serving on the State 9-1-1 Board. There was also discussion in the same meeting related to conflicts of interest for state 9-1-1 board members whose company might bid and receive the ANGEN contract.

10. Committee Reports (Conference, Training Standards, Awards Program, Web Site & ECD DB)

Conference – Bill Brodeur

Bill presented a conference financial report as well as a bank statement to the executive board. Total profits from the conference was \$41,419.00. Bill also stated that the booth space rent would go up \$100 to \$750 per booth. This is due to an increased charged for electricity from the hotel.

Training and PSAP Standards – Larry Fisher

Leah Missildine is looking into hosting a Certified Communications Center Manager Program in Alabama. This, hopefully, would be in conjunction with the state conference. The AFRWC along with the League of Municipalities has voiced concerned regarding a lack of training standards for telecommunicators in Alabama. There is a NENA Training and Standards Committee in place that is tasked with developing standards and they will be working toward developing further standards.

Awards Program – Larry Fisher

Roger Humphries will be conducting a short presentation at tomorrow's regular membership meeting, stressing the importance of recognizing those who go above and beyond in their line of work.

Web Site – Chuck McKinley

NTR.

GIS Conference – Rod Coleman

State GIS Conference is April 19-21st in Orange Beach. The 2nd Quarter NENA meeting will be held in conjunction with this conference.

APCO – Larry Fisher

There is a conference call between Alabama NENA and APCO scheduled for February 5th. The focus of the conference call is to coordinate training between the two groups and build better relationships.

11. LATA Reports: Birmingham, Mobile, Huntsville, Montgomery and Commercial

Birmingham LATA – Bill Brodeur

Etowah County is in its new facility. DeKalb County has hired an architectural firm and is in the process of working on plans for a new center. Gadsden will sign a contract with Motorola to join the state system.

Huntsville LATA – Johnny Hart

Morgan County is working together with local agencies to increase coordination and interaction among 9-1-1 and the agencies it serves.

Mobile LATA – Chuck McKinley

Mobile is still working on the expansion of their radio system and Baldwin is in the process of continuing to gather information for the construction of their new building.

Montgomery – Lon Jones

Wiregrass project continues to move forward. Several agencies have already converted over with Geneva County cutting over by the end of the week. The project will then be put on hold for a few weeks while the system is reviewed and problems are corrected. Chambers County has moved into their new center and will have an open house on February 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Commercial – Lee Moore

AT&T has three service consultants left in its footprint in the U.S. Everyone who needs to order circuits or make any changes is encouraged to order them early and continually remind AT&T of the need and the timeframe constraints. Chambers County can serve as a model for using traditional technology over fiber to reduce lightning strikes being conducted by traditional copper means.

12. By-law Revision – Larry Fisher

Larry discussed aligning with the national NENA standard regarding chapter officers. This is to include the inclusion of a second vice president as well the creation of a means to electronically vote. According to National NENA, we should have identifiable legal representation available to the chapter and also have an accounting firm perform bi-annual audits of state NENA funds. Larry tasked the By-laws committee with reviewing these items and reporting back to the board by the third quarter meeting.

13. Old Business – NTR

14. New Business – Larry Fisher

- *Larry discussed up the upcoming conference call with APCO as well as reviewed potential By-Laws changes that were discussed earlier in the meeting.*
- *In coming meetings, more feed-back will be gather regarding sponsoring people to both the state and national NENA conference.*
- *Also mentioned is the need for a chapter historian. Any person who is interested, please contact Larry or Chuck.*
- *Years of Service Awards are something that Larry would like to bring back to recognize those who have been a member of NENA for an extended period of time.*
- *Larry would like to invite National NENA to hold its conference in Alabama in the 2020-2022 timeframe. This conference will require much support from the state chapter, including numerous volunteers to work booths and registration. Cities that are interested in being reviewed by NENA should submit packets to Larry.*

15. Next Executive Board Quarterly Meeting: Orange Beach, Alabama, April 20, 2016.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Motion unanimously approved, meeting adjourned.

