

WI-NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2005 – 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Chapter President, Dave Sleeter at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present were Dave Sleeter, Al Blencoe, Jay Maritz, Lynn Wallace, and Julie Cipra.

Members present were:

Corey Kopenski, SBC Public Safety; Kate Beinecke, SBC Public Safety; Jan Reinfeldt, Sheboygan PD; Linda Repphum, Sheboygan PD; Russ Schreiner, Sheboygan PD; Dennis Stillwagon, Positron Public Safety; Jerianne Feiten, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office; Maureen Weiher, Milwaukee County IMSD; Jodi Helgen, Adams County LIO; Tim Lehmann, Buffalo County LIO; Donn Martin, Gundersen Lutheran Health Systems; Lt Lynn Boening, Waushara Co Sheriff's Dept; Steve Hildre, GeoComm; Josh Schedler, Bay-Lake Regional Planning; Mary Schuelke, Outagamie County SO; Sally Dickinson, Appleton PD; Audrey Cox, Lincoln County LIO; Gary Ackerman, Verizon; Mark Handlin, Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept; NC Heywood, UWSP; Wendy Maechtle, Ozaukee County Sheriff; Shelly Nackers, Brown County Public Safety; Jim Nickel, Brown County Public Safety; Jill Raffay, Washington County Sheriff; Dick White, Plant Equipment; Drake Fleege, Motorola; Chris Cantrell, Trempealeau County; Lori Olson, Trempealeau County; Steve Root, Woolpert Inc; Kathy Biggar, Winnebago Co Sheriff's Dept; Geoff Andenson, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept; Laura Polcyn, Green Lake County SO; Gary Heschke, Waupaca County SO; Bill B, Sheboygan CO SO; Steve Stenhardt, Sheboygan CO SO; Dan Schmerse, Milwaukee PD; Richard Tuma, Waukesha County; Melissa Gilgenbach, Dunn County; LuAnn Dohms, Dunn County; Paul Wittkamp, State DPH-EMS; Jaime Thurston, Centurytel; Dolly Brennan, Kenosha Joint Services.

Approve Minutes of last regular meeting on May 18th, 2005. Motion to approve by Lynn Wallace and Al Blencoe.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 8/10/2005 is \$30,590.00 with no outstanding bills other than those received at the meeting today. We are on track as far as conference expenses.

Conference updates/new hotel:

Reminder that this year's conference is still in Stevens Point at the same location but the hotel was newly remodeled and has been renamed the Country Springs Hotel. Please be sure you use the correct phone number to contact Country Springs (800-998-2311) as a new Holiday Inn has also been built in the area. The 2006 conference will be moving to the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. Dates and times of break-out sessions will be on the web site in a few days. On-line conference registration is available now. Al Blencoe reviewed conference sessions and discussed the need to bring new people to the

conference. There are forty vendors with several new ones this year. The State Cartography office will be there as well.

Wireless Grant Applications: Gary Evenson, Administrator, Telecommunications Division, Wisconsin Public Service Commission was present to discuss progress to date.

WI PSC staff members are still reviewing applications and will be informing the commission in the next few weeks of what is contained in the applications. Sixty-eight counties and nine wireless carriers submitted grant applications. Combined wireless and PSAP requests came to \$103,000,000. Of that amount, \$60,000,000 was for wireless and \$43,000,000 was for PSAP's. Of the \$60,000,000 in wireless requests, \$50,000,000 was for three wireless carriers alone. PSAP requests ranged from \$60,000 to \$6,000,000.

The first round of approvals are expected in September with appeals being handled in late September, early October. They plan to set the surcharge rate in October and begin charging cell phone bills in December. Effective January, 2006, funds will be sent to an account set up by the PSC, probably in Milwaukee. Payouts from the fund should begin late April/early May. Cell rates will be adjusted on a yearly basis.

Appeal process: You can ask for reconsideration or go to court. The commission will most likely specify a more definitive appeals process with the final rules. It was noted that if a commission order is taken to court it will delay the process.

It is anticipated that everyone will receive some money from the fund. It is more a question of submitting for a certain amount, say \$500,000, and receiving \$475,000. Gary mentioned that even though some costs seem reasonable they must still work within the parameters of the legislation. Some concern over how large the surcharge will be although expected to be under \$1.00.

Items that fall within a "gray area" will take more time. Some requests were unanticipated and there are differing viewpoints of what is necessary and what is not. Specific items mentioned were PSAP equipment which extends to vehicles, recording equipment, Orthophotography, GIS training, security, call transfer capabilities, and mundane things such as furniture, printers, monitors, and stands, etc.

An issue that will need to be addressed yet is how to handle situations where one PSAP put in a request for something but another did not due to their interpretation of the application. No answer as to whether a PSAP can go back and request it or not. Concerns over the value of doing this if PSAP's do not continue on with implementation. Four Counties did not apply at all and will some PSAP's be unable to implement if they don't get all of the funds requested?

Questions still remain as far as fund distribution. Payments will be divided into 12, quarterly payments. Paid receipts will be necessary for reimbursement. It is uncertain how reimbursement will be distributed if you requested an item in 2007, for example, but purchased it in 2006 instead.

There will be a meeting open to the public but it is not a hearing so the PSC will not be asking for input. They will notify APCO and NENA so that we may in turn, notify our members of the meeting date.

NENA National: Al and Lynn discussed the National NENA Conference they attended in June. They thought the pre-conference Grant Writing course, which will be at our September conference, was very good and worth the registration fee. The 2006 National Conference will be held in Pittsburgh.

Nominations: Nominations are open for Treasurer (open every two years) and 2nd VP (open every year). Nominations must be in to Lynn Wallace by the end of August as ballots need to be mailed out. If you are nominating someone please put their name and department along with your name. Lynn will contact all nominees to be sure they will accept before sending out ballots. So far there are two nominations for Treasurer and one for 2nd Vice President.

Enhanced 911 Act of 2004: passed but no money was appropriated for it. U.S. Congressman, David Obey of Wisconsin is the ranking Minority member on the Appropriations Committee. Members are encouraged to send a letter to him in support of the legislation. A template of a sample letter will be put on the website.

911 Cares: A donation was made by APCO and NENA to a dispatcher from Brown County in need of a heart transplant.

Wireless Implementation: Dave Sleeter asked where people are in the wireless implementation process. Many seem to be waiting until grant awards are announced but several counties indicated they are moving forward regardless. It was mentioned that we now have some real figures to go in with regarding the extension of the sunset provision of the legislation. This could apply to the wireline side of things as well.

Training: Al Blencoe asked if there would be interest in providing training sessions throughout the year, possibly a joint APCO/NENA effort. One suggestion was for a wireless class, interpreting maps, latitude and longitude, confidence factors, etc.

Motion to adjourn: Al Blencoe

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Cipra

Julie Cipra, Secretary