

Meeting minutes – Michigan NENA, May 11, 2004 Spring Conference – Amway Grand, Grand Rapids

President Hensel called the meeting to order at 5:10pm, forgo introductions.

Members in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Brianna Machuta	InterAct PSS	Andy Goldberger	St. Joseph County
Kathy Plachetzki	Belleville CD	George Baker	OnStar Public
Cathy McCormick	OnStar Public	Harriet Brown	Allegan County
Jamel Anderson	Grand Traverse CD	Mary Griffen	Auburn Hills PD
Vince Foisy	Rochester Hills	Richard Zimmer	Hillsdale Co. 911
Ron MacDonald	Hillsdale Co. 911	Margie Hatfield	Hillsdale Co. 911
LeighAnn Irland	Hillsdale Co. 911	Ann Farquhar	Southfield 911
Bob Currier	Intrado	Dawn Nalepa	SBC
Pat Anderson	SBC	Stephen Todd	City of Flint 911
Pam Matelski	Mackinac 911	Tom Altland	Mason-Oceana 911
Christina Russell	Oakland Co. SO	Suzan Hensel	Midland Co. 911
Keith deYoung	Grand Traverse CD		

Thanks to all for attending the 2004 Spring conference and making it successful once again.

Reports:

Minutes – Motion to accept February minutes by C. Nystrom, seconded by L. Fayling, motion carried

Treasurer – Motion to accept report by A. Goldberger, seconded by B. Machuta;

General account	\$ 19,890.58
Conference account	\$ 26,703.17
Savings account	\$ 10,337.39
Grand Total	\$ 56,931.14

Discussion:

- L. Fayling questioned why we do not put the savings monies into a CD? Answer from Goldberger, monies from the conference checking account after all payments are made goes into the general fund and then put into a CD. L. Fayling would like to urge the executive board to look at placing monies into a CD. Noted by board.
- R. MacDonald questioned if we are going to be in the black or red after this year's conference, due to being down in numbers for attendees and vendors? A. Goldberger...we will remain in black due to planning ahead for extra expenses.
- B. Currier...the total # of attendees is only down 1-3. He went on to explain #'s from the conference, stated that we had 2 no-shows for vendors and their reasons. C. Nystrom motioned that the vendor with the "family emergency" have their money refunded, seconded by L. Fayling. After discussion, original motion withdrawn, L. Fayling to place new motion on floor; that the board to a fifty percent credit for next year's booth, seconded by C. Nystrom...vote: in favor – 4, not in favor – 9, motion denied.

President – Suzan Hensel:

- NENA was asked by ETSC to file a paper on VoIP's concepts/regulations/issues/steps etc. to present to the MPSC. We worked with APCO and MCDA as well as the industry side to have a well rounded response, the paper has been submitted and is on all the

organizations websites. MPSC has been very good about keeping us up-to-date. C.Nystrom provided accolades to Patricia Coates for hard work and assistance with this task.

- Non-payment of chapter rebates (from dues) has finally been rectified, special thanks to Ron Bonneau for pushing this issue through National NENA, we are staying on National to keep up with the reimbursements
- The NENA scholarship presented to our region, was awarded to Alice Shockly (Missouri) to attend the national conference in Tampa in June. Only two applications were received.
- The ballots have gone out for the second vice president position. There are three contenders: John Crable, Bill Munn and Ron Bonneau; the chapter has no official endorsement, if anyone would like info or opinions/guidance please ask any of the board members

ETSC – Suzan Hensel:

- The meeting in April was very short, approval of some bills with the main focus on the Kalkaska County report/issue. With a tremendous amount of discussion, in the end it was approved to send back for re-drafting; there did not appear to be any abuse or misuse of funds.
- Agencies should be getting training monies soon and re-certification monies as well.

Spring Conference:

- Question posed by L. Fayling as to what is the general reaction to starting the conference on a Monday morning as opposed to the Sunday night welcome reception? Mostly good comments were received (*S. Todd*), but it was noted that it did not help the organization of the conference to have the registration start Monday rather than Sunday. It also affected our opening speaker, with a very low turnout, who was dynamic.

Old Business:

- Future site locations for spring conference: the board has put out an RFI for the Sunday through Wednesday, for the week before Memorial Day weekend in May. We have received back five responses, including the Amway Grand. Over the course of the next month, the board will hash through these proposals and do site visits. Hopefully by the summer meeting, we will have a report and recommendation to then to move to contract negotiations for 2006/7/8.
- Also we do have our third year of contract with the Amway Grand to contend with for 2005. We (the board) have sent an official request to move the dates of the conference for 2005 to get us further away from the Homeland Security conference. President Hensel thinks that we should go back to starting the conference on Sunday with the welcome reception that night.
- Currier suggests that we start it on Monday night with a welcome reception and have the conference run through Thursday. It was asked that the membership think it over and provide feedback to the board.

New Business:

- The National NENA conference is coming up on June 14-17, in Tampa, FL. A reminder that our chapter awards one free trip/attendance which will be awarded tomorrow (May 12th) at the close of our Spring conference.
- The chapter also pays for one and a half of the executive board to attend the National Conference. President Hensel cannot attend, so Vice President Keith deYoung will attend. The “half” will be to Treasurer Andrew Goldberger.
- Per the 2004 meeting schedule, the November 10th meeting is to be held in the metro area. TBD...if there is anyone interested in hosting it, please let the board know. Cathy McCormick stated that she would look into having OnStar host, will get back to Suzan.

The next meeting will be hosted by Grand Traverse Central Dispatch on July 14th. Keith deYoung and Jamel Anderson stated that reservations will need to be made in advance and right away, the location will be determined soon and sent out via email correspondence, and rooms will also be blocked off.

Motion to adjourn by L.Fayling and seconded by C. Nystrom; motion carries

Meeting adjourned by President Hensel at 5:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Machuta
Chapter Secretary
Michigan NENA