

WI-NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2006 – 10:10 a.m. Regular Meeting
Stevens Point, WI

Call to Order: Chapter President, Al Blencoe at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present were Al Blencoe, Jay Maritz, Lynn Wallace, Julie Cipra, and absent Melissa Gilgenbach.

Members present were:

Kate Beinecke, AT&T Public Safety; Jaime Thurston, CenturyTel; Michael Thompson, LaCrosse County; Nancy Heimke, LaCrosse County; Jim Tollaksen, Verizon Business; Sherry Vike, Sun Prairie Police; Mary Schuelke, Outagamie County Sheriff's Dept; Sally Dickinson, Appleton Police Dept; Wendy Maechtle, Ozaukee County Sheriff.

Approve Minutes of last regular meeting on November 16, 2005 as posted on website. Motion to approve.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report:

\$31,806.19 in our account. Waiting for the printing bill from LaCrosse and the \$2500 check from Vonage.

2006 Conference:

LeAnn Krieg is chairing the conference committee and her group is handling preparations and reporting to board. We are still looking for break-out presenters. Big concerns are unexpected costs with the Kalahari. If anyone is interested in being on the conference committee or helping out please let a board member know. Jim Cavanagh of Consultant Registry is willing to do a pre-con for the same \$175 fee and the Chapter will receive a \$50 kick back. Anyone who attended a previous course of his will only be charged \$50.

Conference Changes:

Exclusive vendor hours will be on Monday from noon – 2:30 with a box lunch provided to conference attendees. Break-out sessions will run later (approximately 5:15 p.m.) but Monday evening will then be free. If a vendor is interested in setting up a private meeting Monday night please contact Lynn.

Vendor information will be posted on the website shortly and they can register on line. Attendee registration will be available soon as well.

Legislation:

Jay Maritz will chair a legislative committee for future legislation. We need to identify our primary goals such as wireless, VoIP, 911 charges, etc. The plan is to have cross representation on the Committee from small, midsize, and large PSAP's along with outside input from several business partners. Sixty-six counties applied for the wireless grant. How many go ahead with it will ultimately prove how successful it was. Considering the possibility of a state level 911 group/employees in the future as a resource.

Joint NENA/APCO:

Jay Loeffler is doing the joint newsletter. Contest for an updated newsletter name is on with a \$50 gift certificate to the winner. Joint ventures have been successful so far. The website will be shared and the VoIP training held in January was a joint venture. We will hold a joint APCO/NENA meeting on April 12th during Telecommunicator Week.

A Proclamation was received from the Governor's office for Telecommunicator Week. Ozaukee County has gone on line in the past and ordered individual certificates with each dispatcher's name on them. Al will check into this and see if we can still do this and ask the Governor's office for permission to post information on our website. LeAnn Krieg will try the website herself to see what is involved. It is possible that we may be able to get someone from the Governor's office to be at the April 12th meeting.

Executive Committee's from each board will meet but the main part of the day will be awards. There will be a short dispatcher training session by JoAnne Holliman so please encourage dispatcher's to attend.

Dispatcher Training:

We will hold a joint APCO/NENA dispatcher training session in January or February, 2007. Paul Logan is working on topics/presenters right now. It is the feeling of the committee that we need to involve dispatchers more in training and the importance of APCO/NENA. They are the next generation of managers.

VOIP Training:

Feedback was extremely positive and felt the event was a success.

ENP:

Dave Sleeter is taking a lead on this. National has changed their policies and testing will now be held for a two week period in the spring and fall every year. A National testing company will administer the tests at pre-determined locations. Tests will not be held at conference. Someone from FL has started an ENP study group with weekly conference calls in a ten week period before the test. Six people are signed up from Wisconsin so far. Complete cost with test and materials is roughly \$350-400.

NENA National Conference:

National Conference is in June in Pittsburgh. Rooms are filling up fast and the hotel where the conference is held is already booked so get your rooms ASAP.

Future Workshop:

Jay Loeffler and Nancy Heimke wondered if there would be interest in holding a workshop for using tools such as Excel, Word, MS Access, etc. LaCrosse County has made many of their own electronic forms such as observation reports, time sheets, in-house hiring/typing tests, etc. Existing forms could be downloaded/shared with other PSAP's. A workshop versus a speaker could bring new ideas/methods from many different PSAP's. A good way to encourage "thinking outside the box".

Jay and Nancy could present it. We will need a facility with computers and possibly internet access. Possibly find some power users for things like Access, Excel, Powerpoint, etc. Winnebago County has a six or twelve seat facility but issue could be too many people. Suggestion to speak with WWTC in LaCrosse. We could hold at our quarterly meeting on August 9th. Hold a brief Executive meeting, lunch on your own, and workshop in the afternoon.

Next quarterly meeting will be joint on April 12th on the first floor of the Annex in Stevens Point. The regular quarterly NENA meeting which was scheduled for May 10th will NOT BE HELD.

Adjourned

Julie M. Cipra

Submitted by Julie Cipra, Secretary