



Arkansas APCO/ NENA Meeting Minutes August 23, 2010

A meeting of the Arkansas APCO/NENA membership was held at 1155 W Clydesdale, Washington County Sheriff's Office Training Room, Fayetteville, AR at 10:00AM on Monday, September 23, 2010.

The following were in attendance:

APCO Officers:

Matt Garrity	President
Mary Kay Sullivan	2 nd Vice President
Steve Harrison	Treasurer
Gary E. "Bud" Gray	Secretary
Shannon McCuin	Executive Council

NENA Officers:

Mary Kay Sullivan	President
Liz Smith	1 st Vice President/Treasurer
Tammie Shipp	2 nd Vice President/Secretary

Others:

John Luther	Washington County
Rick Ezell	NLR
Tabby Hughes	Jacksonville 911
Lisa Mitchell	Marion County
Amanda Crawford	Rogers PD
Brian Edwards	Conway PD
Don King	Benton County CENCOM
Emily Cole	Central EMS
Tisha Claypool	Fayetteville PD

Treasury Reports were given for both organizations. AR APCO account balance reflects \$18,052.08 monies and NENA has \$3,335.23. The current APCO and NENA membership totals were discussed and revealed. They report 154 and 40 respectively. Final reports of the 2010 Conference were presented at this time and the AR APCO Accounting Report reflected the expenditures. NENA also provided their Conference expenditure report.

The Minimum Training Standards Bill was discussed at length. Copies of the first draft were provided to attendees. This information will be placed on the website.

Main topics of the discussion included creating a possible subcommittee that would be formed to relieve the AR ETS Board of the duties associated with certification compliance and any grievances that would surface. Determining the criteria for the individuals to be placed on this newly formed subcommittee was discussed. Ensuring all disciplines of dispatching (police, fire, and EMS) was represented.

After in depth discussions about the Bill it was suggested another meeting would be scheduled to further discuss the Bill.

The 2011 Conference was discussed and as voted on at the 2010 Conference will be held once again in North West Arkansas. Matt Garrity informed the group it was voted on to have the Conference during National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week but the Embassy is already booked during that time. It was decided we would have the Conference either the week before or after NPSTW.

NENA bylaws dictate that their Officers will move up in rank. Therefore the election of the 2nd Vice President/Secretary occurred. Tammy Shipp nominated Lisa Mitchell. Liz Smith second the nomination. Mary Kay Sullivan made a motion to cease nominations and was seconded by Gary E. "Bud" Gray.

New NENA Officers:

Liz Smith	President
Tammie Shipp	1 st Vice President/Treasurer
Lisa Mitchell	2 nd Vice President/Secretary

Other Business:

APCO Matt Garrity and Shannon McCuin shared with the members that group fees will be instituted for agencies in the near future. Matt Garrity advised the membership is up by 25%, thus making Arkansas second runner up for the percentage increase on the National level. (We were 4 members shy!) Matt Garrity also recognized Fayetteville 911 Center received an award at the International Conference for becoming APCO Project 33 Compliant. The first in the State of Arkansas. This is a very distinguished award for Fayetteville and Arkansas.

NENA Liz Smith informed the attendees NENA is working on providing group fees for memberships and offering discounted courses, and lobbying for retirement packages for 911 Dispatchers similar to Police and Fire personnel. Liz also stated NENA National would like a copy of our bill (realizing in draft form) for them to review. The group had no concessions to provide this information to them.

The group set a Minimum Training Standards Bill Meeting for Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 1:00PM at Conway PD.

With no further business, a motion and second to adjourn ended the meeting.