

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF
ARKANSAS APCO AND NENA CHAPTERS**

October 15, 2019

Draft

Attendance:

APCO Executive Board:

Renee Hoover, President
Michael McCammon, 1st Vice President & Interim Secretary
Scott Ballard, 2nd Vice President
Teresa Hudson, Treasurer
Vacant, Immediate Past President
Kristi Key, Executive Council Representative
Stuart Peters, Commercial Member

NENA Executive Board:

Alice Wallis, President
Jeff Turner, 1st Vice President
Vacant, 2nd Vice President
Randie Jones, Secretary/Treasurer

Members:

Jordan Smith (NENA member)
Beverly Luper (APCO member)
Kimberly Dancer (APCO member)
Brandy Dye (APCO and NENA member)
Judy Wells (APCO member)
Lexie Wilson (APCO member)
Jacob Siemens (APCO member)
Paige VanBrook (APCO and NENA member)
Steve Harrison (APCO and NENA member)
Nicole Jueal (APCO member)
Alyssa Mannis (non-member)
Tony Donaldson (APCO member)
Jennifer Wheeler (NENA member)
Brittney Bettis (APCO member)
Natisha Claypool (APCO and NENA member)
Eric Ekhoff (APCO member)
Ashley Hoyle (APCO Member)
Leeann Sadler (non-member)
Erica King (non-member)
Sara McPherson (APCO & NENA member)
Michael Riggan (APCO member)
Carla Holcroft (APCO member)
Shannon McCuin (APCO member)
Gary "Bud" Gray (APCO and NENA member)

Facebook Live Attendees:

Ronya Marveggio
Mindy Corbett
Tanya Gotcher

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Arkansas NENA President, Alice Wallis, called the business meeting to order and reminded attendees to sign in on the meeting attendance register. President Wallis also reminded Facebook Live Attendees that they would need to comment on the session to confirm attendance.

Arkansas APCO President, Renee Hoover, clarified for the Facebook Live Moderator that general comments would not have to be addressed during the meeting, but any questions presented via Facebook live should be brought to the Boards' attention to be addressed during the meeting.

Arkansas APCO 1st Vice President, Michael McCammon presented a motion to combine the meetings into a joint meeting for the purpose of expediting the process for both meetings. With a second to the motion from Kristi Key and a vote from members of both organizations, the motion passed.

Arkansas NENA Chapter Business

Financial Report –

Randi Jones, Arkansas NENA Secretary/Treasurer, provided the following financial report for the Arkansas NENA Chapter.

Current balance in the US Bank Account: \$1029.10

Original Opening Balance in 2018: \$998.00

Additional Membership Distribution from National Organization: \$111.00

Expenses: \$7.00 - State Charter with the Arkansas Secretary of State

\$71.52 – Lunch for mid-year meeting attendees

With a motion and second to approve the Arkansas NENA 2019 Financial Report as presented by Ms. Jones, the Arkansas NENA membership passed the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented.

2019 Arkansas NENA Chapter Mid-Year Meeting Minutes –

A motion and second to approve the draft minutes as presented from the 2019 mid-year meeting was passed.

OLD BUSINESS –

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

Randi Jones shared that a social media policy would be presented to the members for approval at the next meeting (2020 mid-year meeting). Ms. Jones shared that the policy will be posted on the social media sites for review.

Additional Discussion –

There being no additional new business and no business from the floor, the Arkansas NENA Chapter yielded the meeting to the Arkansas APCO Chapter.

Arkansas APCO Chapter Business

Financial Report –

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Arkansas APCO President, Renee Hoover, requested a financial report from Arkansas APCO Treasurer, Teresa Hudson. Ms. Hudson reported that at the annual business meeting on October 27, 2018, the balance in the Arkansas APCO checking account was approximately \$21,000. Currently, there is a balance of \$41,193.28 with a number of outstanding conference expenses and reimbursements to be paid including, but not limited to, the conference hotel expenses. With a second to the motion to approve the financial report as presented by Ms. Hudson, the financial report was approved.

2019 Arkansas NENA Chapter Mid-Year Meeting Minutes –

President Hoover shared highlights of the details that were included in the draft minutes of the mid-year meeting that was held on May 30, 2019, and the motion to approve the minutes as presented to the membership passed.

Executive Council Update –

Arkansas APCO Executive Council Member, Kristi Key, provided an update from the APCO Executive Council which included an update on the proposed change to the APCO International Bylaws that would prohibit any states from establishing a new or combining of existing State APCO and State NENA chapters into a joint State APCO/NENA Chapter. The proposed changes were not passed, but may be addressed again at a future time.

Regional Updates –

Ms. Hoover reported that the central region liaison (CJ Engel) has not been replaced as of yet, and there has also been some turnover in Northeast Arkansas as well. Michael McCammon and Paige VanBrook are working together to get their regional meetings restarted. Also, since Nan Davenport retired, there has not yet been an appointment made for the Southeast Region, so no meetings have been scheduled. The other regions also do not currently have a regional liaison.

Ms. Hoover provided an update on the RapidSOS training that has currently been provided in three regions so far, and there is a plan to bring their representative back to do some additional training with the Northeast Region as one of the target areas for the training.

Arkansas 911 Board Update –

Ms. Hoover provided an update to the membership on the current activities of the Arkansas 911 Board, and shared that all meeting dates, times, and locations are posted on the Arkansas Public Meetings calendar. The Board will continue to meet at on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Division of Emergency Management (ADEM). The website for the Arkansas 911 Board will be available soon, and the Board activities will be posted on the website.

Reminders –

Ms. Hoover shared the following reminders:

- All Facebook Live attendees should add a comment to ensure that their attendance for this meeting is recorded.

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- The 2020 Conference Location and Dates will be confirmed and published and that the Conference Committee is currently looking at the Event Center in Benton as a possibility for the 2020 Conference.
- State Meetings (AAC, Arkansas Sheriff's Conferences, County Judges Meetings, Public Safety Communications Conference {AWIN}, etc.) – When possible and members are available to represent the organizations, we will attend in-state conferences and meeting to promote the organizations, especially those where we are provided free booth space. We currently have an invitation for free booth space at the 2020 Sheriff's Conference in February, 2020. During the 2019 year, we have had an invitation to attend the Arkansas Public Safety Communications Conference with a free booth space. Also, the ETS Board had a booth at the AAC conference in which we set up the banners for both the Arkansas APCO and NENA Chapters in which we had a very positive interest in what the organizations were about. This allowed for the opportunity to encourage those decision-makers who prepare the annual budgets to include funding for memberships to APCO and NENA for their 911 telecommunicators.
- There was no funding to support a drawing for an all-inclusive registration and travel give-away at this year's conference for the 2020 National NENA or APCO International Conferences.

Additional Discussion –

Judy Wells presented a motion for the Arkansas APCO Chapter to support a drawing for an all-inclusive registration and travel give-away for the 2021 APCO International Conference to be funded by the Arkansas APCO Chapter. A second to the motion was presented by Teresa Hudson, and the Arkansas APCO membership passed the motion as presented to coordinate a drawing at the 2020 Annual Arkansas APCO/NENA Conference for eligible attendees for an all-inclusive registration fees and travel expenses attendance at the 2021 APCO International Conference. The Arkansas APCO Executive Board will establish and publish the eligibility rules for review at the 2020 mid-year meeting.

2019-2020 Executive Board Election –

Second Vice President, Scott Ballard provided the following update:

- President - 1st Vice President and Interim Secretary, Michael McCammon will move up into the position of President.
- 1st Vice President - 2nd Vice President, Scott Ballard will move up into the position of 1st Vice President.
- 2nd Vice President – This position will be filled as a result of the 2019-2020 Executive Board Election.
- Secretary - This position will be filled as a result of the 2019-2020 Executive Board Election.
- Treasurer - This position will be filled as a result of the 2019-2020 Executive Board Election.
- Immediate Past President - President, Renee Hoover will move to this.
- Executive Council Member – Kristi Key will continue to fulfill her term for this position.
- Commercial Member – Stuart Peters, Voice Products, will continue to fulfill his term for this position.

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There were 29 responses from eligible voting members casting their votes for the positions of 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The results are as follows:

- 2nd Vice President - Ronya Marveggio
- Secretary - Carla Holcroft
- Treasurer - Shannon McCuin

With no further Arkansas APCO Chapter business to conduct, the Arkansas APCO Chapter yielded the meeting back to the Arkansas NENA Chapter.

Arkansas NENA Chapter Business

Additional Discussion –

President Alice Wallis shared that Jeff Turner, who filled the position of 1st Vice President earlier this year vacated by Nan Davenport, will fill the position of President for the 2019-2020 term, and Randie Jones will continue to serve the final year of her term as Secretary/Treasurer. She also announced the following results of the Election for the open positions on the 2019-2020 Arkansas NENA Executive Board:

- 1st Vice President - Natisha Claypool
- 2nd Vice President - Sara McPherson

Randie Jones shared that she plans to submit a resolution to amend the Bylaws of the Arkansas APCO and Arkansas NENA Chapter to combine the two organizations into a joint Arkansas APCO/NENA Chapter.

Arkansas NENA President, Alice Wallis announced that attendees should plan to wear their conference shirts for a group picture immediately following breakfast the following morning, Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

Incoming Arkansas APCO President, Michael McCammon, shared that he feels that the conference have consistently improved over the past three years, and he asked for input from the members on their thoughts and input about where the location of future conferences should be, is the content of the conference improving, and any suggestions for opportunities to change and improve the conference. He encouraged the members to share their ideas.

With no additional further discussion from the floor, a motion to adjourn carried.

Secretary, Arkansas NENA Chapter

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