Alabama National Emergency Number Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Cullman, Alabama  
July 22, 2009

CALL TO ORDER  
President Rod Coleman called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT  
Rod Coleman, President  
John Ellison, Past President Vice President  
Chris Heger, Mobile LATA Vice President  
Bill Brodeur, Birmingham LATA Vice President  
Larry Duncan, Huntsville LATA Vice President  
Roger Wilson, At-Large Vice President  
Johnny Hart, Immediate Past President

MEMBERS ABSENT  
Ray Preston, Commercial Vice President  
Kristi Stamnes, Montgomery LATA Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT  
Lynn Wright, Conference Chairman

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2009 MINUTES  
A MOTION WAS MADE BY Roger Wilson and seconded by Larry Duncan to approve the minutes of the April 2009 Executive Board meeting held in Cullman County as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the members present.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT  
Treasurer, Roger Wilson presented the financial report for the Alabama NENA operating account. A motion was made by Larry Duncan and seconded by Bill Brodeur to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the members present.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND DISCUSSION  
Roger Wilson stated that the main subject that needs to be addressed in legislation is the leveling of surcharges for all service providers. He also stated that there has been a lot of talk about the release of the audio tapes of a 911 call. He further stated that next year was an election year and not a good year to introduce legislation, however, if we start working now with the telcos and legislators, he believes that with the help of the ACCA and Sonny Brasfield, we might be successful in the 2011 session. He stated that we are going to need to address all of the issues including prepaid. There was a lengthy discussion about the affects of the T-Mobile lawsuit against the Wireless Board. There was some confusion based on previous discussions. Roger Wilson clarified that the T-Mobile suit involved remittances paid prior to the language that was added in the 2007 legislation which clarified that prepaid was included in the definition of a CMRS connection. He stated that since the legislation T-Mobile has remitted properly.
CONFERENCE UPDATE
Conference Chairman, Lynn Wright updated the executive board on the status of the conference. She advised that there was still low registration at this point and the vendor hall was not full yet. She stated that she realized that many registrations will come in the next few months after budgets were approved. Lynn also announced that Brian Fontes would be our Opening Speaker thanks to John Ellison’s efforts. John stated that this would be the first non National event that he had attended since becoming the CEO of NENA. Lynn updated the board members on sponsorships and the status of other events and plans related to the conference.

LATA REPORTS

Birmingham LATA: Bill Brodeur advised that the Jefferson County consolidation effort was essentially “dead” and advised the board about the communications, tower and radio efforts going on within the LATA.

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

Mobile LATA: Chris Heger advised there was nothing new to report.

Montgomery LATA: Kristi Stamnes was not present to report. Chris Heger advised that she had spoken to Kristi concerning her position with the AAND and that Kristi was vacating her position with that association and advised the board that maybe someone should contact her to talk about her position with NENA. She further stated that Kristi had told her that her county had “frozen” travel and she was not able to attend any out of town meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Bylaws Changes
President Rod Coleman reviewed the changes suggested by the bylaws committee and asked for clarification of the first VP position. It was discussed that the assumption would be that the First VP would move to president and a new first VP would be nominated each year but that the language does not codify the succession so that if a problem exists with the first VP moving up, then the bylaws would provide for the nomination of a president and first VP. There was also some discussion about a ballot being mailed out and the fact that it was done in previous years. Members of the bylaws committee advised that the current bylaws did not provide for a ballot and that there was specific language regarding a vote of the members present at the business meeting. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the proper procedure for notifying members of the proposed bylaws changes.

Nominating Committee
Nominating Committee Chairman, Johnny Hart advised that he had received the following nominations:

President: Chris Heger
At-Large VP: Roger Wilson
Commercial VP: Ray Preston
Birmingham LATA VP: Bill Brodeur
Mobile LATA VP: Gary Tanner

He advised that he had received support letters from all of the agencies’ for the candidates with the exception of Chris Heger and she stated she had the letter with her at the hotel and would submit it to him at the business meeting tomorrow. He further advised that all candidates were unopposed.
Prepaid Wireless
This topic was thoroughly discussed in the Legislative Report.

State 911 Plan
Rod advised that previously the membership had approved to expend up to $15,000 for a consultant to work on the state 911 plan. He advised that we had spent approximately half of that since HLS had provided $7,500. He further advised that David had expressed a desire to continue working on the project and that he thought that we would be within the spirit of the motion made to keep him and pay him the rest to do so. Chris Heger advised that she had reviewed the tape and thought that the motion made would allow for him to stay on to work on the grant applications. The consensus of the board was that we should present the situation to the membership and let them know that the consultant would be paid more that $15,000 but that NENA would only be spending the previously approved amount and that if any of the members had a problem with that, we would re-evaluate the situation.

NEW BUSINESS

ANGEN/Grants
Roger Wilson advised that the Wireless Board had met this morning and that the attorney had advised them that the Wireless Board could not provide matching funds for the grants. He stated that they had discussed some other options and explained that the funds that would be distributed to the ECDs from the remaining money left over in the Phase II fund could be used but that every ECD would have to submit a letter authorizing the allocation of their funds for the matching funds. He stated that he felt that we could count on most of the larger and “middle-sized” ECDs to commit and make the match. He stated that those who did not want to commit would receive a check from the wireless board. He advised that the same could be done with Administrative funds that have historically been distributed to the ECDs. Roger further advised that he intended to present this to the membership and that the executive board needed to promote this option to the membership.

John explained two of the projects being discussed in the plan for shared or hosted services. He stated that Fat Pot was a CAD application that would integrate different CAD systems and there was a vendor providing scheduling software that could provide several applications statewide for tracking personnel and qualifications of those personnel. He stated he thought this would be specifically useful in the TERT initiative. He stated that these vendors were submitting project pricing for a network application to be included in the plan.

Levelized Surcharge
This was previously discussed in the Legislative Report.

Flowers and Memorials for Deceased
President Coleman advised that there had been some controversy regarding expending funds for flowers or memorials for deceased NENA members and/or members of their family. He asked the board for clarification and stated that he felt a policy concerning this issue was in order to avoid future controversy. Roger Wilson stated that he had consulted a CPA who advised that we should only provide flowers/memorials for NENA members and to do anything else would risk our 501 3(c) status. The consensus of the board was that we only send flowers/memorials for Alabama NENA members in the
event of their death and that we limit the expenditure to $50.00 and this did not need to be a formal motion of the membership, but a policy of the current members.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING
President Coleman advised that the next meeting would be the annual meeting in Orange Beach on October 13, 2009.