

WI-NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2006 – 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
Stevens Point, WI

Call to order: Chapter President, Jay Maritz at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call: Board members present were Melissa Gilgenbach and Julie Cipra. Absent were Leann Krieg and Lynn Wallace.

Members present: Kate Beinecke, AT&T Public Safety; Jim Tollaksen, Verizon; Jerry Christians, CenturyTel; Rich Tuma, Waukesha County.

Approve Minutes of the last Regular Meeting:

Motion to approve by Jim Tollaksen and second by Jerry Christians.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Wallace was absent from the meeting but informed board members in advance that we raised \$3000 more in conference profits than last year.

Conference wrap up: Al Blencoe volunteered and was selected by Jay Maritz to be the 2007 Conference Chairperson. We had an increase of attendees from 170/180 last year to 230/240 this year and the vendor hall was full. Overall, comments were positive and people seemed to like the change to the Kalahari. The committee will meet with hotel staff to discuss minor issues such as room reservations, cold food during one part of the banquet, moving the registration booth to the breakout hallway, etc.

Reviewed suggestions from attendees such as splitting the \$1500 prize into three \$500 prizes and too long a break on Tuesday morning. Future conference dates have been finalized and are as follows:

2007 Great Lakes Conference:

Sunday, October 28th through Wednesday, October 31st

2008 Great Lakes Conference:

Sunday, October 26th through Wednesday, October 29th

Delayed discussion of breakout sessions and who will manage until the next meeting.

2007 joint NENA/APCO Dispatcher Training:

Paul Logan has been organizing dispatcher training sessions and preparations are nearly complete. Classes will be held in Madison (location to be determined) on March 21st and in Stevens Point on March 27th at the Portage County Annex, 3rd floor, conference room 5. Training will last from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be comprised of three separate topics and instructors. Registration is free for NENA and APCO members and non-members are \$10.00

MABAS – What is it and how will it affect me?

Rick Hammond, MABAS Coordinator, Dane County PSCC

Technology – VoIP, Wireless, and NG911??? In language a dispatcher can understand!
Chad Fleck, Supervisor & Uber Geek, Dane County PSCC

Training – Training tips and “back to the basics”!
Scott Groenwoldt, Supervisor, Waukesha county Communications

Call for committee members:

Request for volunteers to join various committees including conference. Julie will provide Al with name/s of volunteers.

Legislative update:

A report was given by Legislative Committee Chairman Rich Tuma. There was a meeting last week with the Wisconsin State Telephone Association and a variety of issues were discussed. The group chose to remove the PBX and Centrex issue from pending legislation as the cost impact for municipalities and businesses to comply is too great. An opt-out clause was added. State purchasing of 911 trunks was also removed.

General feeling is that if technology neutral legislation is successful then one vendor should not be affected more than another. Consensus is that one overall surcharge across the board will be easier to implement and maintain. Believe the wireless rate will go down over time once funds are in the same pot. We need to identify what is fundable.

The Wisconsin Land Information Association needs to stay involved. Money will be earmarked for specifics to avoid spending for unrelated items.

Determined that the most efficient way for vendors such as phone companies and wireless carriers is to funnel through one state entity versus 72 counties. Determining what each county will get is still an issue. Suggestions were by population but larger communities do not necessarily get more. The committee is aware of the challenges faced by smaller communities who may not have a GIS department or other supporting staff and equipment. Ideas were that if a county comes in under a pre-set funding amount they would get 1.5 times more than they collect. Much more discussion will take place in this area yet.

The sunset provision for wireless legislation will expire in 2008 so do not be surprised if current legislation is not completed in 2007.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, February 14th, 2007 in Stevens Point at the Portage County Annex. Jay Maritz will contact Kathy Krusiec to ask if she would be interested in conducting a presentation on Lessons Learned: Stoughton Tornado at the Chapter meeting.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Cipra

Julie Cipra, Secretary