

# ALABAMA NENA

## Second Quarter 2014

### Business Meeting

### Minutes



April 24<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, 10:00 AM  
Huntsville, Alabama

**1. Call to Order**

*President R.V. White declared a Quorum was present and business could be conducted.*

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Welcome**

*Madison County Commission Chairman Strong welcomed NENA to Huntsville*

**4. Recognize Guests and New Members**

**5. Stipends for National Conference, Nashville TN**

*The Executive Board recommended to the membership that Alabama NENA provide stipends in the amount of \$500 for the President and \$250 for other executive board members to attend the National NENA Conference in Nashville.*

*A motion to approve the Executive Board's recommendation was made by Roger Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Grabryan. Motion unanimously approved by members present.*

**6. Review and Approval of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2104 Minutes**

*After review, a motion to approve the ALNENA Business Meeting Minutes dated January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 was made by Johnny Hart and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Wright. Motion unanimously approved by members present.*

**7. Review and Approval of Financial Reports and Expenditures, Quarter Ending 03/31/014**

*After review, a motion to approve the Financial Report for the quarter ending 03/31/2014 and Expenditures for the same period was made by Bill Brodeur and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marvin McIlwain. Motion unanimously approved by members present.*

**8. Alabama State 911 Board Report:** Executive Director Jason Jackson

*Statewide 9-1-1 receipts were short about \$140,000. The 9-1-1 Board approved raising the rate from \$1.60 to \$1.75. The new rate will take effect August 1. Legislation was passed this session that requires the Board to study introduction of a wireline cap.*

*9-1-1 Goes to Washington went well. The delegation was able to meet with our Senators and Representatives. R.V. White expressed his appreciation to Johnny Hart for coordinating the meetings.*

**9. Alabama Next Generation Emergency Network (ANGEN) Report:** John Ellison

*The 9-1-1 Board extending the ANGEN contract with Bandwidth through 2017. Bandwidth is behind schedule but making progress. IP call testing will be conducted in June or July at two PSAPs. The intent is to have live traffic over IP by August.*

*Wireless 9-1-1 calls are being routed today by ANGEN to 100 of the 117 PSAPs in Alabama. The ANGEN network has processed 57,000 calls to date and is averaging 15,000 calls per month. Due to Jean Martin's efforts, next week Southern Linc will be the first wireless carrier to fully convert to ANGEN.*

**10. Committee Reports:**

Conference – Bill Brodeur

*The state conference will be October 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Vendors have begun signing up for booths. Contact Rod Coleman if you are interested in leading an educational session.*

Training Standards – Larry Fisher

*The committee last met April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The committee is developing a survey to gather baseline information and everyone is encouraged to respond to the survey.*

Web Site \ ECD Database – Chuck McKinley

*Contact Chuck if you have any input for the website. The ECD database will be discontinued.*

GIS – Rod Coleman

*The statewide GIS conference is underway in Gulf Shores this week.*

BREMSS – Dan Wright

*Dan Wright has been appointed as the new Alabama NENA representative to BREMSS. There is a study under way about BREMSS response times.*

Legislative – Roger Wilson

*This legislative session will have more aggressive discussion about consolidation. As a group, we need to think more about how we will respond. Marvin McIlwain encouraged the membership to develop and strengthen relationships with their legislators so that legislators will be informed and have place to go for questions.*

**11. Liaisons Reports:** AAND, HLS, National NENA, APCO, IAFC, IACP & TELCOs

AFRWC – Ernie Blair

*The national First Net director has resigned slowing the development of the First Net network. Progress is being made in Alabama towards building a system of individual county P25 systems to create a state-wide radio system. The goal is to have the state fill in the holes in this system of systems. Michael Lee chairs a subcommittee working on this effort.*

AAND – Chad Sowell

*The annual AAND workshop will be held July 8 in Montgomery.*

National NENA – R.V. White

*Roger Wilson made a motion to provide shirts for attendees to the National NENA Conference, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie Blair, the motion unanimously passed.*

*Anyone attending the conference should send their registration confirmation, shirt size and shipping information to Roger Wilson by May 5.*

**12. LATA Reports:** Birmingham, Mobile, Huntsville, Montgomery and Commercial.

*Birmingham – Bill Brodeur*

*Etowah County is going to construct a new 12,000 sq. ft. building. Tuscaloosa has obtain 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. Birmingham – Jefferson County is upgrading their 700/800 trunking radio system to P25.*

*Mobile – Chuck McKinley*

*Mobile has announced they will be taking text messages starting May 15<sup>th</sup>. Escambia County is installing a Cascadian system.*

*Huntsville – Johnny Hart*

*Florence-Lauderdale County has completed APCO Project 33 classes thorough Alabama Fire College and in cooperation with Colbert County. Larry Duncan with Jackson County is in poor health and not doing well. Limestone is installing a new CAD. They received an Attorney General Opinion (2014-047) that the CAD system can be exempt from the bid law because it affects the safety and security of structures and persons within the 9-1-1 system. Marshall has finished its new facility and has a fully redundant backup center. They will have a grand opening for the center on June 12. Everyone is invited.*

*Montgomery – Larry Fisher*

*Bullock County has installed a new phone system and recorder. Macon County is opening a new facility in May. Lon Jones will release an RFP, representing 11 ECDs, for a hosted 9-1-1 phone system on April 30.*

*Commercial - Lee Moore*

*The FCC has a mandate that Tier I vendors must have a process in place to support text-to-911 by May 15, 2014. 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. Go to the NENA website for more detailed documentation and a form letter to request service.*

**13. APCO and NENA Upcoming scheduled events**

**14. Old Business**

*R.V. White has established a new Awards committee and appointed Larry Fisher and Jonny Hart to serve. Anyone else that would like to participate in the committee should contact Larry or Johnny.*

**15. New Business**

*The Cassidian parent company EADS will be changing names to Airbus Space and Defense Holding.*

**16. Next Quarterly Meeting: July 24, 2014 Montgomery Alabama**

*After asking for and hearing no further business a Motion to adjourn was made by Roger Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Hart. Motion unanimously approved by Members Present. Meeting adjourned by President R.V. White.*

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**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_