

## Meeting minutes – Michigan NENA, July 14, 2004 Maritime Academy – Traverse City

President Hensel called the meeting to order at 10:20 am.

Members in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Brianna Machuta	InterAct PSS	Keith DeYoung	Grand Traverse CD
Steve Smith	SBC	Dawn Nalepa	SBC
Sherri Kessel	SBC	Bruce D'Autremont	DDTI
Lloyd Fayling	Genesee Co. CD	Bob Currier	Intrado
Kelly Rasmussen	Eaton County 911	Jamel Anderson	Grand Traverse CD
Joe Cousineau	SBC		

Thank you all for coming this morning.

Housekeeping issues presented by Keith DeYoung

Introductions

### **Reports:**

*Minutes* – Motion to accept May minutes by Jamel Anderson, support by Kelly Rasmussen; motion carried

*Treasurer* – Report presented by Andrew Goldberger via teleconference. We are in pretty good shape, on the reverse side of the report is the conference reconciliation. A number of corrections were found by Bob Currier and Andy with regards to the bills from the Amway Grand, and those have been taken care of. We should be in the “black” for a profit this year.

The conference, financially, was once again a success and we are happy with the turnout.

Brianna Machuta, of InterAct, and President Hensel brought up two outstanding issues with their respective agency's and payment.

Motion to accept report by Bob Currier, support by Jamel Anderson; motion carried.

*President* – Suzan Hensel:

A number of changes have taken place since the National conference in June, including the resignation of Terry Peters.

National has had a serious glitch with their membership database that has not been remedied in time for the National elections, causing a serious discussion regarding voting for the Second VP position. Vice-president DeYoung, along with other chapter presidents got together at the National conference to express their concern that the vote was unfair and invalid, National then decided to reverse their prior vote and re-do election.

A membership list is now being distributed to start to correct the database by each chapter, there will then be a new vote within 90 days...those in attendance today, if you will please review your data and make any corrections necessary, it will then be posted on the MI website and ask the entire membership to review their data and make any and all corrections. We will also send it to our sister orgs (MCDA and APCO) to review their data. Corrections have to be back to National by next week (the 23<sup>rd</sup>).

Resignation of the executive director took place the first week of July, as well as the resignation of Lisa Sildesky. There will be a search started for a new executive director, President Hensel is going to express her concern and opinion that the Chapter Presidents should be more involved in the search and decision of the next Executive Director. She has stated this to Ron Bonneau, our regional VP. Discussion and explanation took place (Bob Currier) regarding the issue based

primarily on the move from Ohio to Virginia. President Hensel expressed her opinion that there is a serious communication gap between National staff and the state Chapters. Hensel also expressed her delight with our Regional VP (Bonneau) and his involvement with this regions chapters, to keep us informed of National issues and listens to our issues to take back to National. Lloyd Fayling asked about the establishment of a “selection process” procedure in place yet for the the search of the new director, and if not then the Executive Board for MI needs to be involved in getting that established. President Hensel response that no as of now that she knows. Fayling suggests that we look at the way National APCO has conducted their latest search and hiring process; and insists that there should be at least half a dozen Chapter Presidents be involved.

### **BREAK**

*ETSC – President Hensel:*

One meeting of the ETSC has taken place since we last met, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Capital. The 911 coordinator position. Five candidates with Harriett Miller-Brown being chosen and will be on board August 16<sup>th</sup>. To be discussed under “new business”, selection for the new chair of the Dispatcher Training subcommittee. Charlie Nystrom has resigned, but will stay on board until Harriett takes position.

Briefly went through the issues of CAS vs. NCAS. The display needs to be standardized; Pat Anderson gave a great presentation on the different formats of the display, stating that 25 sites still have not upgraded their equipment. There is a need for a drop-dead date and the CMRs to have a constant/equal format are the two solutions. Lloyd Fayling was chosen to do the research for that subcommittee and to force the 25 to get their stuff together.

Discussion whether you can regulate seven digit call management equal throughout all agencies, President Hensel expressed that it should be up to each individual agency.

Legislative subcommittee: Senator Gilbert said there is a draft ready to release; 1267 is his bill and is in committee. Bob Currier stated that Gilbert and six other senators are on the committee, Bob to email the draft to Brianna to distribute to the membership.

Recertification subcommittee: will now be on a quarterly basis as opposed to an annual basis (due to a legislative change). Second quarter re-certification was given to all counties. President Hensel raised concern about whether funding will be able to be continued disbursement, based on equipment being in place; decision due back next week. CMRs subcommittee presented, for review, was a pre-approval plan to recoop funds for those that did have the funds readily available at the time they are ready to take part in other projects. Next meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am at the State Capital building.

*Spring Conference – Bob Currier*

Breakdown of numbers: 31 vendors in 33 booths, 8 sponsors, roughly 225 attendees. Vendors perspective was that they were not quality attendees even though the numbers were there.

Andrew Goldberger stated that he does not believe we will run into the problem of the Homeland Security conference next year.

*APCO - Lloyd Fayling*

Having some issues that are being worked on in the near future. Would like to recall the issues of ETSC and Pat Coates with the APCO chapter, that will be brought up next week at the chapter meeting. The other issue that will be brought up at next week’s meeting will be senate bill 1339. John Newman is the new Executive Director for APCO, has an outstanding reputation and has already presented a new attitude.

National conference in Montreal on August 8-12, 2004

Next Chapter meeting July 22 in Houghton Lake.

Fall conference update: Major sponsorships sold, but only 1 vendor booth sold.

*MCDA*

VoIP and the re-bid discussion and training. Procedures and the FCC stating what it does versus what it is not doing/working in the field (less than 50% with the companies). The FCC not living up to its words, the ETSC should be talking about this issue at a minimum...jumping to bill 1339

*Old Business*

Future Conference Site Locations Update – Bob Currier

The 2005 conference is currently contracted with the Amway Grand for the same time frame of May 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, with Sunday being Mother's Day. The Homeland Security conference will be preceding ours again next year, Bob presented a written request to the Amway to see if they would allow us to break the dates of our contract, and if they would have space available for us later in the month. The 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> is available (week before memorial day). If we do move the conference, all our educational sessions and exhibits would need to be moved to the new DeVos place (on street level)

Joe Cousinea brought up a concern for vendors that in the past traffic was an issue.

Brianna Machuta motion to move the dates of the conference for 2005, support by Jamel Anderson; vote 12-1 motion carried.

*New Business*

A. Senate Bill 1339 (President Hensel)

Fayling stated that the bill is too simple until the last sentence, nothing is going to happen for at least two years, when/if the bill comes to fruition.

Hensel stated still nothing has been done; the commission is not doing anything to provide for the guidelines for the submission of the SBC costs to submit for reimbursement.

Cousinea – would it be the intent of MI NENA to send reps to interface with these folks regarding fixing the bill?

Cousineau motion to have a representative from APCO, NENA and MCDA; along with the new 911 coordinator to meet with a representative of the senate committee in putting this bill together, to express the issues and concerns; support by Kelly Rasmussen...motion carried.

B. Nominations for Executive Board

Election will take place at the November Chapter meeting. We need a volunteer to be a chair and sole member to accept nominations and to conduct the election; Kelly Rasmussen accepted the duty. All existing members of the Executive Board nominated each other for the 2005 board.

The next meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at OnStar.

Meeting adjourned by President Hensel at 12:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Machuta  
Chapter Secretary  
Michigan NENA

