

Meeting minutes – Michigan NENA, July 9, 2003 Ionia County, Michigan

President Mike Sexton called the meeting to order at 10:10 am at the Ionia County Central Dispatch facility. Members in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Brianna Machuta	InterAct PSS	Kelly Rasmussen	Eaton County 911
Mike Sexton	Sexton & Associates	Andy Goldberger	St Joseph County
Paul Rogers	Eaton County 911	Gary Brozewski	Bay County 911
Stephen Todd	City of Flint 911	Greg Main	Ionia County 911
Bob Currier	Intrado	Joe Cousineau	SBC
Bill Charon	Ionia County 911	Barry Nelson	Saginaw County 911
Jim Fyvie	Clinton County 911	Sherri Kessel	SBC
<u>Guest</u>			
Eric Johnson	Lt. Post Commander MSP – Ionia Post		

Introductions and welcome by President Sexton and attending members.

Motion by Bob Currier to accept minutes from May meeting, support by Paul Rogers, minutes placed on file.

Treasurer Report – Andrew Goldberger

General account	\$ 17,703.68
Conference account	\$ 17,304.06
Savings account	\$ 10,293.45
Grand Total	\$ 41,925.11

Motion by Jim Fyvie to accept treasurer report, support by Paul Rogers, report placed on file. The entire conference is now paid for. A significant amount of profit, which will be discussed momentarily. Andrew reported on the winner from our spring conference who our chapter sent to National NENA in Denver this year. The Michigan chapter will continue this tradition. Concerns were expressed and discussed by board members and members with regards to the conference this year at the Amway Grand in May 2003. Board stated we were tight with numbers this year compared to the past due to numbers for everyone and in every aspect being down this year. Our numbers were right-on with Amway for attendees this year. Suggestions for next year are to change up the continental breakfast (more choices), the welcome dinner and adding the alcohol back into the events. The alcohol was the biggest savings this year and secondly was the electronics, we did not have a cost for this item, as all presenters or vendors supplied their own (both saving ballpark total of \$ 10,000.00). A need to recognize that we as a chapter would like to keep our conference attendees on-site as much as possible, discussion for the 2004 conference is already underway for these items to improve. Bob Currier informed all that everyone was happy, we had no complaints from vendors and they were pleased with the quality of people in attendance. Mike Sexton added that everyone

seemed to be pleased with the structuring of the programs, that the sessions were geared towards all personnel within the industry.

Andrew Goldberger made an announcement that he was asked by our host, Mr. Bill Charon, to present the new Michigan Association of Chief of Police directory. It contains dispatch center information as well and is available for sale for \$ 9.95 per copy/\$ 6.95 per copy for 12 or more.

Andrew Goldberger made an announcement of the loss of Harvey Becker's wife. Also a recommendation that the chapter make a donation to whatever charity/organization in her honor. NENA will do an appropriate amount, motion by Bob Currier, with support by Suzan Hensel. Greg Main made an announcement that we should all keep Carol Swainston in our thoughts as well for her effort in keeping things running smoothly. Greg to supply Brianna with donation information and Andrew to make donation.

Andrew Goldberger made announcement with regards to the Newaygo County trooper that was lost in duty on July 8th, 2003. Kevin Michael Marshall with the Michigan State Police visitation will be from 3-9pm on July 10 with the funeral on the 11th at 11am at St. Anne Catholic Community Church in Warren, Michigan.

Conference Committee report

Suzan Hensel asked if anyone had any ideas for programs for next year to please email the board members with your suggestions. Suzan thanked the conference committee for everything they did for this year's 2003 conference, a thank you to Brianna Machuta and Chris King for their invaluable assistance with the vendors. The committee is currently taking volunteers for next year. Jim Fyvie brought about the issue of the conference starting on Mother's Day, and that the conference will continue to fall on Mother's Day weekend for the next years while we are at the Amway Grand. The timing is due to our contract with Amway Grand, it is the only time that we can all be there, have the days we need for the conference, the rooms that we want and all be able to be on the same side of the hotel.

National

Election results announced by Bob Currier. Expressed his thanks to the Michigan chapter for their support in his campaign to seek regional office. Ron Bonneau was re-elected, a total of 858 votes out of a possible 1800 were submitted in our region (which includes 13 states). The largest state in our region is IL with 1/3 of the voters. Bob was unable to attend the vote counting at National NENA which took place on the Monday of the conference in Denver. Bob deduced from the numbers supplied to him, that less than 50% of the active qualified voters exercised their right to vote, which frustrated him immensely. Overall it was close and best of luck to Bob for the next time.

Hero's committee

President Sexton announced that we had an outstanding hero's presentation this year at the conference, with the attendance of our past National President John Melcher. We have been informed that National NENA will no longer support this program, but we

have decided as a chapter to continue this program at the state level. The news tape from the conference presentation was played for the members today, the winner was from Saginaw County and Mr. McIntyre and the rest of the gang from Saginaw County were great hosts to the winner and her family at the conference. A reminder email will be sent out to the members of MCDA, APCO and NENA for nominations for next years contest. Also stated we are looking for volunteers to be on the selection committee for 2004. Jim Fyvie acknowledged how nice it was to have Joe Cousineau (SBC) on the selection committee this year for adding value and thoughts from a non-911 side. President Sexton thanked all who were involved in the selection committee for a job well done. Michigan, Iowa and Florida were the only states to keep this program going for this year.

ETSC report

Legislative update by Paul Rogers. Paul spoke to MaryJo Hovey: it has been presented to the governor's office for review, has not yet been reviewed for the actual legal language. It is expected to be completed in the next couple of weeks. Stephen Todd presented a question: were all the proposals sent in my members adopted? Paul Rogers informed that yes they were, also that there were individuals that were lobbying for opposition as to what was submitted. Paul then stated that it is the choice of the government to choose what is changed and what remains the same. Suzan Hensel posed question: where, included in the legislation, does the state coordinator position stand and is it recommended to the legislature for there to be permanent funding? Paul responded that he believes there is money to do it. Alternate funding mechanisms were looked at with the wireline and wireless surcharges. Suzan stated the ETSC and MCDA representatives need to be proactive so that concerns over the 911 coordinator does not hold up the legislature. Paul Rogers stated that he does not intend to seek the position of state 911 coordinator. President Sexton stated that the first and foremost item is to get the correct legislative language to form this position; we need to get it off the governor's desk, get it out for the sponsorship, we have worked on this for over a year and do not want it to get thrown out. Joe Cousineau suggested that between NENA, ETSC, MCDA and APCO there should be a joint steering committee formed to key in on these issues and push forward. Paul Rogers thinks that between the PSAP side and the corporate side there is a lot of philosophical agreement that we need to get all people to the table to define and agree that the ideas are worth pursuing. Suzan Hensel stated that there is a need to be very vocal about putting teeth into all the ALECS that are collecting and not submitting their costs. Paul stated that this is addressed in the proposal.

Recess for lunch @ noon

Consensus that we are going to move forward with a steering committee for the legislative update with ETSC and the other organizations.

President's report

At the May conference we had an ETSC meeting where some issues were presented about a past meeting that required Paul (our NENA representative) to vote. The vote may or may not have represented how the NENA membership felt as a whole, but as chair, Paul felt he had to follow legal advice and make a decision. President Sexton supports

Paul in his actions and his ethics. Weighing all items especially the current legislative initiative, Mike feels the consistency of Paul remaining as ETSC chair is essential and that it is in our best interest to remain status quo. Stephen Todd supported Mike on his decision and complimented Paul on his accomplishments, Paul will be stepping down in December 2003 as the NENA representative on the ETSC. Mike commented that the Board was remiss in not meeting in advance of the ETSC meeting to discuss the NENA perspective and give Paul advice. This will be corrected for the remaining and future meetings. Jim Fyvie requested that in the future if the NENA representative (to the ETSC) is not going to vote the way their organization requests that they make a public announcement. Fyvie is also going to take back to the ETSC a request to change the bylaws stating that all members of the ETSC are to vote and if there is an abstainment, that person who abstained would have to state a factual legal reason for their abstainment.

A request by the board if you have an interest or would like to nominate someone to become the NENA representative on the 2004 ETSC board to please email one of the board members before the November meeting.

Andrew Goldberger stated that he understands that the ETSC cannot provide food/beverage service at their meetings, he moves that the MI NENA pay for any normal expenses of those meetings, wherever they occur. Whomever may be hosting the ETSC meeting makes the arrangements and then gets reimbursed by NENA, unless it is in conjunction with an already functioning event. Support received by Bob Currier, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion brought up with the NENA rep for ETSC; Suzan Hensel asked that the future appointments of NENA reps to the ETSC not become chairperson as well. Mike agreed with Suzan that we might be better suited for NENA to have representation but not chairperson duty as well. Joe Cousineau suggested that we possibly put this into the bylaws. Motion by Bob Currier to table this discussion for a later date, support by Barry Nelson.

Old Business

E911 congressional caucus; 500 million dollar grant for PSAP's is currently being drafted. Bob Currier and Andrew Goldberger are the representatives for the lobbying/911 advisory committee for NENA. If this comes to pass (support by both houses) this will have nothing to do with Homeland Security or EMA. It will be a 50/50 split and you will be unable to use other grant monies for your 50%. Clinton a huge supporter.

A handout was given to the meeting attendees by President Sexton with regards to harassing phone calls into the PSAP's that the carriers will not inform the center about. Please forward the complaints and handouts to Mike and he will compile these as a chapter and send on to National NENA. Where to get the information will be available from Mike within the month.

New Business

Suzan Hensel to present a program on NORAD/911 for the PSAP. This all came about from an event that happened when President Bush was in New Orleans and it took 45 minutes to get the department of defense to handle the 911 call from an oil rig employee. This is the final outcome from that incident, sent to MaryJo Hovey, as she is the state contact.

The presentation will not be put onto the MI NENA website, however it is being sent to MCDA, ETSC and APCO to join together and get the word out.

No other new business.

Motion to adjourn by Greg Main, support by Stephen Todd.

Adjourned at 2:10 pm.