

ALABAMA NENA

Second Quarter 2014

Executive Board

Meeting Minutes



April 23rd, 2014, 3:00 P.M.
Huntsville, Alabama

1. Call to Order: Roll Call

Present: President: R.V. White, First VP: Alan Campbell, VP Mobile LATA: Chuck McKinley, VP Montgomery LATA: Larry J. Fisher, VP Birmingham LATA: Bill Brodeur, VP Huntsville LATA: Johnny Hart, VP Commercial: Lee Moore, Immediate Past President: Lon Jones

Absent: none

President R.V. White declared a Quorum present to conduct business as required.

2. Welcome

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

4. Stipends for National Conference, Nashville, TN

The Executive Board discussed past practice for NENA National Conference is to provide stipends in the amount \$500 for the President and \$250 for the First VP and each LATA VP.

Johnny Hart made a motion to provide a \$500 stipend to the President and \$250 stipends to the Vice Presidents to attend the National NENA conference in Nashville, TN. Larry Fisher, 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and Approval of October 14th, 2013 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Johnny Hart, 2nd Chuck McKinley. Motion passed with Alan Campbell abstaining.

6. Review and Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures, Quarter Ending 03/31/2014

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

7. Alabama State 911 Board Report

Alan Campbell reported that Bandwidth is losing money on the ANGEN project and not excited about being in partnership with ANGEN. The 9-1-1 Board, feeling that too much progress has been made to stop, voted to extend the Bandwidth contract for two years. At the request of the Permanent Oversight Commission, the Board voted to reduce the proposed 9-1-1 rate increase from \$1.80 to \$1.75. The new rate goes into effect August 1, 2014.

8. Legislative Report

HB 317 passed the state legislature. Bill Brodeur said there is still a movement in the state legislature to consolidate to as few as four 9-1-1 centers statewide. Johnny Hart stressed that we invite our legislators to see our centers and educate them on 9-1-1 and how our funding works. Extensive conversation was held regarding how to measure the cost savings of consolidation. It is expected that legislation will be introduced next session to change the 9-1-1 laws.

Johnny Hart made a motion that the Executive Board send a letter to the Alabama 9-1-1 Board encouraging the Board to form a committee for the further study of PSAP consolidation so that a plan or defense can be ready in advance of expected legislation. 2nd Bill Brodeur. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Alabama Next Generation Emergency Network (ANGEN) Report

A presentation will be made by Bandwidth in the quarterly meeting.

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

Conference - Bill Brodeur

Bill's point of contact at Perdido is no longer working for the hotel. The hotel is now providing full services for the vendor hall and meeting rooms. The new services are less expensive than the outside vendor.

Training Standards – Larry Fisher

The Training and Standards committee is preparing a PSAP survey to establish a baseline for training in Alabama. The committee hopes to have a draft plan by October, but adoption is expected to take a year or longer. A major concern of the committee is how to fund the training program.

Web Site & ECD Database – Chuck McKinley

The ECD Database has been shut down. Those contacts are now being kept by the State Board.

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

Birmingham - Etowah County will construct a new 12,000 sq. ft. building. Birmingham – Jefferson County is upgrading their 700/800 trunking radio system to P25. Tuscaloosa obtained approval to move forward with a new building program. Tuscaloosa is three weeks away from installing a six site Emergency Callworks 9-1-1 phone system. The University of Alabama signed a contract for a new Motorola Astro P25 radio system.

Mobile – Mobile has announced to the media they will start text-to-911 on May 15, 2014. Escambia County is installing a six PSAP geo-diverse Cassidian 9-1-1 phone system.

Huntsville – Larry Duncan with Jackson County is in poor health and not doing well. Limestone County is planning to purchase a new CAD system. Limestone County received an AG opinion (2014-047) stating the Safety and Security provision allows the bid process to be avoided for some PSAP purchases. Marshall County will hold an open house June 12 to showcase their newly remodeled center. Everyone is invited to attend.

Montgomery - Montgomery put in a new logging recorder and plans to release an RFP for a new 9-1-1 phone system. Bullock County installed a new 9-1-1 phone system. Lon Jones will release an RFP, representing 11 ECDs, for a hosted 9-1-1 phone system.

Commercial – Lee Moore contacted Roger Wilson seeking approval to talk with the NENA conference vendors about their satisfaction with the conference vendor show. Roger said no and Lee did not pursue the effort. Mobile is going to replace their dispatch furniture and 9-1-1 phone system. They have recently upgraded their radio consoles to the Harris Symphony. The FCC has a mandate that Tier I vendors must have a process in place to support text-to-911 by May. The carriers must support I3, an out of band website, or a TTY based solution. To receive service a PSAP or ECD must submit a written request for text-to-911 service to each wireless carrier. The letters are sent to the same addresses as used for wireless Phase II. Forms and more information are available on the National NENA website.

12. APCO and NENA Upcoming scheduled events

The National NENA Conference is in Nashville, June 14 -19. There is a 5K on Saturday.

13. Old Business:

9-1-1 Goes to Washington was a very productive trip. The Alabama group was able to meet with every Senator and Representative.

Larry Fisher requested follow up on presenting awards at the Alabama NENA conference. RV White will appoint a committee during the regular business meeting to implement an awards program.

14. New Business:

15. Next Executive Board Quarterly Meeting: Montgomery, Alabama on July 23nd, 2014

Motion to adjourn by Bill Brodeur, 2nd Johnny Hart. Motion unanimously approve, meeting adjourned.

1st Vice-President

Date: _____