

## WI-NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.

Stevens Point, WI

**Presentation:** Steve Crow, Sales Manager, PowerMax - “Power quality and power outage preparedness”.

**Call to order:** Chapter President, LeAnn Krieg

**Roll Call:**

LeAnn Krieg, Mark Handlin, Julie Cipra and Melissa Gilgenbach.

**Approve Minutes of the last Regular Meeting:** November Chapter meeting was cancelled - no minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Lynn was not present but informed the board that we are ok for the 2009 conference.

**Legislative update:**

Rich Tuma from the legislative committee was unable to attend the meeting. NENA’s position was given to Rich and will be posted on the website. We felt the initial proposal was too much and needed to focus on purchase and maintenance for LEC charges, phone systems, GIS/Mapping, CAD and dispatch training programs.

Estimated cost will probably be around .75 per wireless device. Believe 2012 is the most realistic as far as money coming to PSAP’s. A statewide 911 Director is being discussed as Wisconsin is only one of three states without one. Possible to use extra wireless dollars to fund?

Several questions were raised by attendees. If funding does not occur until 2012 will costs be grandfathered? Recurring costs for trunks are a big concern – some PSAP’s are paying up to \$1,200 a month.

Much discussion about future funding for PSAP’s whose situation changes in the future due to growth, mergers, etc. Will there be any language to include them in future funding? State Patrol would like to be included in any rewrites as they take calls as a secondary PSAP.

Feeling from the state is that they are not willing to go back on their initial position. Only those PSAP’s who received funding originally would be included in the future. The State’s focus is on consolidation. Any changes would require getting legislators to back it up.

**SSMG:**

Mark reported that Phase I, which was the frequency/feasibility study, has been completed. The state's position is that it is feasible and the implementation cost will be equal to the Federal dollars they have for the project.

Phase II, implementation, will be next. Sustainability is a big concern. How will it be funded once it is built, will there be access fees, etc? Almost no one has the radios to use it and they are expensive. Don't want to see \$16,000,000 dollars spent without a plan for running it once installed. The Federal Government was clear that if the dollars are not spent on interoperability that the dollars go back – cannot be used for anything else.

**WI-TERT:**

Connie Catterall from the State Patrol informed the group that there will be training on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the State Patrol Academy. Possible DHS grant to assist in expenses. If so, they will try to move the classes around the state. About 20 people have gone through already.

**Joint NENA/APCO meeting and Telecommunicator of the year Awards:**

Next meeting will be a joint WI-NEN/APCO chapter meeting at the APCO North Central Regional Conference in LaCrosse, WI. Nomination deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup>. Winner will be notified by April 6<sup>th</sup> and awards will be presented on April 27<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for volunteers to help, contact Al Blencoe if you can. Possible reduction in the registration fee if you can assist.

**Any other business:**

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie M Cipra*

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