

# ALABAMA NENA

## **Business Meeting Minutes**



January 28, 2010  
AT&T Operations Center  
3196 Highway 280 South  
Birmingham, AL 35243

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Chris Heger called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Heger asked Roger Humphrey to lead the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

### **WELCOME**

President Heger turned the floor over to host, Ray Preston of AT&T. Ray welcomed and thanked all for attending.

### **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS**

President Heger recognized first time guests David Patterson and Jim Sasser and thanked them for their attendance.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2010 MINUTES**

The membership was presented with minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting held at Orange Beach. After review, a motion was made by Johnny Hart to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Margaret Bishop and approved by a vote of the members present.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Roger Wilson presented the financial report to the membership. Motion to approve financial report as written and presented made Roger Humphrey and seconded by Donnie Smith. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the members present.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Legislative** – Roger Wilson reported that HB159 that deals with the release of 911 audio recordings had been changed and a substitute bill had been introduced in committee. Roger stated that there would be a meeting in Montgomery on Friday to discuss the wording changes that had been made to the bill
2. **Wireless** – Roger Wilson encourage all to use direct deposit to receive wireless funds. Roger also reminded all that ECD certifications are due by February in order to continue to receive wireless revenue. Roger Humphrey asked about the petition that the Wireless Board filed with the FCC regarding prepaid wireless.

- Roger Wilson state that members of the Wireless Board would try to meet with the FCC during the 9-1-1 Goes to Washington conference.
3. **Conference** – President Heger reported that the 2009 Gulf Coast Conference was very successful with a profit of over \$10,000.00. The hotel vouchers worked well to encourage attendees to stay at the Perdido. Lynn Wright will have more details at the April ALNENA meeting.
  4. **Membership** – no report
  5. **Internet/Website** – no report
  6. **Addressing/GIS** – no report
  7. **ECD Database** – no report
  8. **BREMSS** – no report
  9. **TERT** – Hunter Simmons announced a new TERT website that would be operational soon. President Heger announced the TERT teams might eventually be needed in Haiti due to the earthquake disaster.
  10. **NENA** – President Heger stated that The Today Show had a story regarding minimum standards for calltakers and dispatchers. The minimum standards committee is being re-established this year and will be chaired by Larry Fisher of Montgomery 9-1-1. NENA is also looking at the minimum standards issue.
  11. **Homeland Security** – Art Faulkner stated that the Homeland Security Task Force has met and approved the FY2010 funding that will be going to the regions. This year's funding was cut approximately \$780,000.00. POC will be scheduling stakeholders meetings in the next several months.
  12. **APCO** – Helen Smith stated there will be a class in Montgomery on domestic violence on Feb.18. John Croyle will be the keynote speaker for the APCO conference March 28-31. There are still openings for speakers at this time.
  13. **TELCOS** – Ray Preston reminded all that the new area code for north Alabama will go into effect on June 5 when it will become mandatory to dial the 10 digit number. Ray also discussed that the new PRI billing became effective on October 1. Probably will not see much change in bill due to loss of wireline customers.
  14. **IACP** – no report
  15. **IAFC** – Lynn Bonner reported that the Alabama fire chiefs are hosting the Executive Development Conference at the Bryant Conference Center in Tuscaloosa on February 4-6. Lynn also discussed at bill that was introduced to deal with building codes in Alabama. Lynn stated that he bill would give builders the ability to choose the codes they wish to build under. This bill is being opposed by the fire service.
  16. **AAND** – Johnny Hart stated that the Legislative Committee would meet at ACCA office on Friday to discuss current legislation.
  17. **American Heart/Stroke** – Annette DeVaughn stated that there was a recent meeting in which the standards for dispatchers was discussed and that the American Heart Association is concerned about the lack of standards.
  18. **Minimum Standards** – no report

#### **LATA REPORTS**

Birmingham LATA: Bill Brodeur advised there was nothing to report.

Huntsville LATA: Larry Duncan advised there was nothing to report.

Mobile LATA: Gary Tanner advised there was nothing to report.

Montgomery LATA: Donnie Smith advised there was nothing to report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**ANGEN/Grant Update** – Rod Coleman informed the membership that Art Faulkner had received a letter stating that our BTOP application had been rejected. Discussion followed regarding applying for round 2 of the BTOP. Deadline for application is sometime in March with funding in September. First application would need to be re-written to fit round 2 guidelines. Richard Dineley has offered to help as he did on the first application. Art Faulkner stated that Richard could possibly get funding to help pay for grant application work through private companies that would be interested in later bidding on the project. Art stated that the amount needed would be approximately \$15,000 per Richard. Motion made by Donnie Smith for the ANGEN committee to move forward with the BTOP application for round 2 and seek funding for the re-write. Motion seconded by Margaret Bishop and approved by a vote of the membership. Art suggested that due to the time line for the application, that a decision needed to be made today for ALNENA to approve funds for re-write. Motion made by Roger Wilson for ALNENA to spend up to \$5,000 for the re-write and submission of the 2<sup>nd</sup> BTOP application. Motion seconded by Donnie Smith and approved by a vote of the membership. Donnie Smith also suggested we take the ANGEN plan to the 9-1-1 Goes to Washington conference for possible funding from our delegates.

**Levelized Surcharge** – President Heger notified the membership that Roger Wilson was chairing a committee to begin studying a levelized surcharge for Alabama and the possibility of introducing legislation to do so during the 2011 legislative session. President Heger stressed that we need to be leading this process to protect our interests. Roger Wilson requested that all please respond to any surveys asking for information from each ECD that will be needed for this study.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**9-1-1 Goes to Washington** – President Heger reminded the membership that the annual conference was March 14-18. Motion made by Roger Humphrey for ALNENA to reimburse the expenses for the trip for one Board member and two ALNENA members up to \$2000.00. Motion seconded by Gary Tanner and approved by a vote of the membership. Motion made by Roger Humphrey for ALNENA to purchase shirts for those attending 9-1-1 Goes to Washington and also must provide proof of registration. Motion seconded by Margaret Bishop and approved by a vote of the membership.

**NENA** – President Heger informed the membership that the annual conference was in Indianapolis from June 6-10. Margaret Bishop made a motion for ALNENA to purchase shirts for those attending and also must provide proof of registration. Motion seconded by Gary Tanner and approved by a vote of the membership.

**Management Liability Insurance** - President Heger informed the membership that management liability insurance has been purchase for the ALNENA Executive Board for the annual amount of \$189.00. This was encouraged by NENA.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Art Faulkner informed the membership that effective June 12, 2010, the FCC is requiring that any wireless microphone in the 700 MHz band must either be reprogrammed or replaced to decrease interference for radio systems that operate on the 700 MHz band.

Art informed the membership that there would be a proof of concept demonstration of the proposed ANGEN network. This will take place at the April meeting in north Alabama.

Annette DeVaughn informed the membership that Elmore County had been working with Congressman Bright for funding for aerial photography for their area.

### **NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING**

President Heger advised the Board that the next quarterly NENA meeting would be held in the Florence area.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Wilson, seconded by Larry Duncan. Meeting adjourned at 3:15.