

ALABAMA NENA

First Quarter 2016

Business Meeting Minutes



January 24, 2016, 10:00 A.M.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama (Phelps Activity Center)

1. Call to Order

President Larry Fisher called the meeting to order. Rod Coleman welcomed everyone to Tuscaloosa County along with the Tuscaloosa County Probate Judge and 9-1-1 Board Chairman Judge Hardey McCollum.

2. Invocation and Pledge

Roger Humphrey led the invocation and pledge.

3. Review and Approval of October 14, 2015 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Roger Humphrey, 2nd by Bill Brodeur. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion to Approve: Johnny Hart, 2nd by Marvin McIlwain. Motion passed unanimously.

5. 9-1-1 Goes to Washington Stipends and Shirts – Larry Fisher

After much discussion at the executive board meeting, the decision was made to recommend to the membership sending four people this year to 9-1-1 Goes to Washington. The following year, President Fisher'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.

Roger Humphrey addressed the group, stating that tangible results may not be measureable for 9-1-1 GTW, but the trip is still beneficial as far as maintaining a presence with the group of representatives from NENA. Johnny Hart reiterated Roger's statement, describing the value of having contacts inside the House and Senate.

A motion was made by Marvin McIlwain to send Margaret, Caleb, Johnny, and Kristi to 9-1-1 Goes to Washington and provide a \$2,000 stipend to each. The motion was seconded by Alan Campbell. It passed unanimously.

Bill Brodeur asked if NENA might be petitioned to move 9-1-1 GTW to March instead of February due to inclement weather and scheduling issues. President Fisher stated he would write a letter to NENA encouraging this change.

6. State 9-1-1 Board Report – Leah Missildine

Interim State 9-1-1 Board Director Leah Missildine reported that the next State Board meeting would be on March 16th. She encouraged everyone to attend if they could since ANGEN RFP responses would be in and available for review at that meeting. She cautioned everyone that the bids received for the ANGEN project would reflect a range of pricing and that a committee would be formed to thoroughly review each bid packet with a recommendation hopefully being made in the June state board meeting. The proposals will be evaluated based on metrics provided in the bid packet and in coordination with the evaluation committee.

7. ANGEN and AAND 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.

8. 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 membership. 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 charge for electricity from the hotel. Also, the conference is losing money on guest conference registration which is something that must be addressed going forward. Also, the conference dates have changed and will be held the week of the shrimp festival instead of the week after. Finally, the conference committee was recognized for the excellent job that they had done in organizing the conference.

Legislative Report – No Report

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 – Roger Humphries

Roger Humphries conducted a short presentation stressing the importance of recognizing those who go above and beyond in their line of work.

Web Site – Chuck McKinley

No Report

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.

BREMSS – No Report

TERT – Larry Fisher

There is an effort to reinvigorate TERT in Alabama and all interested parties are encouraged to get involved.

AFRWC – Greg Silas

At the AFRWC meeting in January, much discussion was had regarding interoperability among systems.

APCO – Becky Nugent

“When Autism Calls” will be presented on February 4th in Pelham. A 7th Edition of Public Safety Telecommunicator has been published as well. Also, the APCO workshop will be occurring in April.

IAFC – Howard Summerford

Howard reminded the group of the “Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention” public education program and that is being conducted throughout the state.

9. 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 – No report

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. Also, Sharon Phillips at AT&T is the contact for updated 10-04.

10. Old Business – NTR

11. New Business – Larry Fisher

- *Larry discussed the upcoming conference call with APCO as well as reviewed potential By-Laws changes that were discussed earlier in the meeting.*
- *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.*
- *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. It was mentioned that we need a state NENA logo for the chapter.*
- *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.*
 - *A motion was made by Roger Humphrey and seconded by Margaret Bishop to proceed with inviting National NENA to Alabama. The vote passed unanimously.*

12. Next Quarterly Meeting: Orange Beach, Alabama, April 21, 2016.

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