



General Membership Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2017

ST Cloud Police Department

101 11th Ave N, St Cloud

10am-3pm

Special Presentation(s) – 10am-2pm

- West Safety Systems - **5 Things You Need to Know about NG9-1-1!**

Chapter Business - 2pm-3pm

- Approval of Agenda: 1st by Lavae Robinson, 2nd by Judy Diehl
- Approval of Minutes from April Chapter Meeting : 1st Craig Brekke, 2nd Diane Lind
- Treasurers Report:
APCO: Excess funds looking for places to invest. Jim Beutelspacher to send Dar Pankonie investment information that his townhome association uses. Once the combined chapters' funds are established, investment options can be presented to the Board for evaluation. Copy of report was submitted (motion is not required).

NENA: Christine McPherson presented report. Currently \$28,000+ in account. Received \$4,000+ check from NENA just recently for deposit.

Membership breakdown: APCO 349 – NENA 110. 45 have dual membership - both NENA & APCO.
- Executive Council Report: annual board meeting coming up at National APCO on August 11th - key issues – Saudi Arabia got temporary charter and it is now up for a full vote at National conference Executive Council meeting. Chuck asked that if anyone had any opinions on how MN Chapter wanted to weigh in on that vote to reach out to him. There will also be discussion to give Executive Board more authority to make decisions. Consensus from Chapter members present was not to give the Executive Board more power – wanted the full APCO quorum to vote. Finally, this year on National level has been pretty low key. Chuck will be there representing MN Chapter at National APCO conference in Executive Council meetings.

Other National APCO conference items – from those present at Chapter meeting today, it was shared that Pat Wallace, LaVae Robinson, Darlene Pankonie, Faith Evers, Chuck Venske, Heather Hunt, Pete Eggimann, Tim Boyer and Jill Rohret will be attending from MN. Dar P will request a full list of MN members attending from APCO to arrange a group gathering/picture. Also, special

announcement that APCO will be awarding the Technology Leadership Award (for a Large Center) to our very own State Patrol – Congratulations!

- **Joint Chapter**

- APCO Members -Bylaws and Policy Manual Approval - **Action Item**
- NENA Members -Bylaws and Policy Manual Approval - **Action Item**

Dar explained the history and process used to combine the bylaws and policy manual of the MN APCO and NENA chapters. It was shown that a current list of eligible voting members for both APCO and NENA were printed and made available at meeting for all to view.

APCO motion - Judy Diehl made motion to approve bylaws and joining of the chapters, 2nd by Chuck Venske. All MN APCO members present affirmed the motion – no one against. Motion passed.

NENA motion – Lavae Robinson made motion to approve bylaws and joining of the chapters, 2nd by Lauren Petersen. All MN NENA members present affirmed the motion – no one against. Motion passed.

Dar announced that from this moment on we are now the: Minnesota Joint Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Officials International, Inc. and National Emergency Number Association, Inc.

Elections for the new Chapter Executive Board will take place in the Nov-Dec timeframe, so look for candidate nomination process information in Oct-Nov. Immediate Past President, Chuck Venske will be leading the election process which will be done per the new bylaws which allows for electronic voting. A Survey Monkey license will be purchased for this and other Chapter uses. Special note that the new Board membership has 2 more positions: Second Vice-President and an additional Regional Representative (regions will now correlate to the State Emergency Communication regions).

- **Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Update**

Dar noted that comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) July 2016 notice are posted on their website. There were many from MN that sent in comments. During this Spring Public Comment period: 71% of the comments were about Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers (4,468 out of 6,255 total comments-2 were noted to be against change). There were no updates on when to expect a decision by the Federal agency on reclassification.

- **New Business**

Planning is underway for a Fall Training Conference to be combined with the October Chapter meeting on October 25. We have an opportunity to team up with MN ECN and OEC/ICTAP for Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) training. There was discussion where is the best location to hold the meeting (Metro or greater MN) to encourage most for attendance. It was noted that rooms used for today's meeting in St Cloud were available. Once training date confirmed a meeting site would be selected.